

CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

ADDENDUM

TO THE

SENATE CALENDAR

**Text of Senate and House
Concurrent Resolutions**

of

Friday, January 28, 2011

CONSENT CALENDAR

Concurrent Resolutions for Notice under Joint Rule 16

The following joint concurrent resolutions have been introduced for approval by the Senate and House and will be adopted by the Senate unless a Senator requests floor consideration before the end of the session of the next legislative day. Requests for floor consideration should be communicated to the Secretary's Office.

SENATE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

S.C.R. 3.

By Senator Mullin,

By Representative Mook,

S.C.R. 3. Senate concurrent resolution designating May as Lupus Awareness Month in Vermont.

Whereas, the Lupus Foundation of America designates May as National Lupus Awareness Month to show support for the estimated 1.5 million Americans who have lupus, and

Whereas, lupus is an acute and chronic autoimmune disease in which the immune system is unbalanced, causing inflammation and tissue damage to virtually every organ system in the body, and

Whereas, lupus can affect any part of the body, including the skin, lungs, heart, kidneys, and brain and can cause seizures, strokes, heart attacks, miscarriages, and organ failure, and

Whereas, although lupus strikes mostly women of childbearing age, no one is immune from lupus; and African Americans, Hispanics, Asians, and Native Americans are two to three times more likely to develop lupus, a disparity that remains unexplained, and

Whereas, lupus can be particularly difficult to diagnose because its symptoms are similar to those of many other illnesses, and major gaps exist in understanding the causes and consequences of lupus; more than one-half of all people with lupus take four or more years and visit three or more doctors before obtaining a correct diagnosis, and

Whereas, the U.S. Food and Drug Administration has not approved a new drug for lupus in 50 years, and current treatments for the disease can have damaging side-effects, and

Whereas, roughly 3,090 Vermonters are affected by lupus, *now therefore be it*

Resolved by the Senate and House of Representatives:

That the General Assembly designates May 2011 as Lupus Awareness Month in Vermont, *and be it further*

Resolved: That the General Assembly recognizes the importance of lupus education and research, *and be it further*

Resolved: That the Secretary of State be directed to send a copy of this resolution to the Vermont Chapter of the Lupus Foundation of America.

HOUSE CONCURRENT RESOLUTIONS

H.C.R. 31.

House concurrent resolution congratulating the Vermont Jazz Ensemble on its 35th anniversary

Offered by: Representatives Klein of East Montpelier, Canfield of Fair Haven, Cheney of Norwich, Edwards of Brattleboro, Hebert of Vernon, Jerman of Essex, Larson of Burlington, Mitchell of Barnard, Nuovo of Middlebury, Pugh of South Burlington and Yantachka of Charlotte

Whereas, the Vermont Jazz Ensemble was organized on April 21, 1976, to promote music in the big band jazz idiom, and

Whereas, the Vermont Jazz Ensemble has performed across Vermont, entertaining and enriching the musical lives of its audiences, and

Whereas, over 360 Vermont musicians have appeared with the 17-member Vermont Jazz Ensemble, and

Whereas, the Vermont Jazz Ensemble has prided itself in performing for thousands of students of jazz, both young and old, and

Whereas, the group's venues have included seven gubernatorial inaugural balls, Vermont Public Radio broadcasts, and many fundraising events, and

Whereas, the Vermont Jazz Ensemble exemplifies and positively promotes the state through its big band jazz performances, and

Whereas, as an organization interested in promoting music education, the Vermont Jazz Ensemble has made substantial yearly financial contributions to the Vermont All State Music Festival Scholarship Fund, and

Whereas, this prestigious musical organization is proudly celebrating its 35th anniversary in April 2011, now therefore be it

Resolved by the Senate and House of Representatives:

That the General Assembly congratulates the Vermont Jazz Ensemble on 35 years of outstanding and vibrant big band jazz performances, and be it

further

Resolved: That the Secretary of State be directed to send a copy of this resolution to the Vermont Jazz Ensemble.

H.C.R. 32.

