

CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

ADDENDUM

TO THE

SENATE CALENDAR

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OF

FRIDAY, MARCH 27, 2009

CONSENT CALENDAR

Concurrent Resolutions for Notice under Joint Rule 16

The following joint 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.

H.C.R. 83

House concurrent resolution congratulating the 2009 Essex High School Hornets Division I championship girls' ice hockey team

Offered by: Representatives Myers of Essex, Evans of Essex, Heath of Westford, Jerman of Essex and Waite-Simpson of Essex

Whereas, the 2008–2009 Essex High School Hornets girls' ice hockey team's caliber of play sent it into the Division I playoffs third-seeded, and

Whereas, superb skating and puck-handling earned the team a slot in the championship game against the first-seeded Crimson Tide of Spaulding Union High School, and

Whereas, when the night of the decisive game arrived, each team demonstrated why it had reached the season's final faceoff at Norwich University's Kreitzberg Arena, and

Whereas, the Hornets' powerful and fast-paced offensive drive gave the Essex squad a 3–0 advantage after only 11 minutes of the first period, and

Whereas, the Crimson Tide players were hardly out of contention, and during the second period, the Spaulding girls recuperated and evened the score at 3–3, and

Whereas, the third period was critical for each team but exemplary defensive play prevented either school from adding another point to the scoreboard for almost the entire time frame, and

Whereas, with less than three seconds of regulation playing remaining, Essex miraculously scored one final, and certainly hard-earned, goal to emerge at the buzzer with a narrow but memorable 4–3 game victory and the 2009 Division I girls' ice hockey championship, and

Whereas, the patient but determined Essex squad members Lindsey Paquette, Jess Turner, Cassi Miller, Jorie Farnsworth, Monica Keithcart, Julia Jenko, Chelsea Normand, Carrie Smallwood, Meaghan Goodheart, Julie Pearl, Nicole Beaudoin, Lauren Cabanaw, Kim Dvorak, Sarah Deslandes, Lindsay

Norris, Charlotte Adams, Hilary Keithcart, Ashley McLaren, Rachel Croce, Laura Neal, and Ricci Celia completed a season of ice hockey they will long remember, and

Whereas, Head coach John Maddalena, assistant coaches Kim Balserus, Brent Farnham, and Nick Mone, and team manager Katie Roberge each assisted the Hornets in winning a 2009 championship victory, now therefore be it

Resolved by the Senate and House of Representatives:

That the General Assembly congratulates the 2009 Essex High School Hornets Division I championship girls' ice hockey team, and be it further

Resolved: That the secretary of state be directed to send a copy of this resolution to Dr. John Maddalena at Essex High School.

H.C.R. 84

House concurrent resolution congratulating the 2009 Essex High School Hornets state gymnastics championship team

Offered by: Representative Myers of Essex, Evans of Essex, Heath of Westford, Jerman of Essex and Waite-Simpson of Essex

Whereas, Essex High School proved a friendly venue for the host team at the 2009 state high school gymnastics championship meet, and

Whereas, the Essex High School Hornets fielded a talented gymnastics squad that boasted depth in every event, and

Whereas, four of the top five finishers in the all-around competition, consisting of the total score of all participants in all the meet's events, were Hornets, and

Whereas, Essex team members achieved the top score in the floor exercise and vault competitions, and

Whereas, when all the events were concluded and the scores tallied, Essex had a total of 146.05 points, setting a new state record and making the Hornets the 2009 state champions, and

Whereas, each of the Hornet gymnasts, including Callie Braceras, Dominique Braceras, Sophia Cordner, Marjorie Devlin, Kimmy Dirmaier, Roshelle Gallo, Leah Grzych, Julia Kilcollins, Mary Krug, Courtney Lachaussie, Rebecca Lee, Amanda Ligouri, Lucy Lincoln, Matthew McAvoy, Ashley Menard-Livingston, Simone Mendes, Mary Parmenter, Laura Ray, Bailey Robbins, Shayna Stygles, and Lori Weischedel, performed skillfully, and

Whereas, coaches Kara Bissonnette and Ashley Godin inspired the team's members to maximize their talents and dedicate themselves to performing at a level reflecting the best of their abilities, now therefore be it

Resolved by the Senate and House of Representatives:

That the General Assembly congratulates the 2009 Essex High School Hornets state gymnastics, and be it further

Resolved: That the Secretary of State be directed to send a copy of this resolution to Kara Bissonnette at Essex High School.

