

CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

ADDENDUM

TO THE

SENATE CALENDAR

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OF

FRIDAY, APRIL 10, 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.

Senate Concurrent Resolutions

By all members of the Senate,

By all members of the House,

S.C.R. 17.

Senate concurrent resolution in memory of former Representative and Senator George E. Little, Jr. of Burlington.

Whereas, George Little of Burlington was passionately engaged in the civic affairs of his hometown and the state of Vermont through a sustained commitment to community and public service, and

Whereas, he graduated from Burlington High School and the University of Vermont, and pursued graduate studies at Carnegie-Mellon University in Pittsburgh, and

Whereas, during World War II, George Little served in the United States Army Air Corps, and retired from the United States Air Force Reserves with the rank of Lieutenant Colonel, and

Whereas, as the proprietor of George Little Press, he managed a respected company that had a reputation for quality workmanship and set a high standard for the printing industry, and

Whereas, George Little's life extended far beyond his work-related duties, and his enduring impact on life in the city of Burlington and the state of Vermont is immeasurable, and

Whereas, in the legislative arena, he first represented constituents as a member of the Burlington Board of Aldermen, on which he served from 1961 to 1967, and

Whereas, George Little represented his Burlington neighbors in the House of Representatives for two terms from 1969 to 1972, and

Whereas, he returned to the legislature as a senator in 1983 and represented the Chittenden Senate District with great distinction for the next decade, and

Whereas, for two of his five bienniums, George Little chaired the Senate Committee on Natural Resources, and

Whereas, whether on the Burlington city council, in the House of Representatives, or in the Senate, George Little's colleagues, regardless of their political affiliation, admired his wisdom and cherished his friendship, and

Whereas, he was a leading volunteer with a number of Burlington-based human service organizations, including the Committee on Temporary Shelter, the Chittenden Emergency Food Shelf, the McClure Multigenerational Center, the Community Health Center, and the Lund Home which honored him as its Father of the Year, and he chaired both the Vermont Social Welfare Board and the Chittenden County United Way, and

Whereas, in the field of higher education, George Little served on the board of trustees of Trinity College and the University of Vermont, and his interest in the ecology of Lake Champlain led to his leadership in the development of the ECHO Lake Aquarium and Science Center at the Leahy Center for Lake Champlain on the Burlington waterfront, and

Whereas, he was the recipient of distinguished awards for public service, including the Lake Champlain Regional Chamber of Commerce's Thomas Chittenden Citizen of the Year Award, and

Whereas, after a remarkable life of 87 years, George E. Little, Jr. died on February 2, 2009, leaving his wife, Elaine, his children, James, Thomas, William and Margaret, six grandchildren, and a great-grandson, *now therefore be it*

Resolved by the Senate and House of Representatives:

That the General Assembly extends its sincere condolences to the family of former Representative and Senator George E. Little, Jr., *and be it further*

Resolved: That the Secretary of State be directed to send a copy of this resolution to Elaine Little in Burlington and to each of his children.

By Senators Choate and Kitchel,

By Representatives Reis of St. Johnsbury and South of St. Johnsbury,

S.C.R. 18.

Senate concurrent resolution congratulating the organizers of the 2009 St. Johnsbury Maple Sugar Festival.

Whereas, the maple sugaring tradition uses a technique that has remained unchanged for centuries, and this late-winter pastime dates back to the native tribes of New England, and

Whereas, Caledonia County is home to numerous sugarmakers with a substantial positive impact on both the local and state economies, and those sugarmakers added nearly \$25,000,000 to the Vermont economy in 2008, and

Whereas, in 1915 Maple Grove Farms was established in St. Johnsbury as the result of the candy-making abilities and enterprising spirits of Helen Gray and Ethel McLaren, and to this day it remains the largest packager of maple syrup and manufacturer of maple candy in the global marketplace, earning St. Johnsbury the title “Maple Capital of the World,” and

Whereas, until 1987 the community of St. Johnsbury annually celebrated the maple sugaring season with special festivities, and

Whereas, after a 22-year hiatus, the St. Johnsbury Maple Festival is being revived and will feature a celebration of maple sugaring including a sugar-on-snow party, scientific and historical exhibits, competitions for carrying sap buckets, syrup tasting, wood chopping, a live demonstration sugarhouse, and a pancake breakfast with the maple syrup flowing freely, *now therefore be it*

Resolved by the Senate and House of Representatives:

That the General Assembly congratulates the organizers of the 2009 St. Johnsbury Maple Sugar Festival for reviving this historic Caledonia County tradition, *and be it further*

Resolved: That the Secretary of State be directed to send a copy of this resolution to St. Johnsbury Town Manager Mike Welch, St. Johnsbury Works Director Linda Fogg, and the Northeast Kingdom Chamber of Commerce.

