

**CONCURRENT RESOLUTION**

**ADDENDUM**

**TO THE**

**HOUSE CALENDAR**

**Text of House Concurrent  
Resolutions**

**of**

**January 8, 2014**

## **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. 173.**

House concurrent resolution congratulating Evan Russell on his golfing accomplishments

Offered by: Representatives Juskiewicz of Cambridge, Myers of Essex, Beyor of Highgate, Bissonnette of Winooski, Bouchard of Colchester, Burditt of West Rutland, Buxton of Tunbridge, Campion of Bennington, Christie of Hartford, Cupoli of Rutland City, Donovan of Burlington, Emmons of Springfield, Evans of Essex, Fagan of Rutland City, Goodwin of Weston, Heath of Westford, Hebert of Vernon, Hubert of Milton, Jerman of Essex, Komline of Dorset, Lenex of Shelburne, Lewis of Berlin, McCullough of Williston, Miller of Shaftsbury, Mitchell of Fairfax, Mook of Bennington, Pearce of Richford, Peltz of Woodbury, Savage of Swanton, Scheuermann of Stowe, Sharpe of Bristol, Shaw of Pittsford, Stuart of Brattleboro, Sweaney of Windsor, Terenzini of Rutland Town, Till of Jericho, Turner of Milton, Waite-Simpson of Essex, and Wizowaty of Burlington

Offered by: Senator Flory

Whereas, Evan Russell is a talented young golfer who has achieved much success on the links, and

Whereas, he was a member of the Essex High School golf team that won three consecutive Vermont State championships, and

Whereas, in 2010, Evan Russell won the Division I individual golfing championship, and

Whereas, after transferring to Kimball Union Academy, Evan Russell won two consecutive Lakes Region individual golf championships, while helping his school win two team championships, and

Whereas, in 2013, as a University of Hartford freshman, he again confirmed his golfing prowess, as he was named the America Sky Men's Golf Conference Newcomer of the Year and selected for the First-Team America Sky All-Conference, and

Whereas, aside from his accomplishments as a high school and college golfer, Evan Russell has excelled in the amateur arena, and

Whereas, at the 2013 New England Amateur Championship, played in July at the Green Mountain National Golf Course in Killington, Evan Russell became only the third Vermonter to capture this title, and the first to accomplish this feat in Vermont, and

Whereas, on winning the New England Amateur championship, Evan Russell stated, "It means a lot to win in Vermont . . . This is the best," and

Whereas, Evan Russell added another title to his record in August 2013, winning the Vermont Amateur Championship at the Country Club of Barre, and

Whereas, the capstone of his summer was playing in a regional competition at the Cape Cod National Golf Club, at which he qualified for the U.S. Amateur Championship, and

Whereas, Evan Russell has a bright future as a competitive golfer, now therefore be it

Resolved by the Senate and House of Representatives:

That the General Assembly congratulates Evan Russell on his golfing accomplishments and extends best wishes for the future, and be it further

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

**H.C.R. 174.**

House concurrent resolution extending best wishes to Mable Fay on her 90th birthday

Offered by: Representatives Van Wyck of Ferrisburgh, Lanpher of Vergennes, Nuovo of Middlebury, Ralston of Middlebury, and Sharpe of Bristol

Whereas, Mable (May) Fay, a 1941 graduate of the former Vergennes High School, devoted her extracurricular attention to playing the trumpet and twirling a baton, and

Whereas, the following fall, she entered Castleton State College, and

Whereas, on the afternoon of December 7, 1941, May Fay heard a radio broadcast reporting the Japanese attack on Pearl Harbor, and

Whereas, as a patriotic American, she decided to enlist in the U.S. Navy's Women's Auxiliary Volunteer Emergency Service (WAVES), and

Whereas, after training in New York and Iowa, May Fay anticipated serving as a medical secretary in military service, and

Whereas, to her surprise, she was selected for further training as a cryptographer, and

Whereas, May Fay was granted a top secret clearance, and until the 1960s was forbidden to discuss the nature of her World War II activities, and

