

CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

ADDENDUM

TO THE

**HOUSE AND SENATE
CALENDAR**

**Text of House Concurrent
Resolutions**

of

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CONSENT CALENDAR

Concurrent Resolutions for Notice under Joint Rule 16

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

Resolutions

H.C.R. 99.

House concurrent resolution congratulating the DREAM Program, Inc. on its 10th anniversary

Offered by: Representatives Bissonnette of Winooski and Atkins of Winooski

Whereas, in 1999, a dedicated group of Dartmouth College students established a mentoring program for youngsters residing in the Templeton Court housing project in White River Junction, and

Whereas, in 2001, the organization was incorporated as a Vermont nonprofit corporation known as the DREAM (Directing through Recreation, Education, Adventure, and Mentoring) Program, whose mission is to improve the life prospects of some of Vermont's most at-risk youth, and

Whereas, DREAM continues the original Dartmouth students' practice of pairing college students with children residing in low income housing projects to enable the children to develop strong relationships with adult role models, their families, and other children and adults in their community, and

Whereas, the organization employs a unique and innovative approach to mentoring low income youngsters that has proven far more successful than more traditional individual mentoring models, and

Whereas, 375 student mentors from Bennington College, Castleton State College, Champlain College, Dartmouth College, Green Mountain College, Middlebury College, Norwich University, Saint Michael's College, and the University of Vermont volunteer in a number of communities including Barre, Bennington, Burlington, Middlebury, Milton, Poultney, Rutland, White River Junction, Windsor, and Winooski and mentor 266 children, and

Whereas, DREAM has recently extended its geographic range to include low income housing projects in Roxbury and Cambridge, Massachusetts, with student mentors from Harvard, Northeastern, and Boston Universities, and

Whereas, during the summer months, DREAM operates a residential camp for 120 children at a 50-acre site in rural Fletcher and, as a designated AmeriCorps state program, annually hosts 20 to 40 volunteers, and

Whereas, DREAM has brought new optimism to the participating children, and the college student mentors derive great satisfaction from their volunteer efforts, now therefore be it

Resolved by the Senate and House of Representatives:

That the General Assembly congratulates the DREAM Program, Inc. on its 10th anniversary, and be it further

Resolved: That the Secretary of State be directed to send a copy of this resolution to DREAM Program, Inc. Executive Director Mike Loner in Winooski.

H.C.R. 100.

House concurrent resolution congratulating the 2011 Bellows Free Academy-St. Albans Comets Division I girls' ice hockey team

Offered by: Representatives Keenan of St. Albans City, Degree of St. Albans City, Dickinson of St. Albans Town, Howrigan of Fairfield, Branagan of Georgia, Consejo of Sheldon, McAllister of Highgate, Pearce of Richford, Perley of Enosburgh and Savage of Swanton

Offered by: Senators Brock and Kittell

Whereas, the Bellows Free Academy-St. Albans (BFA) girls' ice hockey team has become synonymous with the word championship, and

Whereas, this past winter, the Comets once again deployed a great group of young skaters who mastered the game's playing maneuvers, and

Whereas, when the playoffs started, the third-seeded Comets enthusiastically opened their latest quest for the Division I title with great anticipation of success, and

Whereas, when the preliminary playoff rounds had concluded, the Comets and the first-seeded Crimson Tide of Spaulding Union High School, the same two teams that faced off in the 2010 Division I title game, were the contenders in the championship game played at the University of Vermont's Gutterson Field House, and

Whereas, while Spaulding twice defeated BFA 2-1 this season, the first period of their return championship engagement ended in a scoreless tie, and

Whereas, the decisive second period featured an 80-second span that encompassed both of the game's goals, and

Whereas, a Comet grabbed a loose puck and executed a backhand shot into an open side of the net, placing BFA on the scoreboard with a 1–0 lead, and soon thereafter, another BFA player broke over the Spaulding blue line and launched a long shot that bounced off the Spaulding goalie’s left pad and landed in the goal for the Comet’s second and the game’s last point, and with the added boost of 21 great saves from their goalie, the Comets captured the eighth Division I title in the past 10 years, and

