

CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

ADDENDUM

TO THE

HOUSE CALENDAR

**Text of House Concurrent
Resolutions**

of

February 23, 2012

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 Friday's legislative session. Requests for floor consideration must be communicated to the House Clerk's office.

Resolutions

H.C.R. 272.

House concurrent resolution congratulating Harriette B. Lerrigo-Leidich of North Bennington on her 100th birthday

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

Offered by: Senators Sears and Hartwell

Whereas, for much of the past century, Harriette Lerrigo-Leidich has led a life centered around journalism and the written word, and

Whereas, she was born Harriette Baughman in Griswold, Iowa, and her future course was apparent when she penned her first newspaper column at age 14 for a newspaper her father edited, and

Whereas, after her marriage to George Lerrigo, she moved to Overbrook, Kansas where she and her husband edited and published four weekly newspapers, and

Whereas, Harriette Lerrigo-Leidich was the youngest charter member of the Kansas Press Women's Association and served as its first vice president, and

Whereas, while her husband served as an administrator of a regional hospital in North Adams, Massachusetts, Harriette Lerrigo-Leidich became a charter member of the League of Women Voters and edited an award-winning league publication, and

Whereas, she is the author of two books, *Awful Green Stuff and the Nakedness of Trees* and *It's a Slower Waltz: Memorable Days from a Long Life*, and she coauthored *Our Family Miracle: An Encounter with Cancer* with her sons Charles and George Lerrigo, and

Whereas, senior citizen status has not inhibited her writing skills or motivation, and since 1995, Harriette Lerrigo-Leidich has written the newspaper column "Senior Moments," which is published regularly in the Bennington Banner, making her one of America's oldest columnists, and

Whereas, on April 19, this author of midwestern roots whose writing has blossomed in Vermont will celebrate her 100th birthday, a special moment in her long and illustrious life, now therefore be it

Resolved by the Senate and House of Representatives:

That the General Assembly congratulates Harriette B. Lerrigo-Leidich of North Bennington on her 100th birthday, and be it further

Resolved: That the Secretary of State be directed to send a copy of this resolution to Harriette Lerrigo-Leidich in North Bennington.

H.C.R. 273.

House concurrent resolution designating February 29, 2012 as Afterschool, Summer, and Expanded Learning Day at the State House

Offered by: Representatives Mrowicki of Putney, Bissonnette of Winooski, Botzow of Pownal, Christie of Hartford, Consejo of Sheldon, Frank of Underhill, French of Shrewsbury, French of Randolph, Head of South Burlington, Heath of Westford, Hooper of Montpelier, Jerman of Essex, Jewett of Ripton, Krebs of South Hero, Lenex of Shelburne, Lippert of Hinesburg, Macaig of Williston, Malcolm of Pawlet, Manwaring of Wilmington, Martin of Springfield, Martin of Wolcott, Masland of Thetford, McCullough of Williston, Mook of Bennington, Moran of Wardsboro, O'Sullivan of Burlington, Peltz of Woodbury, Potter of Clarendon, Pugh of South Burlington, Ram of Burlington, Russell of Rutland City, Stevens of Waterbury, Stuart of Brattleboro, Sweaney of Windsor, Trieber of Rockingham, Waite-Simpson of Essex, Wilson of Manchester, Wizowaty of Burlington, Yantachka of Charlotte and Young of Glover

Whereas, it is society's job to ensure that our young people have access to a full range of educational opportunities and enriching learning experiences throughout their childhood, and

Whereas, when young people have opportunities to be positively engaged in their schools and communities, they are more likely to become productive citizens and leaders, and

Whereas, Vermont's afterschool, summer, and expanded learning programs serve more than 20,000 young persons annually through a wide range of innovative and engaging opportunities, and

Whereas, children spend, on average, 1,000 hours a year in school but 5,000 in their communities and with their families, and United States Department of Education studies document that youths who are engaged in constructive pursuits during their free time are more likely than those who are not to

develop skills and competencies that promote a successful transition to adulthood, and

Whereas, these innovative, extracurricular, and educational programs provide young persons with new learning opportunities, and having adult supervision and a constructive activity are important for the afternoon hours and over the summer, and

Whereas, students gain valuable academic assistance from afterschool and summer learning programs which research has shown can be effective at overcoming summer learning loss, narrowing the achievement gap between low- and high-income youngsters, and improving high school graduation rates, and

Whereas, afterschool, summer, and expanded learning programs for older youth, including teen centers, provide substance-free spaces, connections with mentors and caring adults, and opportunities to develop leadership skills; establish healthy relationships; and provide college and career readiness activities, and

Whereas, these programs create jobs by making it possible for parents to be employed without worrying about the care or safety of their children during the afterschool or summer hours, and

Whereas, the Vermont Center for Afterschool Excellence continues to improve the quality and expand the availability of these educationally creative and societally nurturing programs throughout the state, now therefore be it

Resolved by the Senate and House of Representatives:

That the General Assembly designates February 29, 2012 as Afterschool, Summer, and Expanded Learning Day at the State House, and be it further

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

H.C.R. 274.