House concurrent resolution congratulating the 2010 Rice Memorial High School Division III championship field hockey team

Offered by: Representatives Till of Jericho, Pugh of South Burlington, Head of South Burlington, Aswad of Burlington, Atkins of Winooski, Bissonnette of Winooski, Donovan of Burlington, Evans of Essex, Frank of Underhill, Heath of Westford, Jerman of Essex, Klein of East Montpelier, Kupersmith of South Burlington, Larson of Burlington, Lenes of Shelburne, Macaig of Williston, McCullough of Williston, Myers of Essex, O'Brien of Richmond, Pearson of Burlington, Ram of Burlington, Spengler of Colchester, Waite-Simpson of Essex, Webb of Shelburne, Weston of Burlington, Wizowaty of Burlington and Yantachka of Charlotte

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

Whereas, field hockey has become synonymous with Rice Memorial High School as the Green Knights captured the Division III championship in 2008 and 2009, and

Whereas, after another great season, the third-seeded Green Knights entered the playoffs in anticipation of another moment of championship glory, and

Whereas, their skillful attention to every play and careful strategizing culminated in a final game berth against the first-seeded Missisquoi Union High School Thunderbirds, and

Whereas, when the two teams meet at the University of Vermont's Moulton Winder Field, their defensive talents dominated the action, and

Whereas, the Green Knights scored first at the 9:28 mark of the first half, knocking the rebounding ball of a short corner penalty kick attempt into the goal, and

Whereas, toward the end of the first half, the Thunderbirds also took advantage of a rebounding ball to score their only goal, and

Whereas, following a scoreless second half, and two similarly zero-scoring seven-on-seven overtime periods, the inevitable shootout became the only option to crown the 2010 Division III field hockey champion, and

Whereas, in the season's truly ultimate contest for both teams, the Green Knights emerged victorious 3–1, clinching their third consecutive Division III championship and concluding 2010 play, proud of their 12–4–1 record, and

Whereas, all of the dedicated Rice field hockey players, including Laura Conroy, Anne Finn, Jennifer Campbell, Brigitte Gagne, Meghann Dempsey, Alaina Sarvak, Jacqueline Spitler, Christine Skeffington, Amira Garen, Nora Varhue, Emily Cutting, Meghan Plant, Natalie Crowley, Emily Elderton, Sara Till, Meredith Hansen, Maura Sheridan, Haley Fisher, Katrina Derderian, Kelly St. Marie, Jane Dowling, and Emily Boucher, as well as team manager Annie Maheux, worked together cohesively and successfully, and

Whereas, Head Coach Betsy Sprague and assistant coaches Dave Peterson and Karen Lavallee led their players through a year of excitement and triumph, now therefore be it

Resolved by the Senate and House of Representatives:

That the General Assembly congratulates the 2010 Rice Memorial High School Division III championship field hockey team, and be it further

Resolved: That the Secretary of State be directed to send a copy of this resolution to Betsy Sprague at Rice Memorial High School.

H.C.R. 33.

House concurrent resolution congratulating the Vermont Refugee Resettlement Program and the U.S. Committee for Refugees and Immigrants on their respective 30th and 100th anniversaries

Offered by: Representatives Taylor of Barre City, Ancel of Calais, Andrews of Rutland City, Bartholomew of Hartland, Bissonnette of Winooski, Bohi of Hartford, Botzow of Pownal, Buxton of Royalton, Cheney of Norwich, Clarkson of Woodstock, Conquest of Newbury, Consejo of Sheldon, Courcelle of Rutland City, Dakin of Chester, Donovan of Burlington, Edwards of Brattleboro, Evans of Essex, Fagan of Rutland City, Fisher of Lincoln, Frank of Underhill, French of Randolph, Gilbert of Fairfax, Grad of Moretown, Head of South Burlington, Heath of Westford, Hooper of Montpelier, Howrigan of Fairfield, Jerman of Essex, Johnson of South Hero, Krebs of South Hero, Lanpher of Vergennes, Larson of Burlington, Lenes of Shelburne, Leriche of Hardwick, Lippert of Hinesburg, Lorber of Burlington, Macaig of Williston, Malcolm of Pawlet, Martin of Wolcott, Masland of Thetford, McCullough of Williston, Mitchell of Barnard, Mook of Bennington, Mrowicki of Putney, Munger of South Burlington, Nuovo of Middlebury, Partridge of Windham, Peltz of Woodbury, Potter of Clarendon, Pugh of South Burlington, Shand of Weathersfield, Spengler of Colchester, Stevens of Waterbury, Stuart of Brattleboro, Sweaney of Windsor, Till of Jericho, Toll of Danville,

