

**CONCURRENT RESOLUTION**

**ADDENDUM**

**TO THE**

**HOUSE AND SENATE  
CALENDAR**

**Text of House Concurrent  
Resolutions**

**of**

**April 14, 2011**

## **Concurrent Resolutions for Adoption Under Joint Rule 16**

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

### **Resolutions**

#### **H.C.R. 131.**

House concurrent resolution congratulating the 2011 Woodstock Union High School Wasps on winning their second consecutive Division II boys' Nordic skiing championship

Offered by: Representative Clarkson of Woodstock

Offered by: Senators Campbell, McCormack and Nitka

Whereas, having won the 2010 boys' Nordic skiing championship, the Woodstock Wasps were ready to hit the snow for another exciting winter of competition, and

Whereas, the Woodstock skiers sped by many skillful competitors all winter, but the state championship tournament—the first day of which was held at the Craftsbury Outdoor Center and the second at Mountain Top Nordic Ski and Snowshoe Center in Chittenden—is the ultimate event of the season, and

Whereas, after the first day's round of classic-style skiing at Craftsbury, the Wasps headed to Chittenden for the second and decisive freestyle competition, and

Whereas, although Woodstock skis in Division II, the Wasps were focused on all the competitors both in Division I and in Division II, and

Whereas, in the morning 5.5-km race, the Wasps finished first, second, and third among their Division II opponents but were thrilled to have ranked first, second, and fifth among all the skiers, and

Whereas, in the afternoon 4 × 2.5 km relay, the Wasps were again first overall, finishing ten seconds ahead of the top Division I team from Champlain Valley Union High School, and

Whereas, among the Division II participating schools, Woodstock's 67 points were the best, far ahead of second-place U-32 at 112 and third-place BFA-Fairfax at 182, and

Whereas, regardless of whether they skied in the state championship tournament, all the Wasp skiers, including Josh Bassette, Griffin Boswell,

Jordan Fields, Bradley Hinson, Charlie Kahn, Yuning Liu, Harry Linowski, and Jefferson Tucker, did a superb job on the trail, and

Whereas, Head Coach Nick Mahood and Assistant Coaches Brandon Little and Joy Grossman were extremely proud of the team, now therefore be it

Resolved by the Senate and House of Representatives:

That the General Assembly congratulate the 2011 Woodstock Union High School Wasps on winning their second consecutive Division II boys' Nordic skiing championship, and be it further

Resolved: That the Secretary of State be directed to send a copy of this resolution to Woodstock Union High School.

### **H.C.R. 132.**

House concurrent resolution recognizing the South End Arts and Business Association on its 25th anniversary

Offered by: Representatives Wizowaty of Burlington and Donovan of Burlington

Offered by: Senators Baruth, Fox, Lyons, Miller and Snelling

Whereas, nearly 40 years ago, *Vermont Life* reported on Burlington's first "business and art" incubator space at Ray Unsworth's Howard Space (the original Whiting Company location at the corner of Howard and Pine Streets), and

Whereas, the South End is now home to three significant creative incubator and studio spaces—the Soda Plant (former Coca Cola bottling facility), the Howard Space, and 180-208 Flynn Avenue—, and

Whereas, the South End of Burlington is also home to more than 100 artists and artisan studios, making it a regional hub of the creative economy, and

Whereas the South End currently houses the state's three largest marketing and design firms, JDK Design, KSV, and Select Design, and

Whereas, the Kilburn and Gates and Maltex buildings are viewed as complexes that house vital elements of the creative economy, and

Whereas, the South End Art Hop, Vermont's largest visual art exhibition, takes place every fall, attracts several hundred exhibiting artists and over 30,000 attendees, has been cited by the Vermont Chamber of Commerce as a "Top Ten Fall Event" for the past eight years, and stands as a cornerstone of Burlington's cultural calendar, and

Whereas, Burlington's Community and Economic Development Office suggests the South End maintains the highest density of creative activity and creative business in the state, and

Whereas, 25 years ago, then state representative Bill Mares founded the South End Arts and Business Association (SEABA), and

Whereas, the Burlington Free Press and Seven Days refer to the Pine Street corridor as the "South End Arts District," and

Whereas, SEABA recently moved its offices from Flynn Avenue to 404 Pine Street in further acknowledgement of the centrality of the Pine Street corridor in the South End Arts District, now therefore be it

Resolved by the Senate and House of Representatives:

That the General Assembly recognizes the South End Arts and Business Association for its significant 25-year contribution to the development of the South End Arts District and the creative economy of the city of Burlington, and

Resolved: That the Secretary of State be directed to send a copy of this resolution to South End Arts and Business Association Executive Director Roy Feldman in Burlington.