Whereas, Comets Sydney Chadwick, Tori Hubbard, Rachel Hubbard, Aly Hardy, Mercedes Blais, Kendra Williams, Kate Howard, Abbi Boomhover, Lauren Wooster, Ali Evans, Missy Garceau, Taylor Girard, Hanna Lovelette, Desiree Hurlbut, Jennifer Deso, Chelsea Ellis, Morgan Dodd, Danielle Schreiner, and Shanley Howrigan were a united team and appreciated the support of Head Coach Luke Cioffi, assistant coaches Jeff Rouleau and Keane Yandow, and team managers Sam Manahan and Amanda Beauregard, now therefore be it

Resolved by the Senate and House of Representatives:

That the General Assembly congratulates the 2011 Bellows Free Academy-St. Albans Comets Division I girls’ ice hockey team, and be it further

Resolved: That the Secretary of State be directed to send a copy of this resolution to Bellows Free Academy-St. Albans.

H.C.R. 101.

House concurrent resolution congratulating Jeremy Haskins on being named a 2011 winner of the North American Retail Hardware Association’s Young Retailer of the Year Award

Offered by: Representatives Trieber of Rockingham and Partridge of Windham

Whereas, the North American Retail Hardware Association (NRHA) annually recognizes a highly selective group of under-35-year-old owners and managers of independently owned hardware and building supply stores, and

Whereas, nominees for this honor are judged based on several different categories, including how they have contributed to the overall success of their retail operation and knowledge of its product inventory, documented evidence of initiatives to improve their familiarity with hardware retailing through continuing education activities, and community involvement through support of charitable activities and events, and

Whereas, in the 15-year history of this award, the selection process has identified over 100 young entrepreneurs who are the rising stars of the hardware and building supply retail industry, and

Whereas, in 2011, one of the selected honorees is Jeremy Haskins, who along with his sister, Heather, is the proud proprietor of the 12,000-square-foot-plus J & H Hardware in Bellows Falls whose colorful front sign identifies the store to those persons walking or driving by the premises, and

Whereas, Jeremy Haskins has been a prominent young leader in the Bellows Falls business community, and his sister and he also operate a recently added J & H Sporting Goods department, and

Whereas, he graduated from Hinsdale High School and studied at Lyndon State College, and

Whereas, Jeremy and his wife, Susan, recently became first-time parents, and

Whereas, J & H Hardware is a generous donor to the annual Falls Area Community Television Auction and to many other worthy causes, and

Whereas, the NRHA will present this much-deserved award to Jeremy Haskins at its 2011 annual convention, now therefore be it

Resolved by the Senate and House of Representatives:

That the General Assembly congratulates Jeremy Haskins on being named a 2011 winner of the North American Retail Hardware Association's Young Retailer of the Year Award, and be it further

Resolved: That the Secretary of State be directed to send a copy of this resolution to Jeremy Haskins in Bellows Falls.

H.C.R. 102.

House concurrent resolution congratulating the 2011 U-32 Raiders Division II championship girls' hockey team

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

Offered by: Senators Cummings, Doyle and Pollina

Whereas, U-32, the defending Division II girls' hockey championship team, once again won the respect of all its opponents on the ice, and

Whereas, as the second-seeded team in the 2011 Division II playoffs, U-32, having compiled a solid 18-3-1 record, skated onto the Gutterson Field House

ice for the championship contest against the first-seeded Harwood Union High School Highlanders who were putting their 17-game win streak on the line, and

Whereas, at 3:36 into the first period, a Raider, situated far from the goal line, took careful aim and slammed the puck on a long but dedicated trajectory across the goal line, surprising the goalie who did not expect its sudden arrival, and

Whereas, six minutes later, the Raiders repeated their earlier strategy, achieving a second long shot success, and

Whereas, at 2:21 of the second period, the third Raider goal was credited as the puck inched its way across the goal line, requiring the officials to assess the situation before reaching a decision in U-32's favor, and