Waite-Simpson of Essex, Webb of Shelburne, Weston of Burlington, Wilson of Manchester, Wizowaty of Burlington, Yantachka of Charlotte and Young of Albany

Whereas, after traveling to Thailand and witnessing the desperation and misery of Southeast Asian refugees permanently displaced after the Vietnam War, Governor Richard Snelling became a strong advocate on their behalf, and

Whereas, in order to develop standardized federal policies on refugee admission and resettlement, Congress enacted the Refugee Act (the Act) of 1980, which President Jimmy Carter signed on March 7 of that year, and

Whereas, the Act directed that a state office and plan be established in every state to assist in the resettlement of refugees in that jurisdiction, and

Whereas, in the months following President Carter's signing the Act into law, Governor Snelling designated the Agency of Human Services to oversee the provision of refugee services in Vermont, effectively creating what is now the Vermont Refugee Resettlement Program, and

Whereas, in order to serve refugees most efficiently and expertly, the state of Vermont drew on the volunteer services of individuals associated with national refugee support organizations, and in 1990 the American Council for Nationalities Service (ACNS), an organization dedicated to assisting involuntary and voluntary migrants worldwide, established an affiliation agreement with the state of Vermont, and

Whereas, in 1993, the Council, by then renamed Immigration and Refugee Services of America (IRSA), opened a Vermont field office designated as the Vermont Refugee Resettlement Program and became the primary and direct provider of comprehensive refugee assistance and support services in Vermont, and by 2011 over 5,400 refugees from 40 countries had been welcomed in Vermont, and

Whereas, IRSA, now known as the U.S. Committee for Refugees and Immigrants (USCRI), was formed a century ago under the auspices of the YWCA, an association that continued until shortly before World War II, and in 2011 USCRI is commemorating 100 years of assisting and comforting refugees in many nations, now therefore be it

Resolved by the Senate and House of Representatives:

That the General Assembly congratulates the Vermont Refugee Resettlement Program on its 30th anniversary and the U.S. Committee for Refugees and Immigrants on its 100th anniversary, and be it further

Resolved: That the Secretary of State be directed to send a copy of this resolution to Vermont Refugee Resettlement Program Executive Director Judy

Scott in Colchester and to U.S. Committee for Refugees and Immigrants Director of Administration Alison Seiler in Arlington, Virginia.

H.C.R. 34.

House concurrent resolution honoring Michael Law on his outstanding career as a secondary school athletic coach

Offered by: Representatives Klein of East Montpelier, Ancel of Calais, Lewis of Berlin, Peltz of Woodbury, Smith of Morristown and McFaun of Barre Town

Offered by: Senators Cummings, Doyle and Pollina

Whereas, Mike Law devoted three decades to instructing young Vermont athletes in both the playing techniques of specific sports and, far more importantly, the ethics of good sportsmanship, and

Whereas, few individuals have the breadth of interscholastic coaching experience in multiple sports as does Mike Law, and

Whereas, as a football Solon and keen observer of other sports at Montpelier High School, Mike Law gained a student's perspective of interscholastic play that served him well during his multifaceted coaching career, and

Whereas, after graduating from the University of Vermont, Mike Law became the physical education instructor at Division IV Canaan High School where, by default, he coached every sport and also initiated a track and field program, and

Whereas, from the far north, Mike Law returned to Washington County to coach track and field at Spaulding Union High School and then added field hockey to his coaching portfolio, and

Whereas, at U-32 High School, still another sport—gymnastics—came under his guidance, as did baseball and softball at various times, and

Whereas, despite the diversity of Mike Law's coaching career, he is best known as the U-32 football coach who transformed a minimally successful program into a respected four-time state championship team that had a first-time championship victory 48–12 over his alma mater, Montpelier High School, and