### **H.C.R. 133.**

House concurrent resolution honoring Attorney Timothy J. O'Connor, Jr., of Brattleboro for his 50 years of dedication to the law and to those whom it serves and protects

Offered by: Representatives Partridge of Windham, Burke of Brattleboro, Deen of Westminster, Edwards of Brattleboro, Hebert of Vernon, Manwaring of Wilmington, Marek of Newfane, Moran of Wardsboro, Mrowicki of Putney, Olsen of Jamaica, Stuart of Brattleboro and Trieber of Rockingham

Offered by: Senators Galbraith and White

Whereas, Timothy O'Connor, Jr., was born and raised in Brattleboro and has distinguished himself in that community and throughout the state by his practice of law for 50 years, and

Whereas, he graduated from St. Michael's Grammar School and High School in Brattleboro, the College of the Holy Cross in Worcester, Massachusetts, and the Georgetown University Law Center in Washington, D.C., and

Whereas, upon completion of law school and his attendance at the inauguration of John F. Kennedy as President of the United States on January 20, 1961, Timothy O'Connor returned to Brattleboro, married Martha

Hannum of Putney, and commenced the practice of law in the law offices of Edward A. John, and

Whereas, Attorney O'Connor was appointed as Brattleboro's municipal court judge and served from 1964 to 1967, and

Whereas, Brattleboro voters elected Attorney O'Connor to the Vermont House of Representatives, where he served in many capacities including as the first Democratic speaker of the house, and

Whereas, the scope of his professional and public service has included many local, state, regional, and national boards and commissions and election to offices within those organizations, and

Whereas, Attorney O'Connor has been involved in many charitable, civic, political, and religious activities throughout his legal career, and

Whereas, matters of Irish heritage and the peace and freedom of Ireland are of particular importance to him and have been a special personal focus of his attention, including his role in the creation of Vermont & Irish Kids, Inc., and

Whereas, throughout his career, Attorney O'Connor has served nobly and skillfully individuals and entities in controversies of every nature and has always met the challenges with grace and courage, and

Whereas, Attorney O'Connor has raised and educated his family with love and devotion, and

Whereas, clients in Brattleboro and throughout the state are particularly grateful for the legal skill, compassion, and dedication that Attorney O'Connor has always brought to his responsibilities, and

Whereas, he has been engaged throughout his career in the work of his church and of various fraternal organizations, all to the betterment of his fellow citizens, and

Whereas, Attorney O'Connor continues to serve in many leadership positions including as Brattleboro town moderator, and

Whereas, throughout his legal career, Attorney O'Connor has been a supporter of his favorite athletic teams, including the Boston Red Sox, and

Whereas, Attorney O'Connor is proudly engaged in the education of his three grandsons in matters Irish, athletic, and Democratic, now therefore be it

Resolved by the Senate and House of Representatives:

That the General Assembly honors Attorney Timothy J. O'Connor, Jr., for his 50 years of dedication to the law and to those whom it serves and protects, and be it further

Resolved: That the Secretary of State be directed to send a copy of this resolution to Timothy J. O'Connor in Brattleboro.

**H.C.R. 134.**

House concurrent resolution honoring Major Lynn Currier and Sergeant First Class Lisa Currier on their quarter-century of meritorious National Guard service

Offered by: Representatives Donahue of Northfield and Grad of Moretown

Whereas, serving our nation through membership in the National Guard is a path that many Vermonters choose, and

Whereas, when, however, two twin sisters each decide to pursue National Guard careers that have now reached the quarter century mark it is an event meriting special recognition, and

Whereas, Major Lynn Currier and Sergeant First Class (SFC) Lisa Currier are the daughters of Elizabeth C. Melvin and the late Donald Currier and the granddaughters of Josephine Tucker of Northfield, and