Whereas, while serving in the WAVES, she met James Reese, a career Coast Guardsman, who was her husband for 51 years until his death in 1996, and

Whereas, her own career included working for 25 years as a secretary and editorial assistant at the Woods Hole Oceanographic Institute on Cape Cod, and she was associated with the scientific team that created the Alvin (DSV-2) research submarine, and

Whereas, May Fay's service in the WAVES has remained a part of her life through her membership in the WAVES veterans unit known as the Green Mountain Girls, and

Whereas, in 1988, she relocated to her former hometown of Vergennes and has volunteered at the Bixby Library, and

Whereas, until his death, Glenn Fay, who had been a widower, had been her second husband since 2002, and

Whereas, she is the proud mother of four children, James, Robert, John, and Judy, and is close to her family, and

Whereas, November 6, 2013 marked May Fay's 90th birthday, a special occasion worthy of legislative commemoration, now therefore be it

Resolved by the Senate and House of Representatives:

That the General Assembly extends best wishes to Mable Fay on her 90th birthday, and be it further

Resolved: That the Secretary of State be directed to send a copy of this resolution to May Fay in Vergennes.

#### **H.C.R. 175.**

House concurrent resolution honoring Heinz Hester for his leadership in the development of an international student exchange program

Offered by: Representatives Lanpher of Vergennes, Smith of New Haven, and Van Wyck of Ferrisburgh

Offered by: Senators Ayer and Bray

Whereas, international student exchange programs offer the participants a special opportunity to experience the culture, family life, and language of another nation, and

Whereas, Vergennes Union High School (VUHS) and the Goetheschule in Bochum, Germany have established a model international student exchange program, and

Whereas, the success of this endeavor is largely attributable to Heinz Hester, an English and political science Goetheschule teacher, who grew up in the Sauerland, an area of Germany geographically similar to Vermont, and

Whereas, in the spring of 1986, while visiting Vermont, Heinz Hester appeared at VUHS and proposed the establishment of an international student exchange between the two schools, and

Whereas, the initial group of VUHS students traveled to Bochum, Germany in February 1987, and Heinz Hester and the original contingent of his Goetheschule students arrived at VUHS in the fall of 1987, and

Whereas, these first successful exchanges started a continuing series of periodic cross-Atlantic educational excursions, and

Whereas, roughly 30 students visiting Vermont stay with area host families, attend VUHS classes, and visit local attractions, and

Whereas, the students on both sides of the Atlantic develop lifelong friendships and gain an international perspective, and

Whereas, Heinz Hester has served as the impetus for this unusual program and has been a wonderful host and guide for the Vermont students visiting Bochum, Germany, and

Whereas, his return to Vergennes is always eagerly welcomed, as he renews enduring friendships with members of the VUHS community, and

Whereas, Heinz Hester, who is retiring this year, has been an extraordinary inspiration to students in both Germany and Vermont, and his educational leadership has truly been in a class by itself, now therefore be it

Resolved by the Senate and House of Representatives:

That the General Assembly honors Heinz Hester for his leadership in the development of an international student exchange program, and be it further

Resolved: That the Secretary of State be directed to send a copy of this resolution to VUHS for presentation to Heinz Hester.

#### **H.C.R. 176.**

House concurrent resolution congratulating the 2013 U-32 Raiders Division II boys' championship track and field team

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

Offered by: Senators Cummings, Doyle, and Pollina

Whereas, the young men who represent U-32 High School in track and field events had never brought home a State championship title, and

Whereas, the 2013 student athletes on the U-32 team were well trained and dedicated to performing at the highest possible level of athletic achievement, and

Whereas, the State track and field meet at which the Division II championship was determined took place at the Heitkamp Track and Athletic Field at Fair Haven Union High School, and

Whereas, U-32 team members excelled in many events, including first-place results in the 800-meter run and the javelin, and they achieved an historic milestone earning their first Division II track and field title, topping second-place Harwood Union High School 111–103, and

