

CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

ADDENDUM

TO THE

HOUSE CALENDAR

**Text of House Concurrent
Resolutions**

of

February 14, 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. 30.

House concurrent resolution commemorating the 20th anniversary of the federal Family and Medical Leave Act of 1993

Offered by: Representatives Ram of Burlington, Krowinski of Burlington, Buxton of Tunbridge, Clarkson of Woodstock, Cole of Burlington, Copeland-Hanzas of Bradford, Dakin of Chester, Donovan of Burlington, Evans of Essex, Fay of St. Johnsbury, Haas of Rochester, Head of South Burlington, Hooper of Montpelier, Keenan of St. Albans City, Lenex of Shelburne, Lippert of Hinesburg, Manwaring of Wilmington, Martin of Springfield, Masland of Thetford, McCarthy of St. Albans City, Miller of Shaftsbury, O'Brien of Richmond, O'Sullivan of Burlington, Partridge of Windham, Pearson of Burlington, Pugh of South Burlington, Ralston of Middlebury, Spengler of Colchester, Stevens of Waterbury, Sweaney of Windsor, Townsend of South Burlington, Vowinkel of Wilder, Waite-Simpson of Essex, Weed of Enosburgh, Wilson of Manchester, and Wizowaty of Burlington

Offered by: Senators Ashe, Ayer, Baruth, Campbell, Cummings, Fox, Lyons, Pollina, Snelling, White, and Zuckerman

Whereas, on February 5, 1993, President Bill Clinton signed one of the first laws of his presidency, the Family and Medical Leave Act of 1993, Pub. L. No. 103-3, and

Whereas, this historic legislation applied to persons who have been continuously employed for at least a year, have accumulated 1,250 work hours in the past year, and who are employed at an organization with a minimum of 50 employees within a 75-mile radius, and

Whereas, the law as enacted permits qualified employees to take a maximum of 12 weeks of unpaid leave to recover from a personal illness, care for an ill family member, or for maternity or paternity leave, and

Whereas, in 2008, in accordance with Pub. L. No. 110-181, the law's scope was expanded to include new provisions related to unpaid leave for immediate family members of deployed military personnel, and

Whereas, as a way to assess the law's economic impact, in 2012, the U.S. Department of Labor conducted a study, and

Whereas, a key finding was that overall the Act was having a positive effect with minimal burdens on businesses, and

Whereas, three-quarters of the worksites covered by the law reported that administering the law was easy, and

Whereas, 90 percent of the surveyed employers reported that compliance had either a positive or no effect on their business and that intermittent leave was not the burden that had been anticipated, and

Whereas, only 2.5 percent of the surveyed employers reported suspicions of abuse, and an even lower 1.6 percent reported confirmed abuses, and

Whereas, the federal Family and Medical Leave Act has assisted numerous Americans, a majority of whom are women, during times of either a family medical emergency or upon the birth, adoption, or foster placement of a child, and

Whereas, February 5, 2013 marked the 20th anniversary of the federal Family and Medical Leave Act, now therefore be it

Resolved by the Senate and House of Representatives:

That the General Assembly commemorates the 20th anniversary of the federal Family and Medical Leave Act, and be it further

Resolved: That the Secretary of State be directed to send a copy of this resolution to the Vermont Commission on Women.

H.C.R. 31.

House concurrent resolution honoring Vermont State Police Sergeant Todd A. Protzman

Offered by: Representatives South of St. Johnsbury and Masland of Thetford

Whereas, Sgt. Todd Protzman is an ideal example of a Vermont State Police Officer, and

Whereas, his Police Academy classmates recognized his career potential with the peer-voted Eugene Giotti Award, and

Whereas, at his Police Academy graduation, the future sergeant played the National Anthem on the saxophone, and

Whereas, Officer Todd Protzman began his law enforcement career with a posting at the St. Johnsbury barracks in 1993, and was subsequently reassigned to Bradford, and

Whereas, for many years, Officer Todd Protzman worked as a state trooper and then as a patrol commander, and

Whereas, Officer Todd Protzman was an excellent member of the force, and in 2003 was promoted to the rank of sergeant, and

Whereas, after working as a trooper, Sgt. Todd Protzman transitioned to the K-9 unit where he worked for eight years, and he especially enjoyed working with K-9 Max with whom he was inducted into the Vermont Police Canine Hall of Fame, and

Whereas, Sgt. Todd Protzman was also the recipient of the K-9 pin with wreath, was named as a member of the K-9 Apprehension Team of 2004, and was instrumental in establishing the Vermont Police Canine Association of which he served as its first president, and

Whereas, most recently, he has been assigned to the Vermont State Police polygraph unit, and

Whereas, during his State Police career, Todd Protzman attended the field training officer's school, canine school, the Vermont Public Manager's training course, and the polygraph school, and

Whereas, among the awards Todd Protzman received are the Combat Cross, the Director's Award with star device, and the Sinclair 6×6 Fitness Award, and he served on the honor guard, and

Whereas, he is concluding his Vermont State Police career and is looking forward to spending additional time with his wife, Jana, and son, Logan, now therefore be it

Resolved by the Senate and House of Representatives:

That the General Assembly honors Sergeant Todd A. Protzman, and be it further

Resolved: That the Secretary of State be directed to send a copy of this resolution to Sgt. Todd Protzman.

