

CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

ADDENDUM

TO THE

HOUSE CALENDAR

**Text of House Concurrent
Resolutions**

of

January 17, 2013

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. 1.

House concurrent resolution congratulating Food Works at Two Rivers Center of Montpelier on its 25th anniversary

Offered by: Representative Klein of East Montpelier

Offered by: Senators Cummings, Doyle, and Pollina

Whereas, Vermont is a state fiercely committed to the ideals of self-sufficiency, independence, ecological sustainability, small farms, and social justice, and

Whereas, the 1986 Governor's Task Force on Hunger first revealed the "quiet crisis" of childhood hunger across the state of Vermont, and

Whereas, the state of Vermont has been steadily losing small family farms at an alarming rate, and

Whereas, Vermont citizens have long recognized the values of responsible stewardship of the land and healthy eating as cornerstones of personal and community welfare, and

Whereas, Vermont has been at the forefront of the national farm-to-school movement and local food initiatives for decades, and

Whereas, the Montpelier nonprofit organization Food Works, established in 1987, has been a founding partner of Vermont-F.E.E.D. (Food Education Every Day), together with Shelburne Farms and NOFA-Vermont (Northeast Organic Farmers Organization), and

Whereas, over the past several years, Food Works has been a leading food hub through its Two Rivers Center in Montpelier by distributing hundreds of thousands of pounds of local foods to congregate meal sites serving at-risk Vermonters, including senior centers, public schools, early childhood education centers, mental health facilities, food shelves, and hospitals, now therefore be it

Resolved by the Senate and House of Representatives:

That the General Assembly congratulates Food Works on its 25th anniversary and for its commitment to food justice through education programs

that teach the fundamentals of growing, preparing, and preserving fresh food and for its pioneering role in the farm-to-school movement, and be it further

Resolved: That the Secretary of State be directed to send a copy of this resolution to Food Works at Two Rivers Center in Montpelier.

H.C.R. 2.

House concurrent resolution recognizing January 10, 2013 as Homeless Awareness Day at the State House

Offered by: Representative Head of South Burlington

Whereas, being deprived of a permanent place to live is an indignity that far too many Vermont individuals and families continue to endure, and

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

Whereas, the annual one-day “Point in Time” count of people who are homeless in Vermont reflects a sad societal commentary, and

Whereas, Vermont’s homeless population, which includes people “couch surfing” or otherwise precariously housed, rose from 2,281 in 2008 to 2,819 in 2012, and

Whereas, in Executive Order No. 03-12, Governor Peter Shumlin re-established the Vermont Council on Homelessness to address comprehensively this serious public policy problem, and

Whereas, a growing percentage of the homeless are families with children, and the “Emergency Shelter/Solutions Grants Vermont Annual Report for State Fiscal Year 2012” (the ESG Report) documented 4,244 persons sheltered, of which 952 or 22 percent were homeless children, and

Whereas, with increasing frequency, the homeless are individuals or families who have suffered a personal trauma such as job loss or domestic abuse, and

Whereas, many homeless families have one adult working member but due to financial circumstances are unable to afford permanent housing and are forced to live in temporary arrangements with family members or friends or in a shelter facility, and

Whereas, according to the ESG Report, in FY 2012, the average length of stay in the state’s shelters was 36.3 days, higher than the 15.2 days in 2002, and the insufficiency of affordable housing is commonly accepted as one of the primary reasons for this dramatic increase, and

Whereas, to emphasize the urgency of the problems facing Vermont’s homeless, a Homelessness Awareness Day and Memorial Vigil at the State

House are being held on this, the second, day of the 2013 legislative session, now therefore be it

Resolved by the Senate and House of Representatives:

That the General Assembly welcomes those individuals visiting the General Assembly for Homelessness 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.

H.C.R. 3.

House concurrent resolution recognizing the outstanding work of the Vermont Human Trafficking Task Force and designating January 11, 2013 as Human Trafficking Awareness Day in Vermont

Offered by: Representatives Ram of Burlington, Ancel of Calais, Bissonnette of Winooski, Branagan of Georgia, Buxton of Tunbridge, Campion of Bennington, Christie of Hartford, Condon of Colchester, Consejo of Sheldon, Copeland-Hanzas of Bradford, Dakin of Chester, Deen of Westminster, Dickinson of St. Albans Town, Donovan of Burlington, Fay of St. Johnsbury, Grad of Moretown, Greshin of Warren, Jewett of Ripton, Krowinski of Burlington, Lenes of Shelburne, Lewis of Berlin, Lippert of Hinesburg, Martin of Wolcott, Masland of Thetford, McCullough of Williston, Moran of Wardsboro, Nuovo of Middlebury, Partridge of Windham, Pearson of Burlington, Peltz of Woodbury, Pugh of South Burlington, Ralston of Middlebury, Sharpe of Bristol, Stuart of Brattleboro, Sweaney of Windsor, Townsend of South Burlington, Webb of Shelburne, Wilson of Manchester, Wizowaty of Burlington, Woodward of Johnson, and Yantachka of Charlotte