Whereas, Major Lynn Currier graduated from Spaulding Union High School and Castleton State College, and

Whereas, in 1986, both of the Currier twins enlisted in the Army National Guard and now serve in the New York National Guard, and

Whereas, Major Lynn Currier has held many posts of increasing responsibility during her distinguished military career, and she is the winner of many awards and citations, among which are the Meritorious Service Medal, the Army Commendation Medal, the Afghanistan Campaign Medal with campaign star, and the Vermont National Guard Commendation Medal, and

Whereas, both Major Lynn Currier and SFC Lisa Currier were deployed to Afghanistan with HQ 27th Infantry Brigade Combat Team in support of Operation Enduring Freedom from January through December 2008, and

Whereas, Major Lynn Currier served as the Deputy Provost Marshal, the second in command of the police force at Camp Phoenix in Kabul, and

Whereas, she currently serves as the Provost Marshal (top police officer) within the HQ 42nd Infantry Division, the first woman to hold this position, and

Whereas, in June 2011, Major Lynn Currier is scheduled to complete a course of study at the Army Command and General Staff College making her eligible for further promotion, and

Whereas, SFC Lisa Currier has served her country with bravery, honor, and pride as a member of the New York National Guard, and

Whereas, her military service is a model which other women soldiers can apply to their own career paths, now therefore be it

Resolved by the Senate and House of Representatives:

That the General Assembly honor Major Lynn Currier and SFC Lisa Currier on their quarter-century of meritorious National Guard service, and be it further

Resolved: That the Secretary of State be directed to send a copy of this resolution to Major Lynn Currier, SFC Lisa Currier, Elizabeth Melvin, and Josephine Tucker.

### **H.C.R. 135.**

House concurrent resolution congratulating the town of Springfield on its 250th anniversary

Offered by: Representatives Martin of Springfield and Emmons of Springfield

Offered by: Senators Campbell, McCormack and Nitka

Whereas, on August 20, 1761, Governor Benning Wentworth of the Province of New Hampshire issued a charter of incorporation for the town of Springfield, one of the first communities created on the Crown Point Road, whose boundaries started “at the North Easterly Corner of Rockingham at A Stake & Stones near the Bank of the Connecticut River in Hickup Meadow,” and

Whereas, the Eureka Schoolhouse, constructed between 1785 and 1790, is today the oldest one-room schoolhouse in Vermont and is a Vermont state historic site, and

Whereas, Noah Safford’s home was a stop on the Underground Railroad, and Springfield’s Wheelock G. Veazey was awarded the Medal of Honor for his bravery at the battle of Gettysburg, and

Whereas, early in the town’s history, the power of the Black River’s Comtu Falls helped power an industrial village that started with gristmills and sawmills and by 1900 had evolved into a national and international center for the machine tool industry that played a critical role in America’s World War II victory, and

Whereas, Springfield’s residents can point with pride to the reuse of many of these structures, such as revitalization of the former Fellows Gear Shaper plant into a state-of-the-art medical center, and

Whereas, the new Edgar May Health and Recreation Center includes beautiful solar-heated swimming pools, and

Whereas, technically astute Springfield residents invented jointed dolls, sandpaper, and the spring clothespin, and

Whereas, Albert Gutterson won the gold medal in the long jump at the 1912 Olympics in Stockholm, and

Whereas, in politics, Springfield's James Hartness (1921–1923) and Joseph Johnson (1955–1959) served as governors of Vermont, and United States Senator Ralph Flanders moved to censure his fellow senator, Joseph McCarthy, helping to end McCarthyism in the nation's capital, and

Whereas, James Hartness was also an inventive amateur astronomer, and his personal observatory at the Hartness House and the nearby Stellafane Observatory are both listed on the National Registry of Historic Places and annually attract many amateur astronomers and telescope makers, and

Whereas, the classes at the Howard Dean Education Center, the artistic activities of one of Vermont's three state craft centers, and a popular recreational path are indicators of Springfield's vitality at 250 years young, now therefore be it

Resolved by the Senate and House of Representatives:

That the General Assembly congratulate the town of Springfield on its 250th anniversary, and be it further

Resolved: That the Secretary of State be directed to send a copy of this resolution to the Springfield town clerk and to the Springfield Art and Historical Society.