Whereas, the final Raider goal was recorded when U-32 sent the puck behind the goalie to a spot in the right post of the goal zone, and

Whereas, although Harwood did score one goal later in the second period and played assertively in the last period, the Highlanders failed to add any more goals to the scoreboard, and at the concluding buzzer, U-32 had renewed its Division II girls' hockey championship status with a 2-0 victory, and

Whereas, Raiders Ashley Vincent, Marley Myers, Esther Peterson, Emily Aylward, Katie Kreis, Jyneva Pickel, Milinda Sterling, Mikaela Ryan, Stacy Woolaver, Erika Gonyaw, Abigail Staab, Alicia Danyew, Gabrielle Coletti, Briana Breer, Claire Puleio, Zoe Myers, Brianna Gowans, Hallie Haupt, Emily George, and Cheyenne Smith all contributed to a great team effort, and

Whereas, Head Coach David Pickel, assistant coaches Emilie Clark and Larry Smith, and team managers Viviana Dorfman, Allison Belliveau, and Mona Blochlinger were all essential contributors to the Raiders' second consecutive championship season, now therefore be it

Resolved by the Senate and House of Representatives:

That the General Assembly congratulates the 2011 U-32 Raiders Division II championship girls' hockey team, and be it further

Resolved: That the Secretary of State be directed to send a copy of this resolution to U-32.

H.C.R. 103.

House concurrent resolution welcoming the decision of the International Earth Science Olympiad to come to Vermont in 2014

Offered by: Representatives Lanpher of Vergennes, Aswad of Burlington, Bohi of Hartford, Botzow of Pownal, Branagan of Georgia, Burke of

Brattleboro, Cheney of Norwich, Deen of Westminster, Edwards of Brattleboro, Ellis of Waterbury, Evans of Essex, Jerman of Essex, Lenes of Shelburne, Malcolm of Pawlet, Nuovo of Middlebury, O'Brien of Richmond, Potter of Clarendon, Pugh of South Burlington, Ram of Burlington, Sharpe of Bristol, Sweaney of Windsor, Webb of Shelburne, Wright of Burlington and Yantachka of Charlotte

Offered by: Senators Ayer, Giard and White

Whereas, a thorough knowledge of earth science can serve secondary school students as a foundation for further scientific pursuits in college and professionally, and

Whereas, the annual International Earth Science Olympiad (IESO) attracts student delegations from many countries for an academically challenging competition, and

Whereas, in 2003, the International Geoscience Education Organization voted to establish the IESO, and after additional deliberations among leading earth scientists, a syllabus for the IESO was adopted in 2005, and

Whereas, in 2007, after several years of careful preparation, the first IESO was held in South Korea, and its great success has been continued in subsequent years in the Philippines (2008), Taiwan (2009), and Indonesia (2010), and the sites for this annual event in 2011–2013 are Italy, Japan, and India, respectively, and

Whereas, the IESO has announced that in 2014, the event will take place in the United States. and the University of Vermont College of Engineering and Mathematical Sciences will serve as the host academic organization, and

Whereas, the presence of this international educational gathering in Vermont will enable many visitors to see Vermont's natural wonders, and

Whereas, the granite and marble industries, alternative energy companies, including wind and solar manufacturing enterprises, agricultural and forestry activities, and hydroelectricity facilities will be showcased at the USA-Vermont IESO in 2014, and

Whereas, the state's colleges will be presented a rare chance to display their education resources to top secondary students from many nations, and

Whereas, Vermont will serve as a friendly venue for this intercultural academic conclave, now therefore be it

Resolved by the House of Representatives:

That the General Assembly welcomes the selection of Vermont as the site for the International Earth Science Olympiad and the opportunity for the state to host delegations from all of the participating countries, and be it further

Resolved: That the Secretary of State be directed to send a copy of this resolution to Tom Tailer, Codirector of UVM/GIV Engineering.

H.C.R. 104.

