

CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

ADDENDUM

TO THE

**SENATE and HOUSE
CALENDAR**

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OF

FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 27, 2009

Concurrent Resolutions

The following concurrent resolutions have been introduced for approval by the Senate and House and will be adopted automatically unless a Senator or Representative requests floor consideration before the end of the session of the next legislative day. Requests for floor consideration in either chamber should be communicated to the Secretary's office and/or the House Clerk's office, respectively.

Senate Concurrent Resolutions

By Senators Illuzzi, Bartlett, Cummings, Doyle and McCormack,

By Representatives Nease of Johnson and Partridge of Windham,

S.C.R. 12.

Senate concurrent resolution commemorating the tenth anniversary of the sister-state relationship between the state of Vermont and the province of Taiwan.

Whereas, a formal sister-state relationship between the state of Vermont and Taiwan, Republic of China, was entered into in the Taiwanese city of Taipei on September 15, 1999, with Governor Howard Dean representing the state of Vermont, and

Whereas, the relationship has enabled the residents of both Taiwan and Vermont to participate in cultural exchanges and become better acquainted with each other's culture, traditions and traditions, and

Whereas, beginning in 1999, over 40 students from Taiwan have studied annually at Vermont colleges and universities, and

Whereas, eight official Vermont delegations, two Taiwanese delegations and numerous private citizens from both jurisdictions have traveled across the Pacific Ocean, serving as ambassadors of good will, and

Whereas, the sister-state relationship has prompted new and exciting economic opportunities such as the establishment in 1998 of a Vermont Chamber of Commerce trade office in Taipei, and

Whereas, in 1998, Vermont exported \$93 million in goods and services to Taiwan, and

Whereas, Vermont's exports to Taiwan reached a record \$511 million in 2004, and, in 2007 the monetary value of Vermont's exports to Taiwan came in at \$210 million and

Whereas, Taiwan ranked as Vermont's second largest export market, after Canada, during the years 2003–2006, and fifth in 2007, and

Whereas, the tenth anniversary of the sister-state relationship between the state of Vermont and Taiwan, Republic of China, is an occasion for renewal of the friendship between the two and an opportunity to celebrate their mutually beneficial partnership, *now therefore be it*

Resolved by the Senate and House of Representatives:

That the General Assembly is pleased to commemorate the tenth anniversary of the sister-state relationship between the state of Vermont and the province of Taiwan, Republic of China, *and be it further*

Resolved: That the Secretary of State be directed to send a copy of this resolution to Director General K.T. Yang of the Taipei Economic and Cultural Office in Boston.

By Senators Ayer and Giard,

By Representatives Bray of New Haven, Clark of Vergennes, Fisher of Lincoln, Jewett of Ripton, Lanpher of Vergennes, Maier of Middlebury, Nuovo of Middlebury, Sharpe of Bristol and Stevens of Shoreham,

S.C.R. 13.

Senate concurrent resolution honoring the civic education role of the Bridport Grange's legislative breakfast.

Whereas, civic education is fundamental for developing an informed electorate, and

Whereas, the educational process is not limited to the formal setting of schools, colleges and universities; it also occurs throughout the community, and

Whereas, citizen participation in our democratic process is of paramount importance to the members of the Bridport Grange, and

Whereas, on Monday mornings, during the legislative session, the members of the Bridport Grange invite their local state representatives and senators to break bread with them and engage in a public affairs dialogue that is informative and timely, and

Whereas, by attending these gatherings, the Bridport Grange's membership learns of the latest legislative developments in Montpelier and can express their concerns to their local legislators, and

Whereas, civic education projects such as the Bridport Grange's legislative breakfast are to be encouraged, *now therefore be it*

Resolved by the Senate and House of Representatives:

That the General Assembly honors the civic education role of the Bridport Grange's legislative breakfast, *and be it further*

Resolved: That the Secretary of State be directed to send a copy of this resolution to the Bridport Grange.