Offered by: Senator Sears

Whereas, the number of human beings estimated to be enslaved today has reached over 27 million worldwide, the highest in recorded history, and

Whereas, according to the U.S. Department of State Trafficking in Persons Report 2010, 12.3 million adults and children are currently in forced labor and forced prostitution worldwide, and

Whereas, the number of prostituted children who are United States citizens has been estimated at between 100,000 and 300,000, and

Whereas, human trafficking is the second-largest and fastest-growing criminal industry in the world today, and

Whereas, in 2010, the Vermont Human Trafficking Task Force was established as part of the Vermont Center for Crime Victim Services and has worked diligently to create a statewide protocol for collaboration between law enforcement and victim services in Vermont, and

Whereas, since the passage of Act 55 in 2011, “An act relating to human trafficking,” the Vermont Human Trafficking Task Force has made substantial progress in protecting the citizens of Vermont against human trafficking, and

Whereas, the Polaris Project, an organization dedicated to “a world without slavery,” has ranked state laws on human trafficking and awarded Vermont its top Tier One rating, and

Whereas, in 2007, the U.S. Senate adopted S.CON.RES.40, “A concurrent resolution supporting the goals and ideals of observing the National Day of Human Trafficking Awareness on January 11 of each year to raise awareness of and opposition to human trafficking,” of which U.S. Senator Obama was a cosponsor, now therefore be it

Resolved by the Senate and House of Representatives:

That the General Assembly recognizes the importance of the work of the Vermont Human Trafficking Task Force in promoting public awareness, increasing the number of victims identified and rescued, and increasing the number of those who are apprehended and prosecuted for the crime of human trafficking, and be it further

Resolved: That the General Assembly designates January 11, 2013 as Human Trafficking Awareness Day in Vermont, and be it further

Resolved: That the Secretary of State be directed to send a copy of this resolution to the Vermont Human Trafficking Task Force at the Vermont Center for Crime Victim Services in Waterbury.

H.C.R. 4.

House concurrent resolution congratulating Nathaniel Boone on being named a recipient of the Congressional Gold Medal

Offered by: Representatives Wilson of Manchester, Browning of Arlington, Goodwin of Weston, and Komline of Dorset

Whereas, the Congressional Gold Medal is the highest civilian honor Congress bestows, and

Whereas, the congressional commissioning of gold medals predates the Declaration of Independence with the first having been presented to George Washington on March 25, 1776, and other medals have since been awarded to many distinguished recipients, and

Whereas, a prerequisite for the consideration of candidates for Congressional Gold Medal designation is that the authorizing federal legislation have a minimum of two-thirds’ sponsorship in its originating chamber, and

Whereas, one of the newest recipients is Nathaniel (Nate) Boone of Manchester who was presented a Congressional Gold Medal on June 27 at a ceremony in Washington, D.C., and

Whereas, Nate Boone was honored as one of approximately 400 African-American Marines of the 20,000 who between 1942 and 1949 completed Marine boot camp at the segregated Montford Point training facility located at Camp Lejeune, North Carolina, and

Whereas, these patriotic Americans served their country under extremely difficult circumstances, having been required to not only meet the rigorous demands made of every Marine but also endure hostile superiors who often disrespected them and did not want them to be part of the U.S. Marine Corps, and

Whereas, following his discharge in 1948 as a corporal, Nate Boone graduated from Bates College and Boston University Law School, and

Whereas, in 1989, Nate Boone retired from the practice of law in New Jersey, and his wife and he moved permanently to Manchester after having been part-time residents in Winhall for many years, and

Whereas, Nate Boone has been a leader in the Manchester community, chairing the board of directors at Hildene, serving as a deacon and on committees at the First Congregational Church, and working on behalf of other community organizations, now therefore be it

Resolved by the Senate and House of Representatives:

That the General Assembly congratulates Nathaniel Boone on being named a recipient of the Congressional Gold Medal, and be it further

Resolved: That the Secretary of State be directed to send a copy of this resolution to Nathaniel Boone in Manchester.

H.C.R. 5.