#### **H.C.R. 136.**

House concurrent resolution congratulating the 2010 Randolph Union High School Ghosts championship Division III girls' cross-country team

Offered by: Representatives French of Randolph and Townsend of Randolph

Whereas, varsity girls' cross-country running is a relatively recent addition to the athletic choices available for Randolph Union High School students' participation, and

Whereas, despite their minimal experience, in 2009, the Ghosts ran more swiftly than any other team and came home from the state championship meet at Thetford with first place honors, and

Whereas, as the 2010 fall running season commenced, the Ghosts set their sights on repeating as the top Division III squad, and

Whereas, the Randolph girl runners arrived at the 2010 state cross-country meet well trained and ready to hit the Thetford course, and



Whereas, once the starting gun went off, the six Randolph competitors headed off and maintained a rapid pace throughout the 5K race, and

Whereas, while all the other competing teams were lucky if they placed one runner among the top ten finishers, the Ghosts far surpassed their competitors on this score as Randolph runners came in 3rd at 21:46 and also 5th, 6th, 8th, and 9th, and

Whereas, this overwhelmingly successful athletic performance in Thetford translated into a second consecutive state championship meet victory for the girl Ghost runners who returned home thrilled to have repeated as the winning squad, and

Whereas, the blue wave special, as Randolph coach Ginny Richburg describes her team's running strategy, proved once again to be well devised, and great support was had from assistant coach Tammy Whitcomb, and

Whereas, the entire 2010 girls' cross-country running team, including Brooke Angell, Simone Arnold, Annie Hutchinson, Haddie Lary, Nina Listro, and Timnah Zimet, can take great pride in their team's 2010 season, now therefore be it

Resolved by the Senate and House of Representatives:

That the General Assembly congratulates the 2010 Randolph Union High School Ghosts championship Division III girls' cross-country team, and be it further

Resolved: That the Secretary of State be directed to send a copy of this resolution to Randolph Union High School.

**H.C.R. 137.**

House concurrent resolution recognizing the underlying importance of Vermont Crime Victims Rights Week and of assisting the victims and survivors of crimes

Offered by: Representatives Wizowaty of Burlington, Donaghy of Poultney, French of Shrewsbury, Grad of Moretown, Koch of Barre Town, Lippert of Hinesburg, Marek of Newfane, Martin of Springfield, Reis of St. Johnsbury and Waite-Simpson of Essex

Whereas, National Crime Victims Rights Week will be observed this year from April 10–16, with 2011 marking the 18th annual Vermont Crime Victims Rights Week, and

Whereas, crime victims suffer violation of their persons, property, and trust, and each year, 70,000 Vermonters report being victims of crime, and

Whereas, policymakers in Vermont have recognized and embraced the need to empower crime victims and seek to make them the center of state policy in our criminal and juvenile justice systems, and

Whereas, members of the clergy, educators, employers, medical professionals, victim services professionals, and advocates all work to support and help victims of crime in their recovery, and

Whereas, within Vermont, important public and private partnerships have been forged among criminal and juvenile justice agencies, allied professionals, and social service providers to ensure that crime victims are treated with the dignity and respect they deserve, and

Whereas, this year, it is appropriate to recognize the significant contributions to crime prevention of criminal justice and juvenile service professionals and victims and survivors of crime, and

Whereas, Anera Foco, Skip Gates, Clark Sheldon, Aimee Stearns, Amy Torchia, and Diane Wheeler exemplify the best of Vermonters who are working on behalf of victims and survivors of crime and are the recipients of this year's Annual Crime Victim Service Awards in recognition of their unique talents, significant contributions, dedication, and advocacy on behalf of victims of crime across the state, now therefore be it

Resolved by the Senate and House of Representatives:

That the General Assembly recognizes the importance of Vermont Crime Victims Rights Week and of assisting the victims and survivors of crimes, and be it further

Resolved: That the Secretary of State be directed to send a copy of this resolution to Judy Rex, Executive Director of the State of Vermont Center for Crime Victim Services in Waterbury.

