

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

Resolutions

H.C.R. 319.

House concurrent resolution congratulating the University of Vermont 2012 NCAA championship skiing team

Offered by: Representatives Pugh of South Burlington, Jewett of Ripton, Frank of Underhill, Greshin of Warren, Howard of Cambridge, Krowinski of Burlington, McCullough of Williston, Pearson of Burlington, Ram of Burlington and Till of Jericho

Whereas, the University of Vermont (UVM) had not won an NCAA skiing championship since 1994, and in 2012, the team traveled to Bridger Bowl and Bohart Ranch in Bozeman, Montana, optimistic that this would be a special year for the Catamounts, and

Whereas, in women's giant slalom competition, UVM's Kate Ryley finished second while Elli Terwiel was fifth, and

Whereas, the UVM Nordic team turned in an especially memorable performance in the 15K classic women's race as UVM senior Amy Glen finished first, while Catamounts Lucy Garrec and Caitlin Patterson came in third and fifth, respectively, and the 20K men's Nordic classic featured a great third-place finish for UVM's Franz Bernstein, and

Whereas, with only the final day's slalom competition remaining, the Catamounts held a 92-point lead over second-place Utah, and

Whereas, the woman's slalom competition had UVM's Kate Ryley winning, making her the first Catamount woman to win the slalom since 1994, and

Whereas, teammate Kristina Riis-Johannessen was close behind in second place and Elli Terwiel finished fifth, and

Whereas, the men's slalom was equally exciting with Catamounts Tim Kelly and Jonathan Nordbotten finishing second and fifth, and

Whereas, when all the skiing had concluded, UVM had garnered a record 832 points, the most ever for an NCAA skiing championship, and 10 Catamounts earned 17 All-American citations, and

Whereas, the outstanding Nordic Catamount skiers included Franz Bernstein, Rogan Brown, Caitlin Curran, Gage Fichter, Lucy Garrec, Amy Glen, Dylan Graid, Ania Gruber, Peter Hegman, Fritz Horst, Alex Howe, Janey McClelland, Alicia Pastore, Caitlin Patterson, Scott Patterson, Marisa Rorabaugh, and Cole Talbot, and

Whereas, the superb Alpine Catamount skiers consisted of Travis Dawson, Kevin Drury, Bobby Farrell, Colton Hardy, Sean Higgins, Tim Kelley, Amanda McDonald, Jonathan Nordbotten, Kristina Riis-Johannessen, Kate Ryley, Elise Tefre, Elli Terwiel, and Taylor Wunsch, and

Whereas, the entire UVM skiing staff, including Director of Skiing and Head Alpine Coach Bill Reichelt, assistant alpine coach Johnny Davidson, Head Nordic Coach Patrick Weaver, assistant Nordic coach Andrew Johnson, volunteer assistant coach Fred Fayette, athletic trainers Steve Basiel and Kristen O'Connell, athletic performance coach Justin Smith, and coordinator of student-athlete development Cathy Rahill, supported these dedicated athletes throughout the memorable 2011-2012 skiing season, now therefore be it

Resolved by the Senate and House of Representatives:

That the General Assembly congratulates the University of Vermont 2012 NCAA championship skiing team, and be it further

Resolved: That the Secretary of State be directed to send a copy of this resolution to Bill Reichelt at the University of Vermont.

H.C.R. 320.

House concurrent resolution in memory of former Representative Gloria Ann Conant of Richmond

Offered by: Representatives O'Brien of Richmond, Bartholomew of Hartland, Conquest of Newbury, Deen of Westminster, Emmons of Springfield, Heath of Westford, Helm of Fair Haven, Howrigan of Fairfield, Keenan of St. Albans City, Lawrence of Lyndon, McCullough of Williston, Partridge of Windham, Stevens of Shoreham, Taylor of Barre City, Toll of Danville, Winters of Williamstown and Zagar of Barnard

Whereas, one of Richmond's leading civic and agricultural leaders was Gloria Conant, a Burlington Business College graduate who, with her husband, represented the fifth generation to serve as the proud stewards of Riverside Farms, and

Whereas, Gloria Conant, who died on March 11, 2012, had her life dramatically changed when her husband, Ransom Martin Conant, died in 1969 while five of their six children were still living on the farm, and

Whereas, committed to continuing the Conant family legacy, she ably assumed the agricultural operational reins of her late husband, and