House Concurrent Resolutions

H.C.R. 99

House concurrent resolution congratulating Joseph Wassick on completing 50 years of outstanding volunteer service at the Bennington Fire Department

Offered by: Representatives Morrissey of Bennington, Corcoran of Bennington, Krawczyk of Bennington and Mook of Bennington

Offered by: Senators Hartwell and Sears

Whereas, although volunteer firefighters are often younger individuals, because the physical requirements of the position are demanding and stressful, there are some firefighters whose skill and stamina are sustained for many decades, and

Whereas, an outstanding example of a hale and hardy firefighter is Joseph (Joe) Wassick who in 2009 celebrates his 50th year of volunteer service as a member of the Bennington Fire Department, and

Whereas, he can trace his personal firefighting history to the era when Bennington's firefighting services were provided by several different companies, and

Whereas, the members of Eagle Hose Company No. 4 have long recognized Joe Wassick's great leadership abilities, and over the years they have elected him to the distinctive offices of company foreman, chief, and president, and most recently, his company's colleagues voted to elect him once again as their president, and

Whereas, Joe Wassick is a proud member of both the Vermont State and New England Firefighters' Associations, and

Whereas, he is active in the community beyond his firefighting activities, and

Whereas, at the Bennington Lodge of Elks, Joe Wassick currently serves as a lodge trustee, and his prior superb performance as the Elks' treasurer resulted in his being honored as the lodge's officer of the year, and

Whereas, Joe Wassick now joins the special contingent of still active Bennington firefighters, including Irv Gardner (63 years), Charles Sawyer (57 years), Francis (Butch) Corbett (56 years) Erwin Mattison (52 years), John Stone (52 years), and Ormal Pierce (51 years) who for at least a half-century have responded to the sound of a local fire department call, and

Whereas, they each have fond memories of their late colleagues, Richard Hollister (58 years) and Ed Thibodeau (56 years), with whom they served for many years, and

Whereas, Joe Wassick has been married to his wife, Jean, for 52 wonderful years, and they have three children, Bob, Tom, and Mary, and seven grandchildren, and

Whereas, Joe Wassick will be most deservedly honored at the Bennington Fire Department's Annual Dinner to occur on Saturday, April 4, 2009, now therefore be it

Resolved by the Senate and House of Representatives:

That the General Assembly congratulates Joseph Wassick on completing 50 years of outstanding volunteer service at the Bennington Fire Department, and be it further

Resolved: That the Secretary of State be directed to send a copy of this resolution to Joseph Wassick in Bennington.

H.C.R. 100

House concurrent resolution honoring Dr. David Henderson for his exemplary work as a primary care physician in Bristol and at the Porter Medical Center, Inc.

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

Offered by: Senators Ayer and Giard

Whereas, primary care physicians are at the center of our health care system, and

Whereas, they develop a long-term familiarity with their patients' medical history, serve as their principal diagnosticians, and are a gateway to specialized services when a patient's health condition so warrants, and

Whereas, Dr. David Henderson has practiced medicine in the town of Bristol since 1975, and

Whereas, he grew up in Maine and graduated from Easter Baptist College in St. David's Pennsylvania in 1965 and from Thomas Jefferson University's medical college in Philadelphia in 1969, and

Whereas, Dr. Henderson completed his post-medical school training at the Medical Center of Vermont in Burlington and with the U.S. Indian Health Service, and

Whereas, his patients have come to know Dr. David Henderson as a compassionate and thoughtful caregiver who always has their best interests as his top priority, and

Whereas, for over a quarter century, he was an active and respected member of the Porter Hospital medical staff in Middlebury, and

Whereas, the University of Vermont was so impressed with Dr. Henderson's work as an instructor of medical students that it presented him a special service award in recognition of his outstanding teaching, and

Whereas, Dr. David Henderson personifies the best practices of medical care and the highest professional standards, and

Whereas, he has made an invaluable contribution to the quality of health care in Addison County, and

Whereas, aside from his medical activities, Dr. David Henderson is an avid fisherman, founded the New Haven Angler Association, and plays the mandolin, and

Whereas, in April 2009, Dr. David Henderson will be concluding his illustrious medical career, and looks forward to spending time with Sheila, his wife of 45 years, their three children, and five grandchildren, now therefore be it

Resolved by the Senate and House of Representatives:

That the General Assembly honors Dr. David Henderson for his exemplary work as a primary care physician in Bristol and at the Porter Medical Center, Inc. and extends to him best wishes on his retirement, and be it further

Resolved: That the Secretary of State be directed to send a copy of this resolution to Dr. David Henderson in Bristol.