House Concurrent Resolutions

H.C.R. 63

House concurrent resolution congratulating the Pico Ski Club on its 60th anniversary

Offered by: Representative Smith of Mendon

Whereas, in 1949, as alpine ski racing competition was gaining greater prominence and increased popularity, several skiers at Pico Mountain including the ski area's cofounder, Janet Mead, and Helena and Larry Culver, collaborated to create the Pico Ski Club, and

Whereas, the club, which was originally housed in the old Pico base lodge by the A slope, was formed as an organization to encourage family skiing and, through its now legendary junior racing program, to assist aspiring young alpine skiers to become collegiate and national competitors, and

Whereas, in a relatively short time, the Pico Ski Club's efforts achieved success when Janet Mead's daughter Andrea won two gold medals at the 1952 Winter Olympics, and

Whereas, in the following years, many of Pico Ski Club's junior racing program alumni, including Kim, Rick, and Suzi Chaffee, Harry "Rebel" Ryan, Greg McClallen, Bob Hiller, Mike Gallagher, Marsha and Terry Fletcher, Rip McManus, and others, became highly successful collegiate, national, or Olympic alpine ski racers, and

Whereas, in 1977, Rebel Ryan established the Pico Ski Educational Foundation (PSEF) in order to create a solid financial resource to fund the Pico Ski Club's junior ski racing activities, and

Whereas, the PSEF purchases all of the racing equipment for the junior ski racing program, and it offers special monetary assistance to program participants and alumni to help them finance their competitive skiing activities, and

Whereas, John and Susan Casella made a special donation to help establish the Rebel Ryan Scholarship in honor of his 30 years of service to the Pico Ski Club, and the scholarship awards major grants to assist J-III level skiers transitioning to national competition, and

Whereas, in 2009, the approximately 500-member Pico Ski Club under the leadership of president Martha Congdon and board member John Culver, who are the children of Helena and Larry Culver, as well as many other dedicated volunteers remains an important training ground for America's future competitive alpine skiers, now therefore be it

Resolved by the Senate and House of Representatives:

That the General Assembly congratulates the Pico Ski Club on its 60th anniversary, and be it further

Resolved: That the Secretary of State be directed to send a copy of this resolution to Martha Congdon at the Pico Ski Club.

H.C.R. 64

House concurrent resolution in memory of John C. Donahue Jr. of Northfield

Offered by: Representatives Grad of Moretown, Andrews of Rutland City, Fisher of Lincoln, Frank of Underhill, French of Randolph, Haas of Rochester, Koch of Barre Town, McFaun of Barre Town, Mrowicki of Putney, O'Donnell of Vernon, Orr of Charlotte and Pugh of South Burlington

Whereas, John Donahue's first experience as a newspaperman began in 1933, at the wise age of 12, when his cousin and he introduced the publication the "Falls News" to the Northfield Falls readership, and his coeditorship of this summer weekly continued for the next five years, and

Whereas, he earned a degree in English and history at Manhattan College, and later studied at the New School for Social Research, the University of Vermont, the University of Rhode Island, the Institut d'Études Politiques of the Université de Paris, and the Università Italiana per Stranieri in Perugia, Italy, and

Whereas, after college graduation and service in the U.S. Coast Guard during WWII, John Donahue became sports editor of the Burlington Daily News, and then moved to Boston where he edited the Bostonian magazine and the Boston Transcript magazine, and

Whereas, later as a reporter for the United Press, he covered the news throughout western Europe before assuming the editorship of the Burlington Daily News and Vermont Sunday News, and

Whereas, in our nation's capital, John Donahue served as the national editor of The Washington Post for six years, and

Whereas, his other journalism homes and roles included the Braintree Mass., Sunday Forum, which he founded, edited, and published; the Boston Evening Globe's day desk; editor and publisher of Suburban Trends in Butler, New Jersey; and copy desk chief and editorial page editor at the Daily Record of Morristown, New Jersey, and

Whereas, at Purdue University, John Donahue served as a mentor to future journalists as a teacher and the publisher of the student newspaper, the Purdue Exponent, and

Whereas, John Donahue's life as a journalist returned full circle to Northfield where he edited and published the Northfield Transcript and, most recently, the Northfield News and Transcript, which he sold in July 2008 after his 75th year as a journalist, and

Whereas, John Donahue had a personally fulfilling life as a reporter, editor, and mentor to young aspiring journalists, and he devoted his journalism career to the principle that open government and an informed populace is critical to the success of a democracy, and

Whereas, he died in Northfield on October 4, 2008, and his survivors include his wife, Christiane, his children, John C. III, Anne, Christiane, Pierre, Marc, and Mayalen, and seven grandchildren, now therefore be it

Resolved by the Senate and House of Representatives:

That the General Assembly expresses its condolences to the family of John C. Donahue Jr. of Northfield, and be it further

Resolved: That the secretary of state be directed to send copies of this resolution to his family members, including his wife, Christiane Donahue, in Northfield.

