

CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

ADDENDUM

TO THE

HOUSE CALENDAR

**Text of House Concurrent
Resolutions**

of

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Concurrent Resolutions for Adoption Under Joint Rule 16

The following concurrent resolutions will be adopted automatically unless a Representative requests floor consideration before the end of today's legislative session. Requests for floor consideration should be communicated to the House Clerk's office.

Resolutions

H.C.R. 1.

House concurrent resolution in memory of Representative Albert Audette of South Burlington

Offered by: All Members of the House

Offered by: All Members of the Senate

Whereas, long preceding his election in 2000 to the first of five terms in the House of Representatives, Albert "Sonny" Audette of South Burlington was a familiar figure in many aspects of the city's daily life, and

Whereas, a graduate of the former Cathedral High School, he served our nation as a member of the United States Air Force during the Korean War, and

Whereas, a pivotal event in Sonny Audette's life was his marriage in 1957 to Theresa at St. Francis Xavier Church, in Winooski, cementing a loving relationship that joyfully continued for over half-a-century, and

Whereas, the citizens of South Burlington became acquainted with Sonny Audette during his more-than-three-decades tenure as the South Burlington Public Works Director who regularly surveyed the city in a familiar yellow departmental vehicle, and

Whereas, Sonny Audette participated in regional and national intergovernmental organizations, including the American Public Works Association, which he helped establish and served as its first president; the Chittenden Solid Waste District, where he served as the first secretary-treasurer; the Technical Advisory Committee of the Chittenden Metropolitan Planning Organization; and the Vermont League of Cities and Towns, and

Whereas, his public roles in South Burlington were hardly restricted to his "day job" as Sonny Audette's civic participation extended to his service as a firefighter, justice of the peace, and board of civil authority member, and

Whereas, Sonny Audette established a Catholic Youth Organization unit at St. John Vianney Church and coached its basketball team for 15 years, and

Whereas, working on the playing fields with local youth also extended to his 30-year association with Babe Ruth baseball as a coach and a district, state, and regional official, and

Whereas, during the decade Representative Sonny Audette ably represented his constituents in Montpelier, he served for four terms on the Committee on Transportation, one on the Committee on Fish, Wildlife and Water Resources, and participated in the Vermont Rail Council's deliberations, and

Whereas, on August 14, 2010, Representative Sonny Audette died, and the memorial display created for his many friends to view as they paid their respects to his family prominently featured replica T-shirts of those worn by New York Yankees star Derek Jester and Boston Celtics legend Larry Bird, symbolizing Representative Sonny Audette's loyalties to both cities' sports teams, now therefore be it

Resolved by the Senate and House of Representatives:

That the General Assembly expresses its condolences on his death to Representative Sonny Audette's wife, Theresa; sons and daughters-in-law, Bruce and Wanda, and Jeffrey and Kimberly; his daughter, Shirley; his five grandchildren, Meaghan, Katelynn, Ashley, Bethany, and Owen; and his brother and sister-in-law, J. Robert and Anne, and be it further

Resolved: That the Secretary of State be directed to send a copy of this resolution to Theresa Audette, her three children, and to J. Robert Audette.

H.C.R. 2.

House concurrent resolution in memory of Vermont National Guard Sergeant Steven J. DeLuzio of South Glastonbury, Connecticut

Offered by: All Members of the House

Offered by: All Members of the Senate

Whereas, Steven DeLuzio grew up in South Glastonbury, Connecticut and graduated from Glastonbury High School where he cocaptained the state champion ice hockey team, and

Whereas, he pursued college studies at Hofstra University, Norwich University, and the University of Hartford from which he was awarded a bachelor's degree in accountancy cum laude, and

Whereas, in 2004, while a student at Norwich University, Steven DeLuzio enlisted in the Vermont National Guard and remained a member of this state's military force even after leaving Norwich University, and

Whereas, in 2006, as part of Task Force Sabre, he was deployed to Ramadi, Iraq, and

Whereas, as a result of his service in Iraq, Sergeant Steven DeLuzio was awarded the Combat Infantryman Badge, the Army Commendation Medal, and the Navy Unit Citation, and

Whereas, in 2010, he left his accounting job in Connecticut for his second overseas deployment, and

Whereas, Sergeant Steven DeLuzio was serving in Afghanistan as a member of Vermont National Guard's Alpha Company 3-172 Infantry assigned to the 86th Infantry Brigade Combat Team which is stationed in Jericho, and

