

**CONCURRENT RESOLUTION**

**ADDENDUM**

**TO THE**

**SENATE and HOUSE  
CALENDAR**

**Text of Senate Concurrent  
Resolutions**

**of**

**Friday, January 8, 2010**



## CONSENT CALENDAR

### Concurrent Resolutions for Notice under Joint Rule 16

The following joint Senate 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.

#### **S.C.R. 32.**

Senate concurrent resolution congratulating the citizens of Marshfield on the successful restoration and rededication of the Martin Covered Bridge.

By Senators Doyle, Cummings and Scott,

By Representative Ancel of Calais,

**S.C.R. 32.** Senate concurrent resolution congratulating the citizens of Marshfield on the successful restoration and rededication of the Martin Covered Bridge.

*Whereas*, the Martin Covered Bridge, a wooden structure built of pine and spruce, was opened in 1890 to provide a convenient crossing of the Winooski River for farmer William Martin's agricultural goods, and

*Whereas*, Herman Townsend constructed the bridge, located just off the present day Route 2 near the Plainfield-Marshfield municipal line, for the then tidy sum of \$500.00, and

*Whereas*, for approximately half-a-century, from the 1920s to the 1970s, the Orton family owned the bridge and the farm on which it was located, and

*Whereas*, the Martin bridge, perhaps the last remaining covered span in Vermont built solely for agricultural purposes, and one of the few in the area that survived the 1927 flood, had deteriorated in recent decades, and

*Whereas*, in 2003, the bridge and the surrounding 72 acres were donated to the town of Marshfield, both preserving the land as scenic open space and setting the stage for a six-year historical restoration project, and

*Whereas*, structural engineer Nathan Phillips, recalling boyhood memories of fishing from the bridge, and his father, Richard Phillips, led a community effort to refurbish the Martin Bridge and retain a significant piece of Marshfield's agricultural, architectural and transportation history, and

*Whereas*, this community-based labor of love was financed with nearly \$300,000.00 worth of grants from the Vermont Housing and Conservation

Board and the Agency of Transportation as well as \$20,000.00 raised locally, and

*Whereas*, DeWolfe Engineering, where Nathan Phillips is employed, donated hundreds of hours of labor and as much as possible of the original bridge was retained, and

*Whereas*, after having been lifted from its original concrete abutments in 2005 for the repair work, in the spring of 2009 the now-restored bridge was carefully reset at its original location, and

*Whereas*, on July 11, 2009, nearly 100 persons gathered for a celebratory rededication ceremony held on the Martin Bridge's 44-foot span, and at which Marshfield Selectboard Chair John Warshow described the bridge as a place "to remember and honor those who came before us ... and reflect upon the past," *now therefore be it*

***Resolved by the Senate and House of Representatives:***

That the General Assembly congratulates the citizens of Marshfield on the successful restoration and rededication of the Martin Covered Bridge, *and be it further*

***Resolved:*** That the Secretary of State be directed to send a copy of this resolution to Nathan Phillips, John Warshow, and the Marshfield town clerk.

**S.C.R. 33.**

Senate concurrent resolution commemorating a century of outstanding community-based volunteer firefighting service in the town of Marshfield.

By Senators Doyle, Cummings and Scott,

By Representative Ancel of Calais,

**S.C.R. 33.** Senate concurrent resolution commemorating a century of outstanding community-based volunteer firefighting service in the town of Marshfield.

*Whereas*, in 1909, the voters of Marshfield recognized their need for improved fire protection, and a special town meeting was called to seek approval for the acquisition of locally based firefighting equipment, and

*Whereas*, the town soon purchased a hand pump and hose cart and designated a storage place for this new equipment, and

*Whereas*, nearly three decades later, in 1937, Marshfield's citizens decided to update and expand the scope of the town's firefighting service, voting to purchase the first motorized truck, a Chevrolet pumper, and to build a fire station, and

*Whereas*, the organizational structure of the firefighting service was formalized as a volunteer fire department in 1961, and

*Whereas*, the department fondly retired its faithful Chevrolet and replaced it with a 1964 Ford-Maxim 1000 GPM that, at the time, was the largest water pumper in the area, and

*Whereas*, the Marshfield Volunteer Fire Department was an original signer of the Capital Fire Mutual Aid System agreement, and

*Whereas*, the ability to communicate with, and offer support to, neighboring fire departments was greatly improved when in 1967, the department invested in portable radios, and

*Whereas*, the town of Marshfield established 911 emergency response capacity well before the statewide E-911 network became operational, and

*Whereas*, in recent years, the Marshfield Volunteer Fire Department has continued to improve the quality of service it offers the community, and among the upgrades was the designation of the firehouse as a local emergency operations center, and

*Whereas*, on October 10, 2009, the Marshfield Volunteer Fire Department proudly marked a century of serving its neighbors with a bagpiper-led procession of old fire equipment, including the original 1910 hose cart, that went from the fire station to the Old School House Common where many celebratory and recognition events took place, *now therefore be it*

***Resolved by the Senate and House of Representatives:***

That the General Assembly is pleased to commemorate a century of outstanding community-based volunteer firefighting service in the town of Marshfield, *and be it further*

***Resolved:*** That the Secretary of State be directed to send a copy of this resolution to the Marshfield Volunteer Fire Department and the Marshfield Town Clerk.

**S.C.R. 34.**

Senate concurrent resolution congratulating Lumbermens Merchandising Corporation on its 75th anniversary.

By Senators Sears and Hartwell,

By Representative Wilson of Manchester,

**S.C.R. 34.** Senate concurrent resolution congratulating Lumbermens Merchandising Corporation on its 75th anniversary.

*Whereas*, in 1935, a group of 35 independent lumber and building materials dealers assembled to form Lumbermens Merchandising Corporation (LMC) with the purpose of marketing their products and promoting the industry on a unified basis, and

*Whereas*, the underlying principle behind the formation of LMC was that “a group working together is more efficient than any one individual working alone,” and

*Whereas*, the corporation’s stockholders, including r.k. Miles Incorporated in Manchester Center, have remained true to this founding principle, and

*Whereas*, over the past three-quarters of a century, LMC has striven to provide building supply materials for commercial, institutional and residential construction projects located in communities nationwide, and

*Whereas*, LMC has adapted to the marketing challenges of the day, persevering successfully through the Great Depression, World War II, and swings in the economy, and

*Whereas*, LMC has helped to assure the widest possible availability of building materials, and

*Whereas*, LMC is proudly celebrating its 75th anniversary on March 5, 2010, at its annual meeting in Salt Lake City, Utah, *now therefore be it*

***Resolved by the Senate and House of Representatives:***

That the General Assembly congratulates Lumbermens Merchandising Corporation on its 75th anniversary, and be it further

***Resolved:*** That the Secretary of State be directed to send a copy of this resolution to Josiah Miles, president of r.k. Miles Incorporated in Manchester Center.