H.C.R. 65

House concurrent resolution congratulating the Roxbury Free Library on its 75th anniversary

Offered by: Representatives Donahue of Northfield and Grad of Moretown

Whereas, the town of Roxbury has long been the home of avid readers who enjoy the great benefits of a public library located within their municipality's borders, and

Whereas, in 1934, the Roxbury Free Library moved to its present cozy clapboard home, previously used as a tearoom, that is located on Route 12A, and

Whereas, the Roxbury Free Library is a wonderful depository of books and a congenial place to read, and

Whereas, other forms of media have been made available to the public at the Roxbury Free Library, including computer access and the viewing of films, and

Whereas, the Roxbury Free Library now serves as the home for children's story hours, locally produced play performances, author lectures, potluck dinners, and informational workshops on topics such as health care and agriculture, and

Whereas, in 2008, as the result of a \$22,000.00 community fundraising campaign in combination with a \$14,000.00 grant from the Vermont Arts Council, the role of the Roxbury Free Library as a major center of community life was reinvigorated and strengthened with the inauguration of running water and an operating toilet in the building, and

Whereas, on March 17, 2009, a festive celebration of the 75th anniversary of the Roxbury Free Library will take place, and it will be a memorable community event, now therefore be it

Resolved by the Senate and House of Representatives:

That the General Assembly congratulates the Roxbury Free Library on its 75th anniversary, and be it further

Resolved: That the Secretary of State be directed to send a copy of this resolution to librarian Susan D'Amico at the Roxbury Free Library.

H.C.R. 66

House concurrent resolution commemorating the 60th anniversary of U.S. Senator George Aiken's popularizing the geographic designation Northeast Kingdom

Offered by: Representatives Wheeler of Derby, Crawford of Burke, Higley of Lowell, Johnson of Canaan, Kilmartin of Newport City, Larocque of Barnet, Lawrence of Lyndon, Leriche of Hardwick, Lewis of Derby, Marcotte of Coventry, Morley of Barton, Peaslee of Guildhall, Reis of St. Johnsbury, Rodgers of Glover, South of St. Johnsbury and Toll of Danville

Offered by: Senators Choate, Illuzzi, Kitchel, Starr

Whereas, the term Northeast Kingdom is the geographic reference commonly associated with Vermont's three most northeasterly counties—namely Caledonia, Essex, and Orleans, and

Whereas, early use of the term, dating to the 1940s, can be traced to W. Arthur Simpson of Lyndon and Newport newspaper publisher Wallace Gilpin, and

Whereas, the widely publicized popularization of this well-established Vermont geographic name can be attributed to former U.S. Senator George Aiken, who employed the term during a 1949 address to a newly established tri-county development commission that was meeting in Lyndonville, and

Whereas, Senator Aiken referred to the Northeast Kingdom frequently during his political career, especially when discussing the external exploitation of Vermont's natural resources and promoting locally financed development efforts, and

Whereas, although some individuals, especially newcomers, perceive the Northeast Kingdom as an economically depressed zone that modern life has left far behind, the true lovers of this region of Vermont consider it a haven of unparalleled beauty, filled with large forests, rolling highlands whose summits offer grand unspoiled vistas, and a place where the pace of life is calmer and is reflective of Vermont's earlier way of life, and

Whereas, the 60th anniversary of Senator Aiken's use of the term Northeast Kingdom in his Lyndonville address should not go unrecorded in the journals of the General Assembly, as Vermonters consider this wild and wonderful corner of the state as the place where unique aspects of our state's identity are still preserved, now therefore be it

Resolved by the Senate and House of Representatives:

That the General Assembly commemorates the 60th anniversary of U.S. Senator George Aiken's popularizing the geographic designation Northeast Kingdom, and be it further

Resolved: That the secretary of state be directed to send a copy of this resolution to the Northeast Kingdom Chamber of Commerce in St. Johnsbury, to Vermont's North Country Chamber of Commerce in Newport, to the Island Pond Chamber of Commerce, and to members of the Aiken family.