H.C.R. 85

House concurrent resolution congratulating Essex High School gymnast Mary Krug on winning four consecutive all-around state championship competitions

Offered by: Representatives Myers of Essex, Evans of Essex, Heath of Westford, Jerman of Essex and Waite-Simpson of Essex

Whereas, gymnastics is a competitive sport in which the participants must master diverse athletic skills, including floor exercises, uneven parallel bars, balance beam, and the vault, and

Whereas, some gymnasts develop their best proficiency in specific events to which they devote maximum attention and effort, and

Whereas, other gymnasts strive to excel in each of the separate events, and

Whereas, a stunning example of a Vermont high school gymnast whose talent spans the breadth of the sport's competitive events is Mary Krug, a senior at Essex High School, and

Whereas, for four consecutive years, she has won the all-around competition which is awarded to the person who has the highest cumulative score in all of the events at the state high school gymnastics championship competition, and

Whereas, her memorable fourth consecutive individual championship title occurred during the 25th annual gymnastics championship competition that was coincidentally held at Essex High School, and

Whereas, this truly remarkable achievement places Mary Krug in an historically unique position as she is the first gymnast in the modern era to achieve this unusual distinction, and it merits special commendation, now therefore be it

Resolved by the Senate and House of Representatives:

That the General Assembly congratulates Essex High School gymnast Mary Krug on winning four consecutive all-around state championship competitions, and be it further

Resolved: That the Secretary of State be directed to send a copy of this resolution to Mary Krug at Essex High School.

H.C.R. 86

House concurrent resolution congratulating the 2009 Proctor High School Phantoms' Division IV championship boys' basketball team

Offered by: Representatives Potter of Clarendon, Baker of West Rutland, Acinapura of Brandon, Andrews of Rutland City, Canfield of Fair Haven, Courcelle of Rutland City, Devereux of Mount Holly, Donaghy of Poultney, Flory of Pittsford, French of Shrewsbury, Helm of Castleton, Howard of Rutland City, Malcolm of Pawlet, McNeil of Rutland Town, Smith of Mendon and Stevens of Shoreham

Whereas, in recent years, the Proctor High School Phantoms have been at center court of boys' interscholastic basketball in Vermont, and

Whereas, the 2009 undefeated and first-seeded Phantoms were once again favored to bring home the boys' basketball Division IV championship to their Rutland County community, and

Whereas, despite defeating Websterville Baptist Christian School 48–26 during regular season play, the Phantoms now faced a formidable opponent that remained competitive throughout the game, and

Whereas, notwithstanding Websterville's commendable efforts, the Phantoms' superb skill and adroitness on the basketball court posed too daunting a barrier to Websterville's attempts to dominate play, and

Whereas, the game ended in triumph for the Phantoms as they walked off the court at the Barre Auditorium with a 47–38 win and their fourth consecutive Division IV title, and

Whereas, this victory capped a great 23–0 season for the Phantoms, marked their 12th straight successful contest played at the Barre Auditorium, and with the fifth state title in the past six seasons for the team and coaches Dick Wilcox and Brian Finnigan, and

Whereas, the Phantoms now have compiled an astounding 76–1 record since January 1976, and

Whereas, the 2009 Division IV Phantom roster, featuring Nate Salgo, Chad Thornton, Austin Howard, Ryan Carter, Justin Carter, Zach Currier, Josh Taranovich, Tim Sadowski, Curtis Robinson, Calvin Knowles, Matt Dobart,

and Matt Scarzello, was undeniably a wonderful collection of players whose team spirit motivated them to succeed in every game, now therefore be it

Resolved by the Senate and House of Representatives:

That the General Assembly congratulates the 2009 Proctor High School Phantoms' Division IV championship boys' basketball team, and be it further

Resolved: That the Secretary of State be directed to send a copy of this resolution to Dick Wilcox at Proctor High School.