H.C.R. 32.

House concurrent resolution honoring the 2012 class of Vermont Boy Scouts awarded the rank of Eagle

Offered by: Representatives Koch of Barre Town, Batchelor of Derby, Bissonnette of Winooski, Botzow of Pownal, Bouchard of Colchester, Branagan of Georgia, Browning of Arlington, Canfield of Fair Haven, Cheney of Norwich, Clarkson of Woodstock, Conquest of Newbury, Consejo of Sheldon, Copeland-Hanzas of Bradford, Devereux of Mount Holly, Donahue of Northfield, Ellis of Waterbury, Emmons of Springfield, Fagan of Rutland City, Feltus of Lyndon, Frank of Underhill, Gage of Rutland City, Goodwin of Weston, Greshin of Warren, Haas of Rochester, Heath of Westford, Hebert of Vernon, Helm of Fair Haven, Higley of Lowell, Hooper of Montpelier, Hubert of Milton, Keenan of St. Albans City, Kilmartin of Newport City, Lanpher of

Vergennes, Lawrence of Lyndon, Macaig of Williston, Manwaring of Wilmington, Marcotte of Coventry, Marek of Newfane, Martin of Springfield, Martin of Wolcott, Masland of Thetford, McCullough of Williston, McFaun of Barre Town, Miller of Shaftsbury, Moran of Wardsboro, Myers of Essex, O'Brien of Richmond, Quimby of Concord, Savage of Swanton, Shaw of Pittsford, Shaw of Derby, Smith of New Haven, South of St. Johnsbury, Spengler of Colchester, Stevens of Shoreham, Sweaney of Windsor, Terenzini of Rutland Town, Toll of Danville, Turner of Milton, Wilson of Manchester, and Winters of Williamstown

Offered by: Senators Benning, Cummings, Doyle, Flory, French, Galbraith, Kitchel, Mazza, Mullin, Nitka, and Pollina

Whereas, the Green Mountain Council of the Boy Scouts of America enables young Vermont men of all backgrounds to participate in a special opportunity to learn important lifelong skills and values, and

Whereas, through his membership in the Boy Scouts of America, each of these young men receives important preparation for future citizenship and leadership roles in his community, and

Whereas, the ultimate goal of a Boy Scout is to achieve the rank of Eagle, and only a small number achieves this highest scouting rank, and

Whereas, during 2012, the following Vermonters achieved Eagle rank: Alex Altland, Jonathan Alvin, Anthony Augustino Jr., Drew Bartley, Eric Bean, Ryan Beauregard, Patrick Bonson, Jon Brodhurst, Austin Burbank, Ian Campbell, Derrick Carruthers, Alexander Charboneau, Thomas Charnley, Ethan Clifford, Joshua Criss, Jeremy Daigle, Alexander DeRoehn, Alexander DeWitt, Aaron Doney, Benjamin Doucette, Peter Drew, Benjamin Faller, Judd Fellows, Jason Field, Nathan Fleming, Dakota Folmsbee, Nathaniel Garland, Alexander Gilbert, Joshua Gilman, Ethan Griswold, Micah Heaney, Duncan Hebard, Nicholas Hebert, Benjamin Hertford, Russell Johnstone, Donovan Kelly, Thomas Kendall, David Kirk II, Kedron Lague, Christopher Major, David Malinowski, Thomas Manton Jr., Richard Mathewson IV, Zachary Matthews, James Mazzola, Sean McCullen, Nathaniel Nichols-Fleming, Nathaniel Ogilvie, Jeffrey Ouellette, Eric Rauert, Aaron Roberts, Ryan Roberts, David Schindler, Nicholas Scibek, Matthew Sem, Joshua Sharp, Philip Sheedy, Dylan Stevens, Timothy Stevens, Joshua Stiles, Davis Stockton, Kenneth Sypher III, Sean Tillotson, Andrew Towle, Benjamin Towle, Zachary Trottier, Jefferson Tucker, Kevin VanAllen, Colin Watts, William Wilson, James Winslow, Zachary Wood, and Jedediah Worthington, and

Whereas, many of these outstanding young men are gathered today, February 8, 2013, at the State House to be honored, now therefore be it

Resolved by the Senate and House of Representatives:

That the General Assembly congratulates the 2012 class of Vermont Boy Scouts awarded the rank of Eagle, and be it further

Resolved: That the Secretary of State be directed to send a copy of this resolution to the Green Mountain Council of the Boy Scouts of America in Waterbury for distribution to each Eagle Scout honored in this resolution.