H.C.R. 67

House concurrent resolution honoring retiring Putney town moderator John Caldwell

Offered by: Representatives Mrowicki of Putney and Deen of Westminster

Offered by: Senators Shumlin and White

Whereas, John Caldwell, a Dartmouth College graduate and skier, represented the United States on the nation's 1952 Olympic Nordic ski team, and then served as the U.S. Nordic ski coach at three subsequent Winter Olympics, and

Whereas, John Caldwell was a respected math teacher and ski coach at the Putney School for over three decades, and

Whereas, John Caldwell is an extraordinarily talented writer whose 1964 seminal book on his beloved pastime, “Cross Country Ski,” has sold over 500,000 copies and remains a major reason for the sport’s popularity, and

Whereas, in 2005, he was most deservedly inducted into the Vermont Ski Museum Hall of Fame, and

Whereas, for over one-half century, John Caldwell has worked his sugarbush based on careful organization and planning, and

Whereas, when a journalist suggested extending the maple sugaring season beyond the traditional late winter weeks, John Caldwell drew on his famous expository writing talent to explain the impracticality of this preposterous proposal, and

Whereas, John Caldwell loves to socialize with his neighbors, and when a tragic fire destroyed the Putney General Store, the home of the locally legendary Viagra Club, he quickly organized a temporary meeting arrangement for this weekly conversational gathering, and

Whereas, annually since 1995, John Caldwell’s fellow citizens in the town of Putney have wisely elected him as their town moderator, and

Whereas, although John Caldwell is certainly an expert on that essential town meeting tome titled “Robert’s Rules of Order,” his presiding style is nonetheless unique for when he is dissatisfied with this esteemed authority’s guidance, he turns to the always reliable and handy “Johnny’s Rules” to solve a parliamentary quandary, and

Whereas, 2009 will mark the final Putney town meeting at which John Caldwell carefully wields the gavel, and his public service and civic leadership are worthy of legislative recognition, now therefore be it

Resolved by the Senate and House of Representatives:

That the General Assembly honors John Caldwell for his civic and community leadership, and be it further

Resolved: That the secretary of state be directed to send a copy of this resolution to John Caldwell in Putney.

H.C.R. 68

House concurrent resolution recognizing the 62 years of extraordinary school board service of Dr. Harry Rowe

Offered by: Representatives Conquest of Newbury and Larocque of Barnet

Offered by: Senators Choate, Kitchel and MacDonald

Whereas, Dr. Harry Rowe of Wells River has served his neighbors in two remarkable careers as a practicing physician and as a school board member dedicated to high-quality public education, and

Whereas, he began his professional life as an educator at the Middletown Springs School, and although he left to pursue his ambition to become a medical doctor, Harry Rowe never abandoned his enduring commitment to public education, and

Whereas, in 1947, after establishing his medical practice in Wells River, Dr. Harry Rowe stood for election to the local school board and embarked on a public service odyssey that has continued into the 21st century, and

Whereas, Dr. Harry Rowe recognized that the expanding academic requirements for a sound high school education necessitated more resources than the area's small town high schools could provide, and he became a leader in the 20-year campaign to create the Blue Mountain Union school district and has been a much respected member of its board for many years, and

Whereas, Dr. Harry Rowe's school board service is highly noteworthy not only for its unusual longevity, the nation's longest according to a National School Boards Association survey, but also for his thoughtful role in the educational policy-making process, and

Whereas, the state board of education honored him as a Martha O'Connor Award recipient, and the Vermont School Boards Association recognized his unique contribution to public education when it presented him with the Robert T. Stafford Bell Award, and

Whereas, Dr. Harry Rowe will conclude his 62-consecutive-year tenure of school board service on Town Meeting Day 2009, now therefore be it

Resolved by the Senate and House of Representatives:

That the General Assembly recognizes the 62 years of extraordinary school board service of Dr. Harry Rowe of Wells River, and be it further

Resolved: That the Secretary of State be directed to send a copy of this resolution to Dr. Harry Rowe in Wells River.