Whereas, the boys' team joined its U-32 girls' counterpart as 2013 State track and field champions, and

Whereas, these great young athletes included Sam Merriman, Ohan Fillbach, Reed Patterson, Thomas David-Bashore, Seth Hepburn, Andrew Danyew, Ben Merrylees, John Rahill, David Koonz, Eli Pandolfo, Adam Gowans, and Will Johnson, and

Whereas, the coaching staff of this admirable U-32 track and field team consisted of Mark Chaplin, George Olson, and Andrew Tripp, now therefore be it

Resolved by the Senate and House of Representatives:

That the General Assembly congratulates the 2013 U-32 Raiders Division II boys' championship track and field team, and be it further

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

#### **H.C.R. 177.**

House concurrent resolution commemorating the 50th anniversary of President Lyndon B. Johnson's declaration of the U.S. War on Poverty

Offered by: Representatives Taylor of Barre City, Bartholomew of Hartland, Bissonnette of Winooski, Botzow of Pownal, Brennan of Colchester, Buxton of Tunbridge, Campion of Bennington, Canfield of Fair Haven, Carr of Brandon, Christie of Hartford, Clarkson of Woodstock, Cole of Burlington, Condon of Colchester, Connor of Fairfield, Conquest of Newbury, Copeland-Hanzas of Bradford, Cross of Winooski, Cupoli of Rutland City, Dakin of Chester, Deen of Westminster, Dickinson of St. Albans Town, Donovan of Burlington, Ellis of Waterbury, Evans of Essex, Fagan of Rutland City, Fay of St. Johnsbury, Fisher of Lincoln, French of Randolph, Gage of Rutland City, Grad of Moretown, Greshin of Warren, Head of South Burlington, Heath of Westford, Helm of Fair Haven, Hooper of Montpelier, Hoyt of Norwich, Jerman of Essex, Jewett of Ripton, Johnson of South Hero,

Johnson of Canaan, Juskiewicz of Cambridge, Keenan of St. Albans City, Kitzmiller of Montpelier, Klein of East Montpelier, Krebs of South Hero, Krowinski of Burlington, Kupersmith of South Burlington, Lanpher of Vergennes, Larocque of Barnet, Lawrence of Lyndon, Lenes of Shelburne, Lewis of Berlin, Lippert of Hinesburg, Macaig of Williston, Malcolm of Pawlet, Manwaring of Wilmington, Marcotte of Coventry, Marek of Newfane, Martin of Springfield, Martin of Wolcott, Masland of Thetford, McCarthy of St. Albans City, McCormack of Burlington, McCullough of Williston, McFaun of Barre Town, Michelsen of Hardwick, Miller of Shaftsbury, Mitchell of Fairfax, Mook of Bennington, Moran of Wardsboro, Morrissey of Bennington, Mrowicki of Putney, Myers of Essex, Nuovo of Middlebury, O'Brien of Richmond, Partridge of Windham, Pearce of Richford, Peltz of Woodbury, Pugh of South Burlington, Quimby of Concord, Rachelson of Burlington, Russell of Rutland City, Savage of Swanton, Sharpe of Bristol, Shaw of Pittsford, Shaw of Derby, Smith of New Haven, Spengler of Colchester, Stevens of Waterbury, Stevens of Shoreham, Stuart of Brattleboro, Sweaney of Windsor, Till of Jericho, Toleno of Brattleboro, Toll of Danville, Townsend of South Burlington, Trieber of Rockingham, Webb of Shelburne, Wilson of Manchester, Winters of Williamstown, Wizowaty of Burlington, Yantachka of Charlotte, Young of Glover, and Zagar of Barnard

Whereas, on January 8, 1964, in his State of the Union Address, President Lyndon Johnson declared an “unconditional war on poverty in America,” vowing that “It will not be a short or easy struggle . . . but we shall not rest until that war is won . . .,” and

Whereas, he acknowledged that “Poverty is a national problem . . . but this attack, to be effective, must also be organized at the State and the local level and must be supported and directed by State and local efforts . . .,” and