#### **H.C.R. 138.**

House concurrent resolution honoring Virginia Coursen for her volunteer leadership at Bellows Falls Union High School and in community youth programs

Offered by: Representatives Partridge of Windham, Trieber of Rockingham, Deen of Westminster and Mrowicki of Putney

Offered by: Senators Galbraith and White

Whereas, Bellows Falls Union High School (BFUHS) and the youth of this Rockingham community have no greater friend than Virginia Coursen, who has tirelessly devoted her time to local athletic programs and the expansion of scholarship opportunities, and

Whereas, since 1976, Gini Coursen has faithfully volunteered with dedication and enthusiasm as a leader of the Bellows Falls Booster Club, and

Whereas, in this role, she has facilitated the acquisition of jackets, T-shirts, banners, and athletic equipment that exude and promote school spirit, and

Whereas, during the basketball season, the concession stand goodies are sold under the watchful eyes of Gini Coursen, and

Whereas, she has supported the Bellows Falls Girls' Holiday Basketball Tournament and the Bellows Falls Middle School soccer tournament and has worked with the local Little League baseball program, and

Whereas, athletics are not the exclusive focus of Gini Coursen's attention, and

Whereas, her hours of work have been an essential element in the success of Class Nites and National Honor Society recognition dinners, and

Whereas, she has been instrumental in the establishment of scholarship opportunities for deserving students seeking to broaden their educational horizons, and

Whereas, Gini Coursen helped to create the William J. Cinotti Scholarship honoring a former foreign language teacher and the Harry Weiser Award presented to a student who has been involved with the student council, and

Whereas, amazingly, she finds time to maintain a further association with the school as a substitute teacher, and

Whereas, in recognition of her many good deeds on behalf of BFUHS, the class of 2011's Project Graduation will honor Gini Coursen at a banquet on April 16, 2011 at the Bellows Falls Moose Lodge, and

Whereas, many students and alumni of BFUHS will attend to recognize this very special and much-admired woman, now therefore be it

Resolved by the Senate and House of Representatives:

That the General Assembly honor Virginia Coursen for her volunteer leadership at Bellows Falls Union High School and in community youth programs, and be it further

Resolved: That the Secretary of State be directed to send a copy of this resolution to Virginia Coursen at Bellows Falls Union High School.

**H.C.R. 139.**

House concurrent resolution commemorating the 125th anniversary of the New England Association of Schools and Colleges

Offered by: Representative Heath of Westford

Whereas, the seal of approval that validates the public's positive perception of a school or college is the recognition that one of the nation's six regional accrediting organizations grants to the educational institution, and

Whereas, the original of these important regional educational agencies is the New England Association of Schools and Colleges, Inc. (NEASC), which convened an initial organizational gathering on October 16, 1885 and subsequently held its first annual meeting in October 1886, and

Whereas, for the past one-and-a-quarter centuries, NEASC has been unique among the six regional accreditation associations as it reviews and certifies the curricula and administrative operations of public and independent educational institutions ranging from prekindergarten programs through graduate schools, and

Whereas, the NEASC accreditation process encompasses multiple components including self-reflection, peer review, and best practices in combination with follow-up monitoring to assure that the educational institution remains faithful to the standards used in the assessment process, and

Whereas, NEASC-accredited members include over 2,000 educational institutions throughout New England and more than 170 American/international schools worldwide accrediting 110 members in Vermont, and

Whereas, there are many links between the state of Vermont and NEASC, beginning with the membership of the distinguished Vermont Academy administrator Horace Mann Willard on the committee which laid the groundwork for the establishment of NEASC, and

Whereas, Vermont United States Senator Justin Morrill, the father of the nation's land-grant college system, and Governor Charles W. Gates played important roles in the early years of NEASC, and

Whereas, United States Senator James Jeffords of Vermont was the recipient of NEASC's Charles W. Eliot Award, and, from 2008 to 2009, University of Vermont President Daniel Fogel was the eighth Vermont education leader to serve as NEASC's president, now therefore be it

Resolved by the Senate and House of Representatives:

That the General Assembly is pleased to commemorate the 125th anniversary of the New England Association of Schools and Colleges, and be it further

Resolved: That the Secretary of State be directed to send a copy of this resolution to the New England Association of Schools and Colleges in Bedford, Massachusetts.