Whereas, on August 22, 2010, while serving on a joint patrol with the Afghan border police in Paktika Province in a mountainous area near the Afghanistan-Pakistan border, Sergeant Steven DeLuzio was killed in a firefight with insurgents, and

Whereas, for his brave service in Afghanistan, Sergeant Steven DeLuzio was posthumously awarded the Bronze Star, the Purple Heart, the NATO Ribbon, the Combat Infantryman Badge, and the Army Good Conduct Medal, and

Whereas, Sergeant Steven DeLuzio was buried with full military honors in his hometown on August 30, 2010, and his survivors include his parents, Mark and Diane DeLuzio, his brother and sister-in-law, Sergeant Scott and Victoria DeLuzio, his grandfather, Joseph Lysik, and his fiancée, Leeza Gutt, to whom he was to be married in September 2011, and

Whereas, both his family and colleagues from Connecticut and Vermont will have fond memories of this brave soldier, avid athlete, and wonderful human being, now therefore be it

Resolved by the Senate and House of Representatives:

That the General Assembly extends its sincere condolences to the family of Vermont National Guard Sergeant Steven DeLuzio, and be it further

Resolved: That the Secretary of State be directed to send a copy of this resolution to his parents, grandfather, and fiancée in Glastonbury, Connecticut.

H.C.R. 3.

House concurrent resolution in memory of United States Marine Lance Corporal Anthony James Rosa of Swanton

Offered by: All Members of the House

Offered by: All Members of the Senate

Whereas, Anthony Rosa, known fondly among his many friends as Chuckie, was raised in Swanton where he actively participated in the life of his community, and

Whereas, athletics were a favorite pastime, and as a high school student, he played football and golf with both skill and good sportsmanship, and

Whereas, even more than his athletic abilities, Anthony Rosa's classmates at Missisquoi Valley Union High School associated him with his friendly manner, warm personality, and consistently good manners, and

Whereas, in fact, the class of 2008, of which he was a graduating member, voted him the student with the best smile and laugh, and

Whereas, deeply patriotic and strongly desirous of serving our nation, Anthony Rosa enlisted in the United States Marine Corps and was most recently assigned to a battalion based at Camp Lejeune, North Carolina prior to his deployment to Afghanistan, and

Whereas, on Thursday, September 23, 2010, Lance Corporal Anthony Rosa was supporting combat operation in Helmand province in Afghanistan when he was killed in action, and

Whereas, the citizens of Swanton, and most especially his family and the parishioners of the Church of the Nativity of the Blessed Mary, where Lance Corporal Anthony Rosa had worshiped all his life, received news of his death with sadness and paused to reflect on the life of this outstanding young man, and

Whereas, Lance Corporal Anthony Rosa was honored and remembered at a funeral mass that, in order to accommodate the large number of persons wishing to pay their final respects to this brave fallen soldier, was celebrated at Missisquoi Valley Union High School, and

Whereas, his memory will be ever present with his mother, Darcie Berger, father, James Rosa, siblings, Jessica Rosa and her husband, Adrian Valentin, Jennifer, James II, Shannon, and Alexis, his maternal grandmother, Ariel Corbiere Berger, paternal stepgrandmother, Rosita Morales, and many extended family members, now therefore be it

Resolved by the Senate and House of Representatives:

That the General Assembly expresses its sincere condolences to the family of United States Marine Lance Corporal Anthony James Rosa of Swanton, and be it further

Resolved: That the Secretary of State be directed to send a copy of this resolution to his parents and each of his siblings and grandparents.

H.C.R. 4.

House concurrent resolution in memory of Vermont National Guard Sergeant Tristan H. Southworth of Walden

Offered by: All Members of the House

Offered by: All Members of the Senate

Whereas, Tristan Southworth, a 2007 graduate of Hazen Union High School, excelled on the school's baseball and soccer teams, and

Whereas, even more noteworthy, he consistently demonstrated concern for the well-being of other individuals, and

Whereas, in pursuit of his ambition to serve in the United States Armed Forces, Tristan Southworth enlisted in the Vermont National Guard as an 11th grader and wore his new uniform for his yearbook photograph, and

Whereas, he studied at the University of Colorado at Boulder prior to his deployment to Afghanistan as a member of the Vermont National Guard's Alpha Company 3-172nd Infantry which was assigned to the 86th Infantry Brigade Combat Team, and