H.C.R. 87

House concurrent resolution honoring Olympic runner and model sportsman Andrew Wheating of Norwich

Offered by: Representatives Cheney of Norwich, Masland of Thetford, Adams of Hartland, Bohi of Hartford, Clarkson of Woodstock, Clerkin of Hartford, Emmons of Springfield, Martin of Springfield, Mitchell of Barnard, Shand of Weathersfield and Sweaney of Windsor

Offered by: Senators Campbell, McCormack and Nitka

Whereas, the pleasure Andrew Wheating derives from running, a sport in which he excels, has motivated him far more than the accolades of his coaches and the many championships he has won, and

Whereas, rarely does a naturally talented competitive runner with Andrew Wheating's abilities emerge, and

Whereas, fortunately, the persuasive powers of the Kimball Union Academy Soccer Coach Scribner Fauver convinced Andrew Wheating to try out for Kimball Union Academy's cross-country team, and

Whereas, Andrew Wheating's racing strategy of lingering behind and conserving his energy for a carefully calculated winning sprint resulted in two perfect seasons of high school competition in 2004 and 2005, and

Whereas, especially noteworthy among Andrew Wheating's achievements was his capturing two consecutive New England Prep School Track Association individual championships, and

Whereas, his strong and swift performances made him an ideal contender for national competition, and he met this challenge clinching the 2005 USATF National Junior Track & Field Championship in the five-Kilometer event, and

Whereas, after graduating from Kimball Union Academy, Andrew Wheating headed west to the University of Oregon where he has become the first Vermonter ever officially recorded as running a mile in under four minutes, and

Whereas, medium runners on the U.S. Olympic track team usually dedicate years to qualifying for this ultimate athletic competition, but over a three-month period, Andrew Wheating earned the eighth running slot on the squad, and

Whereas, he was the first University of Oregon undergraduate to compete in the Olympics in over three decades, and

Whereas, although Andrew Wheating's first round qualifying time in the 1500 meters competition at the Olympics was mere seconds too short to continue forward, he served as an ideal representative for our state and nation, and

Whereas, Kimball Union Cross Country Coach Buzz Morrison has praised Andrew Wheating as an individual who competes with grace and humility, truly rare attributes among top athletes in any sport, now therefore be it

Resolved by the Senate and House of Representatives:

That the General Assembly honors Olympic runner and model sportsman Andrew Wheating of Norwich, and be it further

Resolved: That the secretary of state be directed to send a copy of this resolution to Andrew Wheating in Norwich.

H.C.R. 88

House concurrent resolution celebrating the success of the education-based after-school programs in Vermont

Offered by: Representatives Mrowicki of Putney, Burke of Brattleboro, Conquest of Newbury, Donovan of Burlington, Frank of Underhill, Jewett of Ripton, Lanpher of Vergennes, Lippert of Hinesburg, Malcolm of Pawlet, Milkey of Brattleboro, O'Brien of Richmond, Obuchowski of Rockingham, Peltz of Woodbury, Rodgers of Glover, Sharpe of Bristol, Smith of Mendon, Stevens of Waterbury, Waite-Simpson of Essex, Wizowaty of Burlington and Zenie of Colchester

Whereas, in the state of Vermont, more than 15,000 children participate in education-based after-school programs, and

Whereas, the time and money invested in these after-school programs support children's safety, health, and social development, and

Whereas, after-school programs provide safety and support for children during their most vulnerable hours of the day, between 3 p.m. and 6 p.m., which are the peak hours for juvenile crime and experimentation, and

Whereas, the availability of high-quality after-school programming for children while parents work contributes to the economic health of families and communities and businesses, and

Whereas, when such programs are not available in a community, parents miss an average of eight days of work per year, and

Whereas, on average, families spend \$22.00 per week per child for after-school programs, and