Whereas, President Johnson declared that “Our aim is not only to relieve the symptom of poverty, but to cure it and, above all, to prevent it,” and

Whereas, on March 16, 1964, President Johnson called on Congress to pass the Economic Opportunity Act “to eliminate the paradox of poverty on the midst of plenty in this nation by opening . . . to everyone . . . the opportunity for education and training, the opportunity to work, and the opportunity to live in decency and dignity,” and

Whereas, Congress met that challenge and passed the Economic Opportunity Act, and on August 20, 1964, the President signed it into law, stating that “Our American answer to poverty is not to make the poor more secure in their poverty but to reach down and help them lift themselves out of the ruts of poverty and move . . . along the high road of hope and prosperity . . .,” and

Whereas, the War on Poverty created a wide array of antipoverty programs, including the Office of Economic Opportunity, Job Corps, VISTA, Head Start, Follow Through, Legal Services, and Community Action, and

Whereas, the spirit and vision of the War on Poverty stimulated many initiatives that empowered disenfranchised Americans, and included the enactment of laws related to civil rights, education, health care, housing, and Social Security, and

Whereas, for the past five decades, these programs and initiatives have combined to enable millions of Americans resolve crises, cope with financial hardships, improve and stabilize their lives, and lift themselves out of poverty, and are continuing to do so, despite drastic funding cuts, and

Whereas, today, January 8, 2014, is the 50th Anniversary of President Johnson's declaration of the War on Poverty, now therefore be it

Resolved by the Senate and House of Representatives:

That the General Assembly commemorates the 50th anniversary of the War on Poverty, and be it further

Resolved: That the Secretary of State be directed to send a copy of this resolution to the Governor's Council on Pathways Out of Poverty.

#### **H.C.R. 178.**

House concurrent resolution recognizing January 9, 2014 as Homeless Awareness Day at the State House

Offered by: Representatives Head of South Burlington, French of Randolph, Haas of Rochester, Heath of Westford, Moran of Wardsboro, O'Brien of Richmond, O'Sullivan of Burlington, Pugh of South Burlington, Stevens of Waterbury, Vowinkel of Hartford, Weed of Enosburgh, and Wizowaty of Burlington

Whereas, homelessness has been a persistent and growing problem nationally, and in Vermont, for over 30 years, and

Whereas, Harvard's Joint Center for Housing Studies reports that between 2001 and 2011, the number of renters with very low incomes surged nationally from three to 11.8 million, while the share of renters paying more than 30 percent of their income for housing jumped from 38 to 50 percent, and

Whereas, the National Alliance to End Homelessness estimates that about one-half of the homeless work, and

Whereas, HUD Secretary Donovan recently stated, "We are in the midst of the worst rental affordability crisis that this country has known," and

Whereas, Vermont has already lost 774 Section 8 vouchers due to sequestration and other federal cutbacks, and may lose more, and



Whereas, HUD reported that the number of homeless Vermonters on a single day in January rose from 1,160 to 1,454, with a corresponding 43 percent increase in homeless families; the Vermont Office of Economic Opportunity (OEO) documented 4,285 persons sheltered during FY 2013, of which 816 were children, and these increases were among the nation's highest, and

Whereas, the U.S. Department of Education reports that from 2010 to FY 2012, the number of homeless students enrolled in Vermont schools increased from 785 to 1,202, and

Whereas, OEO reports, in FY 2013, the average length of stay in the State's shelters was 30.7 days, more than twice as high as the 15.2 days in 2002, and

Whereas, unequal treatment based on housing status remains a barrier for finding housing, employment, voting, and receiving services, and

Whereas, homelessness has a disproportionate impact on those who have experienced domestic violence, LGBTQ persons, people with disabilities, people living with mental illness, and persons of color, and

Whereas, individuals who are homeless are more likely to be robbed, physically attacked, or sexually assaulted, and

Whereas, to emphasize the urgency of these problems, today is Homelessness Awareness Day at the State House, now therefore be it

Resolved by the Senate and House of Representatives:

That the General Assembly recognizes January 9, 2014 as Homeless Awareness 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 Coalition to End Homelessness and the Vermont Affordable Housing Coalition.