Whereas, from 2000 to 2004, the U-32 football Raiders tallied an incredible 37 consecutive game victories, and perhaps most memorable was a championship 62–0 win over Mount Mansfield Union High School, and

Whereas, although the 2010 football season marked Mike Law's finale as head coach of a high school sport, he will maintain a part-time association with

U-32 High School, where his decades of coaching experience will serve as an invaluable resource, now therefore be it

Resolved by the Senate and House of Representatives:

That the General Assembly honors Michael Law on his outstanding career as a secondary school athletic coach and wishes him every future success, and be it further

Resolved: That the Secretary of State be directed to send a copy of this resolution to Mike Law.

H.C.R. 35.

House concurrent resolution recognizing the week of January 23, 2011 as Nurse Anesthetist Week in Vermont

Offered by: Representatives Keenan of St. Albans City, Spengler of Colchester, O'Brien of Richmond, Dakin of Chester, Acinapura of Brandon, Batchelor of Derby, Bissonnette of Winooski, Bohi of Hartford, Bouchard of Colchester, Burditt of West Rutland, Burke of Brattleboro, Cheney of Norwich, Consejo of Sheldon, Courcelle of Rutland City, Davis of Washington, Deen of Westminster, Donovan of Burlington, Eckhardt of Chittenden, Fagan of Rutland City, French of Randolph, Haas of Rochester, Head of South Burlington, Heath of Westford, Hebert of Vernon, Helm of Fair Haven, Hooper of Montpelier, Howrigan of Fairfield, Jerman of Essex, Johnson of South Hero, Kitzmiller of Montpelier, Klein of East Montpelier, Kupersmith of South Burlington, Larson of Burlington, Lewis of Derby, Macaig of Williston, Malcolm of Pawlet, Manwaring of Wilmington, Martin of Wolcott, Masland of Thetford, McCullough of Williston, Miller of Shaftsbury, Moran of Wardsboro, Mrowicki of Putney, Myers of Essex, Nuovo of Middlebury, Partridge of Windham, Pearce of Richford, Pearson of Burlington, Perley of Enosburgh, Potter of Clarendon, Pugh of South Burlington, Shand of Weathersfield, Smith of New Haven, Strong of Albany, Till of Jericho, Toll of Danville, Wizowaty of Burlington and Yantachka of Charlotte

Offered by: Senators Ayer and Kittell

Whereas, nurse anesthetists were the first professional group to provide anesthesia in the United States and are the oldest recognized group of advanced practice registered nurse specialists, and

Whereas, a nurse anesthetist has completed a graduate-level educational program in a nationally accredited program of nurse anesthesia and after graduation is qualified to take the national certifying examination to become a Certified Registered Nurse Anesthetist (CRNA), and

Whereas, CRNAs are required to take and pass the national certification examination administered that the National Board on Certification and Recertification of Nurse Anesthetists administers, and

Whereas, CRNAs must recertify every two years in order to continue to practice the specialty of anesthesia, and

Whereas, CRNAs practice in every setting in which anesthesia is delivered: traditional hospital surgical suites; obstetrical delivery rooms; critical access hospitals; ambulatory surgical centers; the offices of dentists, podiatrists, ophthalmologists, plastic surgeons, and pain management specialists; and United States Public Health Service, United States Department of Veterans' Affairs, and military health care facilities, and

Whereas, nurses first provided anesthesia to wounded soldiers during the Civil War, and since World War II, nurse anesthetists have been the main providers of anesthesia care to United States military combat personnel, and

Whereas, CRNAs are the primary providers of anesthesia care in rural America, enabling health care facilities in these medically underserved areas to offer obstetrical, surgical, and trauma stabilization services, and, in some states, CRNAs are the sole providers in nearly all rural hospitals, and

Whereas, CRNAs serve Vermonters by providing needed anesthesia care in 10 hospitals, medical facilities, including the Vermont Veterans' Affairs Medical Center, and physician's offices, and

Whereas, 40,000 CRNAs across the United States, including 49 active CRNAs in Vermont, are part of the solution to health care reform, now therefore be it

Resolved by the Senate and House of Representatives:

That the General Assembly recognizes the week of January 23, 2011 as Nurse Anesthetist Week in Vermont, and be it further

Resolved: That the Secretary of State be directed to send a copy of this resolution to the Association of Nurse Anesthetists in Randolph.