H.C.R. 33.

House concurrent resolution designating February 14 as One Billion Rising Day in Vermont

Offered by: Representatives Hooper of Montpelier, Fay of St. Johnsbury, Browning of Arlington, Burke of Brattleboro, Buxton of Tunbridge, Christie of Hartford, Clarkson of Woodstock, Consejo of Sheldon, Copeland-Hanzas of Bradford, Dakin of Chester, Davis of Washington, Donovan of Burlington, Ellis of Waterbury, Evans of Essex, Grad of Moretown, Haas of Rochester, Jerman of Essex, Krowinski of Burlington, Larocque of Barnet, Lenes of Shelburne, Macaig of Williston, Malcolm of Pawlet, Martin of Springfield, McCarthy of St. Albans City, Michelsen of Hardwick, Mrowicki of Putney, Nuovo of Middlebury, Partridge of Windham, Pearson of Burlington, Peltz of Woodbury, Pugh of South Burlington, Rachelson of Burlington, Shaw of Pittsford, Shaw of Derby, Stevens of Waterbury, Sweaney of Windsor, Taylor of Barre City, Toleno of Brattleboro, Townsend of South Burlington, Waite-Simpson of Essex, Weed of Enosburgh, Wizowaty of Burlington, and Zagar of Barnard

Whereas, V-Day is “a global activist movement to end violence against women,” and it promotes this goal through various public awareness events, and

Whereas, the motivation for V-Day’s establishment was the grim reality that violence against women is a serious international problem, and

Whereas, according to V-Day, “one in three women on the planet will be raped or beaten in her lifetime,” and

Whereas, here in the United States, V-Day estimates that one in four women will be raped, and

Whereas, V-Day also reports that over 50 percent of Vermont homicides in the last decade have been related to domestic violence, and

Whereas, the continuing excessive amount of violence perpetrated against women, both domestically and internationally, is a horrible situation, and action to combat this phenomenon is extremely important, and

Whereas, as a fitting observance of V-Day's 15th anniversary, V-Day has designated February 14, 2013 as a day of One Billion Rising to call out against violence against women and girls around the world, and

Whereas, on February 14, V-Day is "inviting one billion women and those who love them to walk out, dance, rise up, and demand an end to this violence" as a worldwide demonstration of support for combating violence against women, now therefore be it

Resolved by the Senate and House of Representatives:

That the General Assembly designates February 14, 2013 as One Billion Rising Day in Vermont, and be it further

Resolved: That the Secretary of State be directed to send a copy of this resolution to the local representative of the V-Day organization.

S.C.R. 16.

Senate concurrent resolution congratulating Fabian Earth Moving, Ind. And Edward A. Fabian on the company's 75th anniversary.

Whereas, in 1937, Anthony P. Fabian established Fabian Earth Moving, Inc. in West Rutland, and

Whereas, his son, Edward Fabian, began working at the business in 1951 and in 2013, he continues to drive a company truck, and

Whereas, in 2005, Edward's son, Ron, daughter, Chris, and her husband, John, purchased the business, transferring Fabian Earth Moving, Inc. to its third generation of family owners, and

Whereas, Fabian Earth Moving, Inc. is an excavating contractor working with engineering firms, building contractors, municipalities, utilities, environmental firms, residential clients, and landscaping companies throughout Vermont, and

Whereas, in 1994, on behalf of the State of Vermont, Fabian Earth Moving, Inc. brought the National Christmas Tree to the White House, and

Whereas, in 1998, Fabian Earth Moving, Inc. performed another task of national significance when it transported the replacement mast for the U.S.S. Constitution, known as Old Ironsides, from Proctor to Boston, and

Whereas, Fabian Earth Moving, Inc. supports youth programs at local schools, and the company's staff volunteers its time to work on community beautification projects, and

Whereas, during Tropical Storm Irene, the staff of Fabian Earth Moving, Inc. worked many long hours, and its efforts were credited with saving a West Rutland neighborhood when the company redirected raging water away from the neighborhood's homes, and

Whereas, the company also worked closely with utility companies to restore telephone and electrical services following the storm, and

Whereas, Fabian Earth Moving, Inc. is extremely proud of its safety record of never having a lost time accident in its history, *now therefore be it*

Resolved by the Senate and House of Representatives:

That the General Assembly congratulates Fabian Earth Moving, Inc. and Edward A. Fabian on the company's 75th anniversary, *and be it further*

Resolved: That the Secretary of State be directed to send a copy of this resolution to Fabian Earth Moving, Inc. in West Rutland.