House concurrent resolution congratulating the 2011 Essex High School Hornets Division I championship cheerleading team

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

Whereas, cheerleading is a sport demanding coordinated dosages of athleticism, enthusiasm, and precision, and

Whereas, for the 29th consecutive year, Vermont's high school cheerleading teams assembled to demonstrate their skills, excite their fans, and most importantly convince the judges that each school's squad merited top honors, and

Whereas, while the spectators may observe all of the routines as fun-filled expressions of support for individual schools, the assessment of each cheering routine entails all the intricate details that contribute to the overall team performance and presentation, and

Whereas, in 2011, the state cheerleading championship tournament was conducted at Vergennes Union High School, and

Whereas, the Division I competition was intense as each routine was examined as closely as a scientist would microscopically view a tissue specimen, and

Whereas, despite the close scrutiny, the scoring total accurately reflected that the blue, gold, and white Essex High School Hornets surpassed all of their opponents at 205 points, seven ahead of their nearest rivals, the Rutland High School Raiders, and

Whereas, this win marked the 19th state cheerleading championship that the Hornets have won for their high school, which is a record of nearly legendary achievement, and

Whereas, the 2011 Essex cheerleaders were Lisa Ashley, Sianay Chase, Christy Clark, Lauren Cray, Emily Dowman, Teagan Fortune, Stephanie Fuchs, Kristin Grout, Peter Mergens, Sara Oesterle, Hannah Puisto, Francesca

Sands, Taylor Scheps, Kallysta Tanguay, Katherine Weed, and Amy Yandow, and

Whereas, Maria Ung was a superb coach whose advice proved essential for the team's victory at Vergennes, now therefore be it

Resolved by the Senate and House of Representatives:

That the General Assembly congratulates the 2011 Essex High School Hornets Division I championship cheerleading 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. 105.

House concurrent resolution congratulating the 2011 Rice Memorial High School Green Knights Division I championship girls' basketball team

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

Whereas, the girls' basketball team at Rice Memorial High School entered the 2011–2012 season minus four starting seniors who had graduated the prior spring, and

Whereas, this challenge for the Green Knights was met enthusiastically as they devised successful individual plays that complemented their teammates' overall effort, and

Whereas, the 2011–2012 Green Knights, one of the most hardworking girls' basketball squads in Division I, reaped the rewards of their steady play when they earned the third seed for playoff competition, and

Whereas, this high ranking was deserved as Rice proceeded to defeat each of its post-season opponents as it dribbled and shot its way to the Division I finale against the No. 5 Champlain Valley Union High School (CVU) Redhawks, and

Whereas, in the opening half of the championship game at the University of Vermont's Patrick Gymnasium, CVU's initial 18–12 lead motivated Rice to rebound with 10 points in the last minute of the first half and depart the court ahead 22–18, and

Whereas, although CVU remained in contention for much of the third quarter, two consecutive three-point Green Knight plays, just as the third quarter became the fourth, put Rice ahead 35–26, and, from that moment, the final outcome became increasingly apparent, and

Whereas, when the final buzzer was sounded, Rice had won its first state girls' basketball crown in a decade, and Green Knights Ellen Boucher, Elizabeth Babcock, Alaina Sarvak, Natalie Crowley, Katie Kowalski, Hailee Barron, Kylie Rice, Reagan Jewell, Gemma Cirignano, Meghan Plant, Emma Chicoine, Hannah Trieb, and Paige Randall were thrilled with their accomplishment, and

Whereas, Head Coach Tim Rice and Assistant Coaches Mark Pfaff and Maggie Lonergan taught their players how to maximize their individual skills for a satisfying 19–5 2010–2011 basketball season, now therefore be it

Resolved by the Senate and House of Representatives:

That the General Assembly congratulates the 2011 Rice Memorial High School Green Knights Division I championship girls' basketball team, and be it further

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

H.C.R. 106.