Whereas, based on test scores and reports from teachers, participation in after-school programs markedly improves students' academic performance, sense of accomplishment, regularity of school attendance, and enjoyment of the learning process, and

Whereas, after-school programs can reduce students' obesity, and

Whereas, the vast majority of Americans across all demographic groups support the proposition that youth should have access to organized and safe activities during the late afternoon hours while parents remain at work, and

Whereas, representatives of after-school programs throughout Vermont are visiting the state house on April 2, 2009, and their role in supplementing and enhancing our children's education deserves commendation, now therefore be it

Resolved by the Senate and House of Representatives:

That the General Assembly celebrates the success of the education-based after-school programs in Vermont, and be it further

Resolved: That the Secretary of State be directed to send a copy of this resolution to the Vermont Partnership for Afterschool Excellence.

H.C.R. 89

House concurrent resolution commending the leadership of Green Mountain Power Corporation and other electric companies and state offices in restoring electric power in southern Vermont following the December 2008 ice storm

Offered by: Representatives Cheney of Norwich, Adams of Hartland, Clerkin of Hartford, Deen of Westminster, Edwards of Brattleboro, Emmons of Springfield, Krawczyk of Bennington, Masland of Thetford, Mrowicki of Putney, Obuchowski of Rockingham, Partridge of Windham and Wilson of Manchester

Offered by: Senators Campbell, McCormack, Nitka, Shumlin and White

Whereas, on December 11, 2008, a vicious winter storm struck Bennington, Windham, and Windsor counties with such force that Governor Douglas issued a state disaster for those jurisdictions, and

Whereas, fallen trees and the accumulation of ice on power lines and poles caused more than 27,000 Green Mountain Power (GMP) customers to lose electrical service, and

Whereas, virtually all of GMP's 192 employees responded to the outages as quickly as possible, and

Whereas, due to the extent of the damage caused to electric lines, poles, and other facilities, additional equipment and personnel beyond the resources of GMP were necessary to respond to the outages, and

Whereas, other Vermont electric utilities and their subcontractors provided invaluable assistance in this major power restoration effort, and

Whereas, road crews in the towns of Dover, Hartford, Norwich, Putney, Readsboro, Rockingham, Westminster, Wilmington, and the village of Jacksonville, who sanded the local roads voluntarily in order that electric power crews could access the areas without electricity, were extremely supportive of GMP's work, and

Whereas, local fire and police departments in all the affected communities helped GMP in keeping residents safe in places where trees and debris blocked the roadway, and

Whereas, the electric power crews from GMP and other companies were on the job for many consecutive hours, and a number of restaurants, including AJs, The Anchor Restaurant, Athens Pizza, Crossroads, Dot's, Dot's Too, Fathers Restaurant, Harrimans, Horizon Inn, Hunter's, Putney Diner, The Putney Inn, 99 Restaurant, TC's, TJs, and The Vermont House, provided them with essential nourishment, and

Whereas, a number of businesses provided needed materials and services to GMP, including Deerfield Valley Ace Hardware, CED Twinstare in Wilder, Nido's Fuel station, and Wilmington Tru Value, and

Whereas, weary GMP and supporting electric crews were able to catch much-needed sleep at a number of hotels and motels, including Best Western Bennington, Comfort Inn White River Junction, The Grand Summit at Mount Snow, Holiday Inn Express, The Horizon Inn, The Inn at Mount Snow, The Putney Inn, the Red Roof Inn Brattleboro, and Shearer Hill Farm, and

Whereas, the department of public service and Vermont emergency management each gave invaluable assistance to GMP, now therefore be it

Resolved by the Senate and House of Representatives:

That the General Assembly commends the outstanding leadership of the Green Mountain Power Corporation, the excellent work of the supporting electric power companies, and all of the public and private sector organizations

that can be proud of their roles in assisting the power restoration process following the 2008 ice storm, and be it further

Resolved: That the Secretary of State be directed to send a copy of this resolution to Green Mountain Power Corporation President and CEO Mary G. Powell in Colchester.