### **H.C.R. 179.**

House concurrent resolution congratulating the 2013 U-32 Raiders Division II girls' championship track and field team

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

Offered by: Senators Cummings, Doyle, and Pollina

Whereas, during the spring of 2013, the U-32 High School girls' track and field team excelled in many events, and

Whereas, its stellar performances throughout the season made this team a leading Division II contender at the State track and field competition held at the Heitkamp Track and Athletic Field at Fair Haven Union High School, and

Whereas, the Raiders met their advance billing, clinching first place in the javelin, the 4×100 and 4×800 relays, tying for first in the 4×400 relay, and winning the Division II competition 137 to 110 over second-place Harwood Union High School, and

Whereas, 2013 was the first year since 1996 that the U-32 girls' track and field team has won a State championship, and it joined the school's boys' track and field team as duo State champions, and

Whereas, the talented young athletes who were team members included Aisling Stephenson, Olivia Dexter, Abby Daniels, Rylie Partin, Orli Schwartz, Clara Carlson-Kirigin, Quinn McVeigh, Emily Delano, Liz Ksepka, Krista Towne, Madeline Goddard, Bethany Mallett, Jazz Lockyer-Wills, Kaylyn Crompton, Kate LaPorte, Maddy Bennett, Fiona Nichols-Fleming, Eliza Merrylees, and Lucy Hilgendorf, and

Whereas, coaches Mark Chaplin, George Olson, Andrew Tripp, and Diantha Driscoll each advised the students to maximize their athletic skills, now therefore be it

Resolved by the Senate and House of Representatives:

That the General Assembly congratulates the 2013 U-32 Raiders Division II girls' championship track and field team, and be it further

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

#### **H.C.R. 180.**

House concurrent resolution congratulating Clara Emlen of Calais on being named the 2014 America's National Teenager

Offered by: Representative Ancel of Calais

Offered by: Senators Cummings, Doyle, and Pollina

Whereas, the America's National Teenager Scholarship Organization was established in 1970 to conduct pageants that promote a positive image for teenage girls, and

Whereas, unlike the typical pageant, 70 percent of the scoring is based on a contestant's interviews with judges, leadership and community work, academics, and ability to respond to on-stage questions, and

Whereas, the winner of the 2013 Miss Vermont's National Teenager pageant was Clara Emlen of Calais, and

Whereas, this former legislative page is a student at Proctor Academy, and

Whereas, Clara volunteers at her school's Community Service Program, sings in the chamber choir, and has been a member of Proctor Academy's tennis and cross-country teams, and

Whereas, Clara has adopted a personal goal to educate the public about sexual violence and encourage strength over silence, and

Whereas, she has acted on this objective as a member of the Speakers' Bureau for RAINN, the largest anti-sexual violence organization in the United States, and through her volunteer work in Circle, an anti-domestic violence organization in Barre, and

Whereas, Clara Emlen is passionately interested in working with persons who have disabilities and hopes to become a special education teacher, and

Whereas, other organizations with which she has a special affinity include the Children's Miracle Network Hospitals and Special Olympics, and

Whereas, the winners of the state pageants gathered in San Antonio, Texas for the national competition, and

Whereas, to her great surprise, on July 27, Clara Emlen was crowned as the 2014 America's National Teenager and will be the recipient of a major college scholarship, and

Whereas, her responsibilities as America's National Teenager will take her across the nation for speaking and volunteering engagements at various organizations, and

Whereas, Clara Emlen is honored to serve as the 2014 America's National Teenager, now therefore be it

Resolved by the Senate and House of Representatives:

That the General Assembly congratulates Clara Emlen on being named the 2014 America's National Teenager, and be it further

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

### **S.C.R. 28.**

*Whereas*, the Yankee Male Chorus (YMC) is a unique vocal ensemble that assembles each August for musical camaraderie in Northern New England, and