Whereas, always a devoted mother, Gloria Conant's family was of great importance, as evidenced by her surviving six children, many grandchildren, and 13 great-grandchildren, the youngest of whom entered this loving family on the day before Gloria Conant's death, and

Whereas, she assured that Riverside Farms remained in good hands, and today her son, David, and grandson, Ransom, are the sixth and seventh generations of Conants to oversee this thriving agricultural establishment, and

Whereas, Gloria Conant chaired Richmond's zoning board and served on its planning commission and Republican town committee, and

Whereas, for two terms, 1979–1982, Gloria Conant was a member of the House of Representatives and sat on the committee on natural resources on which her agricultural expertise was most useful, especially during her service as vice chair, and

Whereas, she later served on the University of Vermont's Board of Trustees, and

Whereas, in the agricultural sector, Gloria Conant chaired the governor's agricultural advisory board, served on the board of directors of the Federal Farm Credit Banks, and as a director of the New England Dairy and Food Council, the Champlain Valley Milk Producers Cooperative, and the Milk Promotion Services Council, and as both a director and trustee of the Eastern States Exposition, and

Whereas, nationally, Gloria Conant's agricultural leadership was recognized in 1983 when she was named National Dairy Woman of the Year, and at home in 2003, Gloria Conant was especially honored to be an original inductee into the Vermont Agricultural Hall of Fame, now therefore be it

Resolved by the Senate and House of Representatives:

That the General Assembly extends sincere condolences to the family of former Representative Gloria Conant of Richmond, and be it further

Resolved: That the Secretary of State be directed to send a copy of this resolution to her son, David Conant, at Riverside Farms in Richmond.

H.C.R. 321.

House concurrent resolution congratulating Julie Frost on winning the 2012 Golden Globe Award for Best Original song

Offered by: Representatives Pugh of South Burlington, Fisher of Lincoln and Sharpe of Bristol

Offered by: Senators Ayer and Giard

Whereas, Julie Frost grew up in a household where guitars, fiddles, and banjos were in abundance, and she was given her first guitar when she was six years old, and

Whereas, aside from mastering the guitar, Julie Frost studied the piano and the clarinet, which she played in the Mount Abraham Union High School marching band, and its conductor, William T. Bowers, was a musical mentor of lasting importance, and

Whereas, after graduating from Philips Academy and attending DePaul University, Julie Frost focused on her ambition to write and sing music in several popular genres including country and urban hip-hop, and

Whereas, early in her career, she wrote between 400 and 500 songs and sang at local stages including Nectar's in Burlington and the Rokeby Museum in Ferrisburgh, and

Whereas, as her competence and reputation grew, Julie Frost relocated to Los Angeles but has always considered Vermont home, and

Whereas, in 2010, she cowrote with Danish songwriter John Gordon the song *Satellite*, which became a number-one hit in a half-dozen European nations, topped Billboard's European Hot 100, and captured the top prize in the widely anticipated and watched Eurovision Song Contest, and

Whereas, with this enviable success, Julie Frost proceeded to cowrite the tune *Just Can't Get Enough* for the pop group Black Eyed Peas, which was ranked No. 2 in the United Kingdom and third on the U.S. Billboard Hot 100, and

Whereas, on January 15, 2012, Julie Frost reached a new pinnacle in her songwriting career when *Masterpiece*, a song she cowrote with Jimmy Harry and Madonna, was honored as the winner of the 2012 Golden Globe Award for Best Original Song, and the song can be heard in the film *W.E.*, and

Whereas, Julie Frost and her parents Jean Stilley and Ted Wesley are extremely proud of her musical accomplishments, now therefore be it

Resolved by the Senate and House of Representatives:

That the General Assembly congratulates Julie Frost on winning the 2012 Golden Globe Award for Best Original Song, and be it further

Resolved: That the Secretary of State be directed to send copies of this resolution to Julie Frost and to her parents.

H.C.R. 322.