Whereas, on August 22, 2010, Sgt. Southworth was serving in Paktika Province, a mere dozen miles from the Pakistan border and as part of a two-platoon contingent, consisting of Vermont National Guard personnel and Afghan police members, and

Whereas, these platoons came under a combined barrage of a rocket attack and small arms fire from Afghan insurgents, and

Whereas, Sgt. Tristan Southworth, following his natural instincts, came to the aid of a fellow Vermont soldier in need of immediate assistance, and this act of support for a comrade sadly cost him his life, and

Whereas, this warm and compassionate human being made the ultimate sacrifice in serving our nation, and

Whereas, Sgt. Tristan Southworth was posthumously promoted to the rank of sergeant and awarded a Purple Heart, bronze star, and a combat infantry badge, and

Whereas, the esteem that his friends, former schoolmates, teachers, and his hometown of Walden held for Sgt. Tristan Southworth was proudly displayed when a large assembly of 1,400 persons attended his memorial service at the Hazen Union High School gymnasium on September 1, 2010, and

Whereas, among the mourners were his parents, Michael and Julie Southworth, his two brothers, Matt and Robert, his grandparents, Zollie and Maren Altman of South Wheelock and Keith and Kathleen Southworth of West Pawlet, and many other members of his extended family, now therefore be it

Resolved by the Senate and House of Representatives:

That the General Assembly extends its heartfelt sympathies to the family of Vermont National Guard Sergeant Tristan Southworth whose deep commitment to serving our nation and helping his fellow soldiers will serve as a lasting tribute to his short but extremely meaningful life, and be it further

Resolved: That the Secretary of State be directed to send a copy of this resolution to the parents, grandparents, and brothers of Sgt. Tristan Southworth.

H.C.R. 5.

House concurrent resolution in memory of Specialist Ryan Grady of West Burke

Offered by: All Members of the House

Offered by: All Members of the Senate

Whereas, approximately 1,500 members of the Vermont National Guard were deployed during 2010 to Afghanistan in the Vermont guard's largest overseas deployment since the Second World War, and

Whereas, on Friday morning, July 2, 2010, five members of the Vermont National Guard's Bradford-based Company A Special Troop Battalion were patrolling near Bagram Airfield in Afghanistan when their vehicle struck an improvised explosive device, and

Whereas, the resulting explosion seriously injured four of the five Vermont soldiers and killed Private First Class Ryan Grady of West Burke, who was a seven-year military veteran and the first Vermont National Guardsman killed during the Afghanistan deployment and in either Afghanistan or Iraq since 2006, and

Whereas, Private First Class Ryan Grady, who was posthumously promoted to the rank of specialist, was a combat engineer and also a member of the Vermont National Guard's 86th Infantry Brigade Combat Team, and

Whereas, he attended Lake Region Union High School in Orleans before moving to Oklahoma where he graduated from Bristow High School, and

Whereas, in 2003, Ryan Grady enlisted in the United States Army, and during 2005–2006 served our nation as a member of the American military forces in Iraq, and

Whereas, upon his return to the United States in 2006, Private Ryan Grady joined the Vermont National Guard, and after transferring in 2008 to HQ Company 120th engineers in Oklahoma, he returned to the Vermont National Guard in 2009, and

Whereas, the Grady family has a proud tradition of military service in the Vermont National Guard, including Ryan Grady's brother, Kevin Grady, of St. Johnsbury, who was also deployed to Afghanistan, and his father, James Grady, of West Burke, and

Whereas, Specialist Ryan Grady and his wife, Heaven, were the proud parents of six-year-old Alexis, and other family members include his mother, Debbie Hudacek, of Bristow, Oklahoma and a brother, James, of Muskogee, Oklahoma, and

Whereas, the members of the Vermont National Guard's Company A grieved on learning the news of Specialist Ryan Grady's death and were deeply concerned for the well-being of their four injured colleagues as are all Vermonters, now therefore be it

Resolved by the Senate and House of Representatives:

That the General Assembly expresses its profound sympathy to the family and many Vermont National Guard colleagues of Specialist Ryan Grady of West Burke who died serving his state and nation, and be it further

Resolved: That the Secretary of State be directed to send a copy of this resolution to Specialist Ryan Grady's mother, wife, daughter, father, and two brothers, and to Vermont National Guard Company A Special Troop Battalion in Bradford.