H.C.R. 36.

House concurrent resolution congratulating Keith Gerritt on his designation as the Vermont Principals' Association's 2010 High School Principal of the Year

Offered by: Representatives Klein of East Montpelier, Ancel of Calais, Peltz of Woodbury, Smith of Morristown and Lewis of Berlin

Offered by: Senators Doyle, Cummings and Pollina

Whereas, a successful high school requires dynamic leadership that enables teachers to achieve their primary goal of maximizing each student's learning potential, and

Whereas, the educational environment that pervades the classrooms, playing fields, musical and theatrical rehearsal halls, and throughout a high school, is to a large extent built on a principal's leadership of the school community, and

Whereas, the Vermont Principals' Association (VPA), in recognition of the essential role that a principal plays at a successful high school, annually names a Vermont High School Principal of the Year from among a group of well-qualified nominees, and

Whereas, the distinguished honoree joins colleagues from every state who are similarly recognized through a program under the combined sponsorship of the National Association of Secondary School Principals and MetLife Inc., and

Whereas, each state's winner travels to our nation's capital to compete in the National High School Principal of the Year competition, and

Whereas, in selecting its finalist, the VPA considers several factors, including the nominee's personal excellence, collaborative leadership, and impact on curriculum development, instructional methodology, and student achievement, and

Whereas, after a careful evaluation of the 2010 pool of candidates, the VPA presented the award to U-32 principal, Keith Gerritt, and

Whereas, U-32, located in East Montpelier, serves students from the Washington Central Supervisory District communities of Berlin, Calais, East Montpelier, Middlesex, and Worcester, and

Whereas, prior to arriving at U-32, Keith Gerritt had served as principal at schools in Massachusetts and Connecticut, and

Whereas, VPA Executive Director Ken Page especially noted that under Keith Gerritt's leadership, U-32 scored the greatest improvement at a Vermont school on tests the New England Common Assessment Program administered in the fall of 2009, and

Whereas, at the start of his tenure at U-32, Keith Gerritt established a committee whose broad purpose was to raise U-32 to a new plateau of education excellence, and

Whereas, as a result of this committee's diligent efforts, there has been a new focus on using technology to improve education, and an innovative ninth grade academy was created to ease students' transition from middle to high school, and

Whereas, Keith Gerritt's achievement enhancing the quality of the educational experience at U-32 certainly merits commendation from his professional colleagues, now therefore be it

Resolved by the Senate and House of Representatives:

That the General Assembly congratulates Keith Gerritt on his designation as the Vermont Principals' Association's 2010 High School Principal of the Year, and be it further

Resolved: That the Secretary of State be directed to send a copy of this resolution to Keith Gerritt at U-32 in East Montpelier.

H.C.R. 37.

House concurrent resolution congratulating the 2010 Missisquoi Valley Union High School Thunderbirds Division II championship boys' soccer team

Offered by: Representatives Savage of Swanton, Consejo of Sheldon, McAllister of Highgate and Pearce of Richford

Offered by: Senators Brock and Kittell

Whereas, the Missisquoi Valley Union High School boys' soccer team came extremely close to capturing the 2009 Division II championship in a heartbreaking overtime loss to Springfield High School, and

Whereas, 2010 offered a new opportunity for the Thunderbirds to prove their soccer mettle, and

Whereas, Missisquoi dominated its regular season and was awarded the second-seed in the Division II playoff competition and again kicked a path to the championship game, where it confronted the top-seeded U-32 Raiders, who brought their 13-game undefeated and 14-game shutout streaks to the field, and

Whereas, despite U-32's scoring the opening goal, the Raiders were unable to penetrate the Thunderbirds' tight defense for the balance of the game, and

Whereas, Missisquoi took advantage of the many U-32 penalties in combination with a sharp alertness to act on scoring opportunities, and