House concurrent resolution congratulating the 2012 South Burlington High School Rebels championship girls' indoor track and field team

Offered by: Representatives Pugh of South Burlington, Head of South Burlington, Kupersmith of South Burlington and Munger of South Burlington

Whereas, track and field competition offers young athletes a chance to test their skills and strength in different events, and

Whereas, the Rebel girls from South Burlington High School selected to participate in the 2011 indoor track and field championship held at Norwich University proved they were among the best, and

Whereas, a Rebel team member captured the individual championship in the triple jump, the 55-meter dash, the 300-meter dash, and the long jump, and

Whereas, not only did she come in first in each of these events, but she also set new records and took home the Vermont Athlete of the Year Award, and

Whereas, the South Burlington 4×400 relay team won this important race, and

Whereas, overall, the Rebels were the first place team and the 2011 state indoor track and field girls' champions, and

Whereas, all the girls who were members of this team throughout the 2011–2012 season, including Stephanie Carmichael, Emily Dickinson, Kayleigh Ehler-Vock, Angela Elcan, Ashley Frizzell, Sara Garvey, Mollie Gribbin, Qianyue Liu, Madison Schaefer, Taylor Shea, Maria Tye, Anisha Vadehra, Christa Weaver, Emily Camardo, Meghan Drouin, Anne-Marie Farmer, Allie Flaherty, Lindsay Geier, Emily Grippo, Bailey Holt-Gosselin, Elise Mench, Katie Merrick, Ellie Miner, Dzana Mustafic, Emma Wilkinson, Samantha Wulfson, Deema Al Namee, Chelsea Austin, Maddison Baldwin, Sarah Bouvier, Christiana Carmichael, Hadley Clark, Katherine Cook, Mirela Coric, Samantha Donovan, Sarah Ferry, Alexandra Groen, Tieta Keetle, Caroline McCarthy, Ashley Norris, Emily Sprague, Alex Warshaw, Rebecca Weisburgh, Kayla Gilding, Alyssa Schlenter, Natalie Trono, Heather Pitcher, and Samantha Smith, contributed to the team's success, and

Whereas, Coach Dennis Akey is a proven team leader whose great success this season earned him a coach of the year honor, now therefore be it

Resolved by the Senate and House of Representatives:

That the General Assembly congratulates the 2012 South Burlington High School Rebels championship girls' indoor track and field team, and be it further

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

H.C.R. 323.

House concurrent resolution honoring the St. Albans Town municipal public works department employees for their exemplary public service during the spring 2011 Lake Champlain flooding

Offered by: Representatives Dickinson of St. Albans Town and Howrigan of Fairfield

Whereas, in late April through early May 2011, the rising waters of Lake Champlain precipitated major flooding in the communities along the shoreline, including St. Albans Town, and

Whereas, during the most severe periods of water inundation, the St. Albans Town public works department employees worked many more hours than normal to minimize damage and protect shoreline roads, and

Whereas, the department distributed 12,000 yards of stone to protect shoreline roads and set out 25,000 sandbags, and

Whereas, over three work sessions, members of the Vermont National Guard filled a total of approximately 12,000 sandbags, and local Boy Scouts and students from BFA-St. Albans building trades program also assisted in preparing sandbags, and

Whereas, from May 10 to May 12, 2011, the St. Albans public works department installed a temporary bridge on Hathaway Point when over two feet of water covered the road, and

Whereas, in total, the department of public works used 1,600 hours of labor to save the town's roads from being destroyed during the spring 2011 flooding, and

Whereas, throughout the flood response effort, the St. Albans Town fire department was of invaluable assistance, and

Whereas, the St. Albans Town department of public works employees whose dedication and special effort were invaluable included Alan Barratt, Corey Gratton, Frank Baker, Ken Remillard, and, of course, the department's exemplary director, Steve Beauregard, and

Whereas, the voluntary assistance of private citizen Robert (Nick) Hathaway deserves special recognition, now therefore be it

Resolved by the Senate and House of Representatives:

That the General Assembly honors the St. Albans Town municipal public works employees for their exemplary public service during the spring 2011 Lake Champlain flooding, and be it further

Resolved: That the Secretary of State be directed to send a copy of this resolution to the members of the St. Albans Town public works department, the St. Albans Town fire department, and to Robert Hathaway.

H.C.R. 324.