House concurrent resolution congratulating the 2012 9-10 Vermont State Little League championship Williston 9-10 All Stars baseball team

Offered by: Representatives Macaig of Williston and McCullough of Williston

Offered by: Senator Lyons

Whereas, in July 2012, in the 9–10 age group, the Williston 9-10 All Stars won the Vermont District 1 Little League competition for the first time since 2000, and

Whereas, at the Vermont 9-10 Little League championship tournament, Williston defeated District 4 representative Bennington once and the District 3

team from St. Albans twice to become the state champions in its age group, and

Whereas, because a regional Little League tournament did not exist in 2000, this team became the first from Williston to play at the New England Little League championship tournament, which in 2012 was hosted by the Cranston, Rhode Island Little League, and

Whereas, Williston defeated Maine by 8–6 in the opening game, and

Whereas, although it subsequently lost contests to Massachusetts (16–15), Rhode Island (8–6), and New Hampshire (9–8), the Williston players skillfully represented Vermont, loading the bases in the late innings of each game and forcing New Hampshire to earn its win in extra innings, and

Whereas, the roster of the 2012 Vermont 9-10 championship Williston Little League baseball team included Baker Angstman, Brandon Arnold, Jake Boliba, Ryan Eaton, Ben Herskowitz, Aidan Johnson, Cale Layman, Ben Mazza-Bergeron, Griffin McDermott, Owen McDermott, Storm Rushford, and Ryan Spear, and

Whereas, Gino Johnson and Kevin McDermott were outstanding coaches, and Paul Angstman managed the team with great success, now therefore be it

Resolved by the Senate and House of Representatives:

That the General Assembly congratulates the 2012 9-10 Vermont State Little League championship Williston 9-10 All Stars baseball team, and be it further

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

H.C.R. 6.

House concurrent resolution congratulating the 2012 Harwood Union High School Highlanders Division II championship field hockey team

Offered by: Representatives Stevens of Waterbury, Ellis of Waterbury, Grad of Moretown, and Greshin of Warren

Whereas, scoring in field hockey entails tactical decisions frequently executed in rapid succession, and

Whereas, in the fall of 2012, the Division II championship game played in Burlington featured the 2010 and 2011 title holder, the Harwood Union High School Highlanders, who faced a talented opponent in the U-32 Raiders, and

Whereas, with 11:03 remaining in regulation playing time, the Highlanders broke a scoreless tie with a successful corner play establishing a Harwood 1–0 lead which held for the remainder of the contest, and

Whereas, this Harwood victory brought the Highlanders their third consecutive Division II field hockey title, and the team members who made it possible included Kasey Jones, Rebecca Hamel, Katlyn Martin, Sarah Wry, Rebecca Thompson, Ahn Jacobson, Ashley Nelson, Meredith Goodwin, Haley Spittle, Mia Burfoot, Emily Reagan, Chase Fortier, Ragan McMann, Jocelyn Noyes, Guusje Damsteeg, Jennifer Risi, Kaylie Viens, Kelly Myrto, Ashley Wood, Megan Meany, and Martha McKenna, and

Whereas, Head Coach Heidi Hill was critical in making the 2012 Harwood field hockey championship a reality, now therefore be it

Resolved by the Senate and House of Representatives:

That the General Assembly congratulates the 2012 Harwood Union High School Highlanders Division II championship field hockey team, and be it further

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

H.C.R. 7.

House concurrent resolution congratulating the 2012 Harwood Union High School boys' and girls' Division II cross-country championship teams

Offered by: Representatives Stevens of Waterbury, Ellis of Waterbury, Grad of Moretown, and Greshin of Warren

Whereas, on Saturday, October 27, the Harwood Union High School Division II boys' and girls' cross-country teams competed at the state championship meet in Thetford, and each came home as a 2012 Division II champion, and

Whereas, the boy Highlanders clinched their fourth divisional title in the past five years and their 11th overall as the five-runner squad secured second, third, fourth, seventh and 12th place times among the competitors, and

Whereas, the entire 2012 Harwood Union High School boys' cross-country team included Geoffrey Kazlow, Nathaniel Kazlow, Nathanael Kuzio, Sam Nishi, Caleb Kessler, Jacob Palmerio, and Jacob Pitman, and

Whereas, the Harwood cross-country girls' team captured an amazing fourth consecutive Division II championship and its eighth overall as the individual Highlanders crossed the finish line in third, fifth, tenth, 11th, and 12th place, and

Whereas, the complete 2012 roster of Harwood Union High School girls' cross-country team members included Ellie Ramsey, Jaime Thomas, India Harvey, Marla Davidson, Alice Woodruff, Grace Butler, and Charlotte Boyden, and

Whereas, Head Coach John Kerrigan and Assistant Coach Rich Rivers expertly guided both teams to victory, now therefore be it

Resolved by the Senate and House of Representatives:

That the General Assembly congratulates the 2012 Harwood Union High School boys' and girls' Division II cross-country championship teams, and be it further

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

H.C.R. 8.