House concurrent resolution in memory of Garry Chalmers Simpson, a master of the cinematic, performing, and television arts

Offered by: Representatives O'Sullivan of Burlington, Clark of Vergennes, Lanpher of Vergennes, Lippert of Hinesburg, Nuovo of Middlebury, Ralston of Middlebury, Ram of Burlington and Shand of Weathersfield

Offered by: Senators Ayer, Baruth, Giard and Lyons

Whereas, Garry Simpson graduated with honors in drama and English from Stanford University, performed in summer stock theater in California, and was

awarded a scholarship to attend the Neighborhood Playhouse School of the Theatre in New York, and

Whereas, while working at the Globe Shakespearean Company at the 1939 New York World's Fair, he met his future wife, Kathleen McLean, to whom he would be married for 71 years, and

Whereas, Garry Simpson was a pioneer at NBC television, joining the company even before the Federal Communications Commission authorized the company to take to the airwaves, and was a pioneering producer and director of sports, news, and drama telecasts, and

Whereas, aside from television, he worked in film and theater, collaborated on productions with many famous theatrical personalities, and was a guest instructor at the American Theatre Wing, and

Whereas, in 1966, Garry Simpson sought the less hectic life of Vermont and the opportunity to help establish a new educational television system known as Vermont ETV (now VPT) and served as the station's program director until 1980, and

Whereas, while at Vermont ETV, Garry Simpson earned one of his three Emmy Awards for the 1977 film *The 14th Star*, which he independently wrote, produced, and directed, and

Whereas, after retiring from Vermont ETV, he embarked on an especially enduring cultural legacy, spearheading restoration of the Vergennes Opera House, a goal he achieved with patience and perseverance through his establishment of the Friends of the Vergennes Opera House, and a 1997 Vermont Symphony concert inaugurated the venue as a revived, sparkling new performance space, and

Whereas, after a nearly century-long life's journey, Garry Simpson died in Middlebury at age 97, leaving his wife Kathleen, four children, Carly, Brian, John, and Robin, nine grandchildren, and three great-grandchildren, and a celebration of his life will be held on February 25, most fittingly at the Vergennes Opera House, now therefore be it

Resolved by the Senate and House of Representatives:

That the General Assembly expresses its heartfelt condolences to the family of Garry Simpson, a master of the cinematic, performing, and television arts, and be it further

Resolved: That the Secretary of State be directed to send a copy of this resolution to Kathleen Simpson and to each of his children.

H.C.R. 275.

House concurrent resolution in memory of former Representative Carl H. Reidel of Ferrisburg

Offered by: Representatives Kupersmith of South Burlington, Lanpher of Vergennes, Klein of East Montpelier, Acinapura of Brandon, Ancel of Calais, Aswad of Burlington, Atkins of Winooski, Bissonnette of Winooski, Bohi of Hartford, Botzow of Pownal, Browning of Arlington, Burke of Brattleboro, Buxton of Tunbridge, Campion of Bennington, Canfield of Fair Haven, Cheney of Norwich, Christie of Hartford, Clarkson of Woodstock, Conquest of Newbury, Copeland-Hanzas of Bradford, Dakin of Chester, Davis of Washington, Deen of Westminster, Donovan of Burlington, Edwards of Brattleboro, Ellis of Waterbury, Fisher of Lincoln, French of Randolph, Gilbert of Fairfax, Grad of Moretown, Greshin of Warren, Haas of Rochester, Head of South Burlington, Heath of Westford, Hebert of Vernon, Jerman of Essex, Jewett of Ripton, Johnson of South Hero, Krebs of South Hero, Lenes of Shelburne, Leriche of Hardwick, Lippert of Hinesburg, Lorber of Burlington, Macaig of Williston, Malcolm of Pawlet, Marek of Newfane, McCullough of Williston, Mook of Bennington, Moran of Wardsboro, Mrowicki of Putney, Munger of South Burlington, Nuovo of Middlebury, O'Brien of Richmond, O'Sullivan of Burlington, Partridge of Windham, Pearson of Burlington, Pugh of South Burlington, Ralston of Middlebury, Ram of Burlington, Scheuermann of Stowe, Shand of Weathersfield, Sharpe of Bristol, Spengler of Colchester, Stevens of Waterbury, Stevens of Shoreham, Stuart of Brattleboro, Till of Jericho, Webb of Shelburne, Wilson of Manchester and Yantachka of Charlotte