**H.C.R. 140.**

House concurrent resolution congratulating the Essex High School Hornets' sixth consecutive championship girls' gymnastics team

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

Whereas, prior to the 2011 gymnastics season, Essex High School had compiled an enviable history of 18 state championships, including beginning in 2006, five consecutive titles, and

Whereas, in the months preceding the 2011 state championship meet, Essex compiled a 7-1 record, and at the South Burlington Holiday Invitational meet where only individual scores were recorded, Essex gymnasts earned first- and third-place finishes, and

Whereas, when the nine participating teams and five independent athletes gathered at the Essex High School gymnasium for the 27th annual state championship meet, there were high expectations of success among the many Hornet fans in attendance, and

Whereas, in the beam competition, Hornets placed first, third, fourth, and tied for fifth; on the uneven parallel bars, Hornets placed first, second, and third; on the vault, Hornets placed first, fifth, sixth, seventh, and eighth; in the floor exercises, Hornets placed first, fifth, and seventh; and in the individual all-around competition, Hornets placed first, second, and sixth, and

Whereas, when all the events had been completed, the Essex Hornets had placed first in every competition and surpassed their nearest rival, South Burlington, in the meet's tight competition with a score of 142.850 to 140.350 points, and

Whereas, the Hornets, who won a sixth consecutive and 19th overall state gymnastics title, included Morgan Beck, Julie Berar do, Callie Braceras, Keera Cameron, Sophia Corner, Ashley Douglas, Misty Oarsman, Rochelle Gallo, Courtney Gleason, Leah Grays, Ryle Hathaway, Michaela Ishim, Julia Kilcollins, Lucy Lincoln, Frannie McSoley, Olivia Mueller, Mary Parmenter, Bailey Robbins, Karyn Svarczkopf, Taylor Thompson, and independent student team member, Jasmine Manchester, and

Whereas, coaches Ashley Godin, Kara Bissonnette, and Hannah Isham were great mentors and instructors who contributed to the 2011 Hornet victories, now therefore be it

Resolved by the Senate and House of Representatives:

That the General Assembly congratulates the Essex High School Hornets' sixth consecutive championship girls' gymnastics team, and be it further

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

**H.C.R. 141.**

House concurrent resolution congratulating the 2010 Randolph Union High School Ghosts Division III championship softball team

Offered by: Representatives French of Randolph and Townsend of Randolph

Whereas, fans of the Division III Randolph Union High School Ghosts softball team will long cherish their memories of the team's 19-1 2010 season, during which the Ghosts thrice defeated the 2009 Division II softball champions Lamoille Union High School, and

Whereas, even before the opening pitch of 2010 playoff competition, Randolph twice defeated Oxbow Union High School, its 2010 championship game opponent, and

Whereas, these victories represented the caliber of play the Ghosts displayed throughout 2010 and that enabled them to advance to the Division III softball finale played in Poultney as a night game, and

Whereas, the Ghosts demonstrated good batting skills and sharp baseball savvy in advancing their base runners when they shut out Oxbow 4-0, and

Whereas, in the opening inning, Randolph scored on a combination of an Oxbow pitch hitting a Ghost batter, a fielder's choice play, a stolen base, and a wild pitch, and

Whereas, the second run was also scored based on circumstances not exclusively consisting of Randolph hits including an error, a sacrifice bunt, a stolen base, and a passed ball, and

Whereas, Randolph's final two runs in the fifth inning were more conventionally tallied with just one stolen base mixed in with a series of hits, and

Whereas, Randolph's pitcher, who hurled the ball for the entire game, struck out 12 Oxbow batters while walking none, and

Whereas, when the final out was concluded at 10:15 p.m., the Ghosts, including Arielle Connolly, Katie Jickling, Shane Reis, Molly Poirier, Siobhan Chase, Erin Easton, Katie Giles, Molly Jacobs, Ashley LaFreniere, Miah Poirier, and Mary Kay Poirier celebrated their 2010 Division III championship victory, as did 31-year veteran Head Coach Alan Stewart and Assistant Coach Jill Montgomery, now therefore be it

Resolved by the Senate and House of Representatives:

That the General Assembly congratulate the 2010 Randolph Ghosts Division III championship softball team, and be it further

Resolved: That the Secretary of State be directed to send a copy of this resolution to Randolph Union High School.