House concurrent resolution congratulating Laura Ziegler of Plainfield on being named the recipient of the 30th annual David W. Curtis Civil Liberties Award

Offered by: Representatives Ancel of Calais, Pugh of South Burlington, Clarkson of Woodstock, Cole of Burlington, Consejo of Sheldon, Copeland-Hanzas of Bradford, Dakin of Chester, Deen of Westminster, Devereux of Mount Holly, Donahue of Northfield, Donovan of Burlington, Emmons of Springfield, Evans of Essex, Frank of Underhill, French of Randolph, Haas of Rochester, Head of South Burlington, Heath of Westford, Higley of Lowell, Hubert of Milton, Jerman of Essex, Keenan of St. Albans City, Klein of East Montpelier, Koch of Barre Town, Komline of Dorset, Lippert of Hinesburg, Manwaring of Wilmington, Martin of Wolcott, McFaun of Barre Town, Nuovo of Middlebury, O'Brien of Richmond, Partridge of Windham, Pearson of Burlington, Peltz of Woodbury, Smith of Morristown, Sweaney of Windsor, Till of Jericho, Townsend of Randolph, Townsend of South Burlington, and Trieber of Rockingham

Offered by: Senators Cummings, Doyle, Pollina, Ashe, Ayer, Baruth, Benning, Campbell, Collins, Flory, Fox, Galbraith, Hartwell, Kitchel, Lyons, MacDonald, Mazza, McAllister, McCormack, Mullin, Nitka, Sears, Starr, Westman, and White

Whereas, a central tenet of the mission of the American Civil Liberties Union (ACLU) is "to protect citizens' constitutional rights," and

Whereas, each year, the ACLU of Vermont presents its David W. Curtis Civil Liberties Award to an individual who demonstrates a special commitment to the protection of civil liberties, and

Whereas, in 2012, the ACLU of Vermont honored Laura Ziegler of Plainfield as the 30th recipient of the David W. Curtis Civil Liberties Award, and

Whereas, the ACLU of Vermont recognized Laura Ziegler “for protecting the rights of psychiatric survivors and people with disabilities and for her steadfast commitment to government accountability,” and

Whereas, in its citation, the award described Laura Ziegler as “a tireless self-appointed advocate for citizens who are frequently marginalized and unheard in our society,” and

Whereas, Laura Ziegler devotes countless hours to the promotion of legislation that seeks to address the legal barriers and dilemmas that persons with disabilities confront in their daily lives, and

Whereas, she is a familiar presence during the legislative session in the hallways and committee rooms of the State House, and

Whereas, members of the General Assembly have come to trust the integrity of this extraordinarily dedicated citizen advocate whose sole objective is to improve the life and dignity of persons who have psychiatric disabilities, and

Whereas, Laura Ziegler is a most deserved recipient of the 2012 David W. Curtis Civil Liberties Award, now therefore be it

Resolved by the Senate and House of Representatives:

That the General Assembly congratulates Laura Ziegler of Plainfield on being named the recipient of the 30th annual David W. Curtis Civil Liberties Award, and be it further

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

H.C.R. 9.

House concurrent resolution honoring Donald Vickers for his career role assisting students to achieve their education goals beyond high school

Offered by: Representative Heath of Westford

Whereas, for four decades, the ability of Vermont students to get career and educational counseling and financing for their higher education has been superbly facilitated through the efforts of Don Vickers and his colleagues at the Vermont Student Assistance Corporation (VSAC), and

Whereas, Don Vickers graduated from Johnson State College and remained at his alma mater as director of financial aid, placement, and faculty housing, and

Whereas, in 1971, he became VSAC's first director of state grant programs, and

Whereas, over the last 42 years, Don Vickers has focused on the VSAC mission to ensure that all Vermonters have the necessary information and financial resources to pursue their education goals beyond high school, and

Whereas, in 1988, the VSAC board appointed him as the organization's interim executive director; his status was made permanent in 1990; and in 1997 he was named the organization's president and chief executive officer, and

Whereas, during Don Vickers' more than a quarter-century of leading VSAC, the organization achieved many innovative milestones including creation of the nation's first nondegree grant program to allow adult students to take a single course to gain training before re-entering the classroom or the workforce and including the establishment of the VSAC Resource Center and Library, and

Whereas, he has served on national higher education financing panels, and

Whereas, Don Vickers successfully led VSAC through a difficult federally directed transition and downsizing, and

Whereas, he capably chaired the Essex Town School Board, and

Whereas, in recognition of his many contributions to higher education, Don Vickers will be the 2013 recipient of the New England Board of Higher Education's prestigious Eleanor M. McMahon Award for Lifetime Achievement, and

Whereas, in June 2013, Don Vickers will retire from VSAC to his farm in the town of Georgia, where he hopes to work the land and continue his local civic activities, now therefore be it

Resolved by the Senate and House of Representatives:

That the General Assembly honors Donald Vickers for his career role in assisting students to achieve their education goals beyond high school, and be it further

Resolved: That the Secretary of State be directed to send a copy of this resolution to Don Vickers and to VSAC headquarters in Winooski.