House concurrent resolution congratulating Silas Chickering-Ayers of East Montpelier on winning his first Freeskiing World Tour victory at the North American Championships at Snowbird's Northwest Baldy in Utah

Offered by: Representative Klein of East Montpelier

Whereas, freeskiing is a dangerous and exciting sport featuring calculated risks that thrill spectators but can place the skier in precarious situations, and

Whereas, the skiers, according to the *Times Argus*, "are judged on a combination of fluidity, control, technique, and line choice which is essentially the degree of difficulty based upon steepness, exposure and course conditions," and

Whereas, although not timed as in other skiing competitions, the skiers traverse a steep and dangerous course filled with many natural barriers, and

Whereas, the Freeskiing World Tour includes various events in different nations including the North American Championships (NAC) on the "Northwest Baldy" slope at the Snowbird Ski and Summer Resort in Utah, and

Whereas, one of the 2012 NAC skiers was U-32 graduate Silas Chickering-Ayers, and

Whereas, entering his final run at the NAC competition, he was ranked fifth and required a superb performance on the slopes if he were to be in contention for first place, and

Whereas, as Chickering-Ayers raced down the slope, his maneuvering was technically intricate as he maneuvered around and across extremely tricky terrain while gaining the momentum to attempt a bold and dangerous final drop down a cliff of approximately 30 feet requiring his clearing a large rock, a feat he achieved with merely inches to spare, and

Whereas, on landing his two feet solidly on the ground, Silas Chickering-Ayers, with a combined two-day total of 76.40 points, had won the NAC and clinched his first Freeskiing World Tour victory, now therefore be it

Resolved by the Senate and House of Representatives:

That the General Assembly congratulates Silas Chickering-Ayers of East Montpelier on winning his first Freeskiing World Tour victory at the North American Championship at Snowbird's Northwest Baldy in Utah, and be it further

Resolved: That the Secretary of State be directed to send a copy of this resolution to Silas Chickering-Ayers in East Montpelier.

H.C.R. 325.

House concurrent resolution in memory of Melinda Bussino

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

Offered by: Senators White and Galbraith

Whereas, as described in a laudatory memorial editorial published by the *Brattleboro Reformer*, Melinda Bussino was "a saint . . . a tower of strength . . . and "an army of one," and

Whereas, Melinda Bussino was an incomparable advocate for the homeless and needy and a respected civic leader in Windham County, and

Whereas, she graduated from Brattleboro Union High School and Keene State College, and

Whereas, her passion as an advocate for those less fortunate began at the Strafford County (New Hampshire) Community Action Agency, and

Whereas, in the 1980s, she participated in the establishment of the Brattleboro Area Drop In Center, a combined food shelf and daytime shelter, and had served as its most able executive director since 1989, and

Whereas, she was also a co-founder of the Winter Overflow Shelter at the First Baptist Church in Brattleboro, and

Whereas, she chaired the Vermont Council to End Homelessness, the State Affordable Housing Coalition, and the boards of both Vermont Protection and Advocacy and the Vermont Campaign to End Childhood Hunger, and she had served as a gubernatorial appointee to the Housing and Urban Development

Consolidated Planning Committee and the Vermont Interagency Council on Homelessness, and

Whereas, in 2008, the Vermont Housing and Finance Authority name her a Housing Hero, and

Whereas, involved in many civic endeavors, she had served on the Westminster Planning Commission, and was in her fifth term chairing the Windham Regional Planning Commission, and

Whereas, she always found time for the Nordic skiing and swimming which invigorated her and for her large and adoring multigenerational family, and

Whereas, her recent death at the age of 65 has brought an outpouring of fond remembrances and tributes, now therefore be it

Resolved by the Senate and House of Representatives:

That the General Assembly expresses its sincere condolences to the family of a truly remarkable Vermonter, Melinda Bussino, and be it further

Resolved: That the Secretary of State be directed to send a copy of this resolution to her children, Joseph and Sarah, step-children, Geoff and Liddy, and foster daughter, Billie-Jo, and to the Brattleboro Area Drop In Center.

H.C.R. 326.