Offered by: Senator Lyons, Ashe, Ayer, Baruth, Benning, Brock, Campbell, Carris, Cummings, Doyle, Flory, Fox, Galbraith, Giard, Hartwell, Illuzzi, Kitchel, Kittell, MacDonald, Mazza, McCormack, Miller, Mullin, Nitka, Pollina, Sears, Snelling, Starr, Westman and White

Whereas, Carl Reidel grew up in Chicago and developed a deep love and respect for the outdoors while hunting and fishing with his father in Wisconsin, and he attended the University of Minnesota, earning a degree in forestry and wildlife science, and

Whereas, after graduation, he was employed in the western United States as a district ranger with the United States Forest Service and became the Chief of Public Information for the Intermountain Region, and

Whereas, awarded two Bullard Forestry Fellowships to Harvard University, Carl Reidel earned a master's degree in public administration from the John F.

Kennedy School of Government and was later awarded a doctorate in natural resources policy and administration from the University of Minnesota, and

Whereas, in 1972, while Carl Reidel was on the faculty of Williams College, University of Vermont (UVM) President Edward Andrews invited him to establish the nation's first universitywide interdisciplinary environmental program where, for 28 years, he educated and inspired a generation of students who became environmental academicians, activists, officials, and scholars, and

Whereas, Carl Reidel required a bureaucratic mastery of the university and creative diplomacy to convince different departments to cooperate with this new program, and he loved teaching and working with students, and

Whereas, he was a persuasive speaker, writer, and leader, and Governor Kunin appointed him as the first chair of the Citizens Advisory Committee on Lake Champlain's Future, and

Whereas, Carl Reidel testified before numerous legislative committees over several decades, and Governor Dean appointed him to represent House district Addison-1 during the 1995–1996 biennium, and

Whereas, this respected environmental leader served terms as President of the American Forestry Association, Vice President of the National Wildlife Federation, and a director of the National Parks Association, and he was presented the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency's Environmental Master Award, an extraordinary honor, and

Whereas, Carl Reidel, who died on November 3, 2011, and his wife, retired UVM Professor Jean Richardson, were avid world travelers and loved to tend their North Ferrisburgh gardens, now therefore be it

Resolved by the Senate and House of Representatives:

That the General Assembly extends its condolences to the family of former Representative Carl Reidel, including his wife, children, and grandchildren, and be it further

Resolved: That the Secretary of State be directed to send a copy of this resolution to members of his family.

H.C.R. 276.

House concurrent resolution commemorating the 250th anniversary of the town of Hinesburg

Offered by: Representative Lippert of Hinesburg

Whereas, the town of Hinesburgh was established in accordance with a charter that New Hampshire Governor Benning Wentworth issued on June 24, 1762 for a tract of land “to contain six miles square and no more,” and

Whereas, the name Hinesburgh was selected in recognition of Abel Hine who recorded the charter on February 18, 1763 in his role as clerk for the proprietors (or grantees) of the town, who had gathered for a meeting in New Milford, Connecticut on the last Friday of July in 1762, but only one of the grantees, Andrew Burritt, eventually relocated to the town and not until 1786, and

Whereas, after much preparation, the first Hinesburgh town meeting took place at the home of Eliphaz Steele on the third Tuesday of March 1787 at which gathering Elisha Barber was elected town clerk, Josiah Steele, moderator, and Lemuel Bostwick, the town’s representative to the General Assembly, and

Whereas, in 1789, the Hinesburgh Congregational Church was established, and its founding marked the first time that any religious congregation had been formally organized in Chittenden County, and

Whereas, the date when the first Hinesburgh school was opened is uncertain, although the town records referred to a Baptist church organizational meeting that was held in a schoolhouse in 1810, and

Whereas, more advanced education was offered at the Hinesburgh Academy which was incorporated on October 17, 1824 and served for 38 years as the home of the Literary Society, originally known as Vermont Institute, and

Whereas, in the early 1800s, the town had a whipping-post at which summary justice was dispensed on occasion, and

Whereas, both an upper village and lower village were the sites in Hinesburgh where water-power-enabled mills were operated, and

Whereas, Hinesburgh was the home for a pioneering African-American agricultural community, and

Whereas, for 250 years, Hinesburgh, now known as Hinesburg, has held an important role in the agricultural, civic, and industrial life of Chittenden County, now therefore be it

Resolved by the Senate and House of Representatives:

That the General Assembly commemorates the 250th anniversary of the town of Hinesburg, and be it further

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

H.C.R. 277.