H.C.R. 101

House concurrent resolution honoring Effie (Bartlett) Chamberlain in recognition of her outstanding nursing and administrative career at the Grace Cottage Hospital

Offered by: Representatives Marek of Newfane, Mrowicki of Putney, Obuchowski of Rockingham and Partridge of Windham

Whereas, Effie Bartlett was the eldest of eight children born to Edwin Henry Bartlett and Marion Irene Johnson Bartlett of East Dover, and

Whereas, she graduated from Brattleboro High School and the Thompson School of Nursing and spent the first three years of her career working as a staff nurse at Brattleboro Memorial Hospital, and

Whereas, on September 30, 1961, Effie Chamberlain started work at Grace Cottage Hospital in Townshend at a wage of \$2 per hour, and

Whereas, Effie Chamberlain earned her associate's degree in health care administration from the Community College of Vermont in 1978, and

Whereas, during the past 48 years of nursing service at Grace Cottage Hospital, she has held the positions of staff nurse, assistant director of nursing, both assistant administrator and administrator of Stratton House, administrator of Heins Home, co-administrator of the swing bed program, director of quality improvement and risk management-compliance, vice president of quality improvement of risk management-compliance, and has twice served as the hospital's interim co-chief executive officer, and at one time or another has also filled in at nearly every position other than those requiring a physician, and

Whereas, on September 29, 2000, Effie Chamberlain retired, supposedly on a permanent basis, however on March 18, 2003, she returned to work at Grace Cottage Hospital and is now retiring for the second, and she has stated absolutely final, time in the spring of 2009, and

Whereas, a complementary responsibility for the hospital that she assumed in 1991 is service as a member of the Grace Hospital's Board of Directors, and

Whereas, aside from her hospital duties, Effie Chamberlain has served in many professional and community roles including as co-chairperson of the Townshend Red Cross's blood drawing program for over 35 years and as a member of the Vermont Health Care Association's bylaws committee, the government regulations and legislative committee of the Valley Health Council Home Maker Advisory Committee, and the West River Valley assisted living board, and

Whereas, in recognition of her professional experience and managerial skills, she was appointed to the Vermont state board of nursing, which selected her to serve as both vice-chair and secretary, and

Whereas, since 1991, Effie Chamberlain has served on the Otis Health Care Center's board of trustees and is currently its president, and

Whereas, in everything Effie Chamberlain has said or done during the past 48 years, she has been a shining example of how to provide "patient care second to none" by constantly and consistently advocating for her patients, and

Whereas, Effie Chamberlin's perceptiveness, intelligence, dedication, wisdom, and ethical soundness have been greatly appreciated over the decades and will be very greatly missed by all of her friends, co-workers, and fellow board members at Grace Cottage Hospital, now therefore be it

Resolved by the Senate and House of Representatives:

That the General Assembly honors Effie Chamberlain in recognition of her outstanding nursing and administrative career at the Grace Cottage Hospital, and be it further

Resolved: That the Secretary of State be directed to send a copy of this resolution to Effie Chamberlain and to Grace Cottage Hospital.

H.C.R. 102

House concurrent resolution congratulating Brooke Werner of Granville on winning the 2009 Miss Vermont USA competition

Offered by: Representatives French of Randolph and Townsend of Randolph

Offered by: Senators Ayer and Giard

Whereas, in November 2008, a competition was held among 21 young women at the Sheraton Burlington Hotel for the honor of being crowned the 2009 Miss Vermont USA, and

Whereas, a three-stage choreographed show, consisting of evening gown, swimsuit, and interview competitions, was conducted, and the contestants were ranked on a scale of one to ten for each segment of the program, and

Whereas, once the three scores of each participant were averaged, the top five scorers were then ranked, and Brooke Werner of Granville, a student at Champlain College, was crowned as the 2009 Miss Vermont USA, and

Whereas, in addition to the prizes she received, including a cash scholarship, a new wardrobe, and travel opportunities, Brooke Werner earned the right to represent Vermont in the next Miss USA competition to be held in Las Vegas in April 2009, and

Whereas, winning this honor is a great accomplishment for Brooke Werner, now therefore be it

Resolved by the Senate and House of Representatives:

That the General Assembly congratulates Brooke Werner of Granville on winning the 2009 Miss Vermont USA title and wishes her the best of luck at the Miss USA competition, and be it further

Resolved: That the secretary of state be directed to send a copy of this resolution to Brooke Werner in Granville.