House concurrent resolution congratulating the 2011 Vermont LifeSmarts championship team from Champlain Valley Union High School

Offered by: Representatives Lenos of Shelburne, Lippert of Hinesburg, Macaig of Williston, McCullough of Williston, Webb of Shelburne and Yantachka of Charlotte

Whereas, consumer literacy is vital for high school students to master, and this is the goal of the LifeSmarts national competition, an educational project of the National Consumers League that is open to all teenagers in the United States and is known as the “ultimate consumer challenge,” and

Whereas, competition questions focus on matters of personal finance, health and safety, the environment, technology, and consumer rights and responsibilities, and

Whereas, in the Green Mountain State, the Vermont Jump\$tart Coalition, a volunteer organization, was this year's coordinator of the LifeSmarts competition and received principal support from the Community National Bank and the Vermont State Employees' Credit Union, and

Whereas, LifeSmarts teams were formed at individual high schools across the state, and from September 2010 through January 2011 they vied in online competitions, and

Whereas, the top six scoring teams, representing Champlain Valley Union High School's (CVU) chapter of the Future Business Leaders of America,

Green Mountain Technology and Career Center, Lake Region Union High School, North Country Career Center, and Winooski High School (two teams), were invited to the state championship held in Montpelier on February 10, and

Whereas, the CVU team, consisting of Jacob Grasso, Adam Kaufman, Drew Nick, and Jeffrey Wettstein, edged the 2010 defending champions from North Country on the final question, and the CVU team will now proceed to the LifeSmarts national championship to be held in Los Angeles in April, and

Whereas, the CVU team's success is in large measure due to the guidance of its coach, Tamie-Jo Dickinson, and assistant coach, Colleen Wedge, now therefore be it

Resolved by the Senate and House of Representatives:

That the General Assembly congratulates the 2011 Vermont LifeSmarts championship team from Champlain Valley Union High School, and be it further

Resolved: That the Secretary of State be directed to send copies of this resolution to Champlain Valley Union High School for each of the LifeSmarts team members and coaches.

H.C.R. 107.

House concurrent resolution congratulating the 2011 Champlain Valley Union High School Redhawks Division I championship boys' Nordic ski team

Offered by: Representatives Lenes of Shelburne, Webb of Shelburne, Lippert of Hinesburg, Macaig of Williston, McCullough of Williston and Yantacka of Charlotte

Offered by: Senators Lyons, Miller and Snelling

Whereas, the swift times typical of top Nordic skiers were reflected in the finishing pace of the leaders at the 2011 high school state championship meet, and

Whereas, throughout the 2011 Nordic skiing season, one of the most talented boys' teams competing on the trails in Division I was the Redhawks of Champlain Valley Union High School (CVU), and

Whereas, all season, the Redhawks strove to improve their skills and finishing times on the trails, and

Whereas, when the week for the state championship meet finally arrived, the CVU boy Nordic skiers were confident of the completeness of their intensive preparations, and

Whereas, this season finale opened at the Craftsbury Outdoor Center with the classic competition segment of the competition, and at its conclusion, the Redhawks headed home as the Division I leaders, and

Whereas, the second day's freestyle racing was held on the trails of the Mountain Top Nordic Ski & Snowshoe Center in Chittenden, and

Whereas, the fastest Division I boy skier on the 5-kilometer course was a Redhawk, who sped across the finish line at 15 minutes and 29.7 seconds, an impressive 15.8 seconds ahead of his nearest challenger, and CVU assured its championship victory when team members crossed the finish line in 5th and 6th place, and

Whereas, CVU was by far the meet's low scorer, the objective in Nordic skiing, with only 65 points, far ahead of its nearest rivals Mount Anthony at 116 and Mount Mansfield at 131, and

Whereas, the great Redhawk contingent of boy skiers consisted of Hans Fredrik Fahle, Sam Epstein, Kilian Muller, Jake Marston, Sean Delaney, Emmett Peterson, Sam Longenbach, Daniel Hebert, Ian Meier, and Thomas Clayton, and their head coach, Sarah Strack, and assistant coaches, MacKenzie MacHarg and Eli Enman, encouraged the boys to perform their best, now therefore be it

Resolved by the Senate and House of Representatives:

That the General Assembly congratulates the 2011 Champlain Valley Union High School Redhawks Division I championship boys' Nordic ski team, and be it further

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