Whereas, a Thunderbird scored his team's opening goal when he executed a low shot near the right post of the net with six minutes remaining in the first half, tying the game at one-all, and

Whereas, at four minutes into the second half, Missisquoi scored again to go ahead 2-1, and

Whereas, the Thunderbirds repelled several serious Raider scoring efforts, preserving their precarious lead before a team member cleverly faked a kick

that triggered a sequence resulting in the winning goal and a 3–1 Missisquoi victory, and

Whereas, these astute soccer-playing Thunderbirds, including Bart Benckert, Brady Corbiere, Ben Fournier, Jeff Larose, Tom Lothian, Kyle Lumsden, Levi Maynard, Kinnon McDonald, Jeremy Nadeau, Norman Zeigler, Jason Lackie, Adam Hubbard, Tyler Pelican, Sean Collins, Tyler Robtoy, Jarrett Boudreau, Robert Dabrowski, Nic Kosac, Craig Laroche, Chasen LaShure, Caleb Lothian, Matt St. Amour, and Alex Larose, savored their hard-won victory, as did team managers Austin Evans and Vincent Iannaco, and

Whereas, Head Coach Jim Hubbard and assistant coaches Taylor Renaudette, Bill Thurber, and Jordie Thomas greatly assisted the Thunderbirds in their soccer championship quest, now therefore be it

Resolved by the Senate and House of Representatives:

That the General Assembly congratulates the 2010 Missisquoi Valley Union High School Thunderbirds Division II championship boys' soccer team, and be it further

Resolved: That the Secretary of State be directed to send a copy of this resolution to Jim Hubbard at Missisquoi Valley Union High School.

H.C.R. 38.

House concurrent resolution congratulating Congregation Beth El of Bennington as it commences its second century

Offered by: Representatives Campion of Bennington, Corcoran of Bennington, Mook of Bennington, Miller of Shaftsbury, Morrissey of Bennington, Botzow of Pownal, Browning of Arlington, Komline of Dorset, Wilson of Manchester and Moran of Wardsboro

Offered by: Senators Sears and Hartwell

Whereas, in 1909, the Hebrew Congregation of Bennington was created to facilitate Jewish religious worship and observance and social association opportunities for the growing local Jewish community, and

Whereas, the new congregation enthusiastically conducted religious services and other events at temporary locations in Bennington but optimistically looked forward to the construction of a synagogue to serve as its permanent home, and

Whereas, patience was required in achieving this dream, but the Jewish community's aspirations were realized when, on July 29, 1923, the eagerly awaited synagogue, located at the corner of Adams and North Streets, was

dedicated at a festive ceremony at which clergy of other faiths and Lt. Governor Franklin Billings were in attendance, and

Whereas, the Hebrew Congregation of Bennington prospered for much of the 20th century, but by the 1980s, the synagogue was minimally used and in need of major building repairs, and

Whereas, a small but devoted group of Jewish community members decided to revive the synagogue as the Jewish population of the greater Bennington area, including nearby Massachusetts and New York, was on the rise, and

Whereas, to best serve the theological outlook of the community, the decision was made to affiliate with the Jewish Reconstructionist Movement, and

Whereas, the structurally and spiritually revived synagogue was renamed Congregation Beth El, meaning house of God, and

Whereas, under the leadership of Rabbi Howard Cohen, Congregation Beth El inaugurated a variety of Sabbath and Jewish holiday worship services, educational programs, and social events, and

Whereas, Congregation Beth El takes great pride in its role as an active member of the Bennington Interfaith Council, including participation in the Bennington Food and Fuel Fund and the Bennington Retreat, and the congregation hosts a monthly meal for those in need of nourishment, and

Whereas, today, with its new spiritual leader, Rabbi Joshua Boettiger, whose commitment to a rabbinic life was crystallized when, as a Jew studying in Syria, he was required to hide his faith, Congregation Beth El is a proud and thriving Jewish synagogue, now therefore be it

Resolved by the Senate and House of Representatives:

That the General Assembly congratulates Congregation Beth El of Bennington as it commences its second century, and be it further

Resolved: That the Secretary of State be directed to send a copy of this resolution to Congregation Beth El in Bennington.