House concurrent resolution congratulating the 2011–2012 Middlebury College skiing team on its outstanding season

Offered by: Representatives Jewett of Ripton, Nuovo of Middlebury and Ralston of Middlebury

Whereas, the individual and team results that the Middlebury College skiing team produced during the 2011–2012 season were notable and brought deserved recognition to the college’s intercollegiate athletic program, and

Whereas, in contrast to other sports, intercollegiate skiing integrates the various NCAA divisions, and men and women ski on unified school teams, although they do compete separately in certain events, and

Whereas, the Eastern Intercollegiate Ski Association (EISA) honored five Middlebury skiing team members, and

Whereas, the Middlebury EISA Nordic honorees included: Patrick Johnson (All-East first team and one of two Nordic freestyle and classic points leaders); Ben Lustgarten (All-East second team); and Annie Pokorny (Nordic rookie of the year), and

Whereas, Nordic coach Andrew Gardner was named the EISA Nordic coach of the year, and

Whereas, EISA alpine honorees were Andrew McNealus and Hig Roberts, who each were named All-East second team members, and

Whereas, the EISA awards were a mere warm-up for Middlebury's success at the 2012 NCAA national skiing championships at the Snowbird skiing slopes in Montana, and

Whereas, Middlebury placed ninth among all the competing schools but first among the Division III entrants, and

Whereas, the Panthers' alpine skiers were stupendous on the slope, as they captured the slalom competition with Hig Roberts (fifth place—one minute 50.82 seconds) and Andrew McNealus (sixth place—one minute 50.88 seconds) both earning All-American honors while teammate Bryan Shpall (twelfth—one minute 52.04 seconds) was critical to the team's slalom success, and

Whereas, in NCAA Nordic racing, Patrick Johnson and Annie Pokorny earned All-American honors in the 15K classic, finishing ninth with an overall time of 54:45, and Patrick Johnson also brought home an All-American designation for his fifth place in the 20K race, and

Whereas, the 2011–2012 Middlebury College skiing season was among the college's most memorable and will long be remembered, now therefore be it

Resolved by the Senate and House of Representatives:

That the General Assembly congratulates the 2011–2012 Middlebury College skiing team on its outstanding season, and be it further

Resolved: That the Secretary of State be directed to send a copy of this resolution to the Middlebury College athletics department.

H.C.R. 327.

House concurrent resolution congratulating the 2012 University of Vermont America East championship men's basketball team

Offered by: Representatives Pugh of South Burlington, Donovan of Burlington, Atkins of Winooski, Frank of Underhill, Heath of Westford, Krowinski of Burlington, Lorber of Burlington, Pearce of Richford, Pearson of Burlington, Perley of Enosburgh and Ram of Burlington

Whereas, the 2011–2012 University of Vermont (UVM) Catamounts men's collegiate basketball season proved thrilling, and

Whereas, the second-seeded Catamounts earned their way into the 2012 America East championship showdown against the tournament's top-seeded SUNY Stony Brook, which as host team had the hometown advantage, and

Whereas, despite the challenging locale, the visiting Catamounts quickly took command with an 11–4 lead that grew to 22–9, and even after the Seawolves rebounded, UVM exited from the game 26–19 at halftime, and

Whereas, as the second half began, UVM added five points in short order, and with 9:56 left to play had established a seemingly invincible 46–29 lead, and

Whereas, despite trying, the Seawolves could not overcome UVM's defensive prowess that limited Stony Brook to the lowest floor-shooting success rate ever tallied in an America East Championship men's basketball game, and

Whereas, the Catamounts' 51–43 win was the fourth time UVM clinched the America East championship as the second-seeded team and served as its ticket into the NCAA tournament, and

Whereas, in their first NCAA match-up against equally 16th-seeded Lamar University, the Catamounts overcame an initial 12–9 deficit to emerge the winner, 71–59, scoring only their second NCAA men's basketball tournament win, and

Whereas, UVM's 77–58 loss to the first-seeded University of North Carolina meant that Catamounts Luke Apfeld, Four McGlynn, Sandro Carissimo, Josh Elbaum, Brendan Bald, Brian Voelkel, Chris Santo, Pat Bergmann, Clancy Rugg, Matt Glass, Ryan McKeane, and Ben Crenca had concluded this memorable basketball season with a 24–12 record, and

Whereas, Head Coach John Becker, assistant coaches Chris Markwood, Matt O'Brien, and Kyle Cieplicki, director of operations Ari Shapiro-Miller, athletic trainer Grant Wilson III, director of athletic performance Brady Holt, and academic advisor Gary Bruening each served an important role, now therefore be it

Resolved by the Senate and House of Representatives:

That the General Assembly congratulates the 2012 University of Vermont America East championship men's basketball team, and be it further

Resolved: That the Secretary of State be directed to send a copy of this resolution to the University of Vermont Athletic Department.