House concurrent resolution in memory of former East Montpelier Town Clerk and Treasurer Sylvia Tosi

Offered by: Representative Klein of East Montpelier

Whereas, Sylvia (Menard) Tosi grew up on her family farm in Williamstown where she graduated from high school with honors, and

Whereas, after her marriage in 1962, she focused on raising her family, and

Whereas, seeking a new employment opportunity, Sylvia Tosi accepted a position as an assistant to the East Montpelier town clerk and treasurer, and

Whereas, she immersed herself in the work of the clerk-treasurer's office and became well acquainted with its numerous duties, and

Whereas, in 1983, Sylvia Tosi decided she was ready to assume the role in her own right and was elected as the new East Montpelier town clerk and treasurer, beginning an outstanding 23-year tenure, and

Whereas, inclined to be forward-looking and embrace new ideas, Sylvia Tosi recognized that new technologies would introduce welcome efficiencies, and to this end, in 1985, she computerized most of her office's administrative functions, and this technical advancement also led to the town's acquisition of vote tabulation equipment, improving election night procedures, and

Whereas, Sylvia Tosi was honored to represent East Montpelier in Washington, D.C. in 1989 when the town was presented the Take Pride in America Award, and

Whereas, improving her professional skills was of personal importance, and in 1997, Sylvia Tosi earned certification as a Vermont clerk and treasurer, and she subsequently served on the board of the Vermont Municipal Town Clerk and Treasurer's Association and in 2003 helped establish a similar organization for her Washington County colleagues, and

Whereas, in 2005, Sylvia Tosi, a woman of good cheer with many friends, was honored to be named the East Montpelier Citizen of the Year, which was a most fitting tribute to her stellar public service which concluded upon her retirement in 2006, and

Whereas, this much loved wife, mother, and grandmother, who in recent years enjoyed working as a crafter, knitter, and seamstress on family projects, died in her family's presence on February 16, 2012, and her survivors include her husband Donald, to whom she was married nearly 50 years, children Jeffery, Laurie, Steven, Gregory, and Marcia, 14 much adored grandchildren, and her sister Antoinette and brother Andre, 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 East Montpelier town clerk and treasurer Sylvia Tosi, and be it further

Resolved: That the Secretary of State be directed to send a copy of this resolution to Donald Tosi in East Montpelier.

S.C.R. 37.

Senate concurrent resolution honoring the military valor of United States Army Staff Sgt. Dylan J. Maynard.

Whereas, the United States Army service of Hazen Union High School graduate and former Woodbury resident United States Army Staff Sgt. Dylan J. Maynard epitomizes military heroism, and

Whereas, after joining the army, he completed One Station Unit Training, the Basic Airborne Course, and the Ranger Assessment and Selection Program, all at Fort Benning, Georgia, and

Whereas, he is currently assigned to Company C, 1st Battalion, 75th Ranger Regiment, stationed at Hunter Army Airfield, Georgia, and

Whereas, as an Army Ranger, Staff Sgt. Maynard has been deployed to Iraq three times and has served five military tours in Afghanistan, and

Whereas, he is the winner of numerous commendations including the Joint Service Achievement Medal, the Army Achievement Medal, the Army Good Conduct Medal, the National Defense Service Medal, and two Purple Hearts, among others, but of special significance is his receipt of the Silver Star, which is awarded for extraordinary heroism in action against an enemy of the United States, and

Whereas, on November 16, 2010, while serving in Afghanistan, Staff Sgt. Maynard confronted and killed several Taliban fighters at close range when they attempted to maneuver against friendly forces, and

Whereas, when his squad leader became mortally wounded in the midst of this confrontation, Staff Sgt. Maynard proceeded forward, despite intensive oncoming fire, to recover a fellow Ranger who had been shot and had rolled down a slope toward the Taliban position, and

Whereas, in recognition of his distinguished and heroic military service record, Staff Sgt. Maynard represented the 75th Ranger Regiment at the United States Army All-American Bowl that took place on January 7, 2012, and

Whereas, his Ranger platoon has been nominated for the Presidential Unit Citation for extraordinary heroism for displaying gallantry, determination, and

esprit de corps in accomplishing its mission under extreme difficulty and hazardous conditions, *now therefore be it*

Resolved by the Senate and House of Representatives:

That the General Assembly honors the military valor of United States Army Staff Sgt. Dylan J. Maynard, *and be it further*

Resolved: That the Secretary of State be directed to send a copy of this resolution to Staff Sgt. Dylan Maynard.