*Whereas*, the choristers, consisting of approximately 90 singers from glee clubs in the New England and Middle Atlantic states, gather for a brief, but always memorable, schedule of a single rehearsal and four concerts, and

*Whereas*, this wonderful tradition of choral music-making began in 1953, when the first YMC concerts were performed as part of a Massachusetts

town's municipal celebration and in Grafton, VT which was observing its bicentennial, and

*Whereas*, since the inaugural Vermont concert, the White Church in Grafton has served as the home base for the YMC's musical activities, and

*Whereas*, Rolland E. Heermance, the founder of the Catskill Glee Club, led the YMC as its first regular conductor until his death in 1960, and other principal conductors have included Clifford Ormsby, Lawrence Coulter, Bruce J. Wagner, J. Brian Steeves, Nelson G. Burhans, David Lance, and most recently, Michael Wright of the Albany Mendelssohn Club, and

*Whereas*, other musicians associated with the YMC have included visiting accompanists, soloists, and composer Stephanie Gelfan, a native of Grafton, and

*Whereas*, prominent Vermont poet William Mundell, librarians C. Fred Seeger, William Yates, and William Murray, managers Nelson Burhans and Arnold Jones Jr., and staff assistants Pete Harrison and John Souza have contributed to the organization's continuing success, and

*Whereas*, in 2013, the YMC celebrated six decades of glorious choral music with performances at the First Baptist Church in Chester, St. James Episcopal Church in Keene, New Hampshire, Kurn Hattin Homes in Westminster, and culminating with its special concert at the White Church in Grafton, *now therefore be it*

***Resolved by the Senate and House of Representatives:***

That the General Assembly congratulates the Yankee Male Chorus on its 60th anniversary, *and be it further*

***Resolved:*** That the Secretary of State be directed to send a copy of this resolution to the Yankee Male Chorus.

**S.C.R. 29.**

Garey Larrabee on 40 years as the store's proprietors.

*Whereas*, near Joe's Pond in West Danville stands Hastings Store, and

*Whereas*, Jane Larrabee, and her husband Garey Larrabee, have served as the Hastings Store's proprietors since 1974, and

*Whereas*, in 1913, Jane Larrabee's paternal grandparents, Jennie and Gilbert Hastings, purchased the long-existing store on learning from Jennie's parents that it was for sale, and

*Whereas*, Jennie and Gilbert Hastings operated the Hastings Store while raising their family in the building's residential quarters, as did their son and daughter-in-law, Ralph and Mabel Hastings, and

*Whereas*, Jane Hastings graduated as an art education major from Skidmore College, and had no plans to devote her full-time career to the store, and

*Whereas*, her life's course was altered when U.S. Navy veteran Garey Larrabee walked into her life, and 1,050 days later they were married, and

*Whereas*, Garey Larrabee still jokes that their joint entrepreneurial adventure was the biggest mistake of their lives, and

*Whereas*, in the small post office located in the store, Ralph Hastings served as the West Danville postmaster, a job Garey Larrabee now performs, and

*Whereas*, the store's history has included sausage-making, and cutting and storing ice blocks from Joe's Pond, and

*Whereas*, despite their many responsibilities in the store and post office, the Larrabees are active community members, having assisted with the famous Joe's Pond Ice Out Contest, served on civic boards, cared for their church's property, and helped neighbors in need, and

*Whereas*, the Larrabee's commemorated Hastings Store's centennial with a special celebration on October 13, 2013, and

*Whereas*, including Jane Larrabee's great-grandparents, children, and grandchildren, six generations of the Hastings' family have been associated with this local landmark, *now therefore be it*

***Resolved by the Senate and House of Representatives:***

That the General Assembly congratulates Hastings Store on its centennial anniversary and Jane and Garey Larrabee on 40 years as the store's proprietors, *and be it further*

***Resolved:*** That the Secretary of State be directed to send a copy of this resolution to Hastings Store.