

CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

ADDENDUM

TO THE

HOUSE CALENDAR

**Text of House Concurrent
Resolutions**

of

February 21, 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. 34.

House concurrent resolution congratulating the 2012 Black River High School Presidents' Division IV girls' championship soccer team

Offered by: Representative Devereux of Mount Holly

Offered by: Senators Nitka, Campbell, and McCormack

Whereas, in 2012, the Division IV Black River Presidents' girls' soccer team played to win during the regular season and in the playoff competition earned a berth in the Division IV championship game at South Royalton where the opponent was the Proctor Phantoms, and

Whereas, in an exciting contest, Proctor scored the opening goal, beginning a scoring cycle that earned the Phantoms a 2-1 half-time lead, tying the game at 2-2 with 18:50 remaining in regulation play, and resulting in a thrilling 3-2 Black River victory on a penalty kick, and

Whereas, the Presidents' 2012 Division IV championship was their fourth in seven years, and this hard-won victory capped a memorable 14-4 season, and

Whereas, the victorious Black River Presidents included Tiffany Norton, Alexis Palmer, Kelsey Rebhan, Phoebe Tucker, Blakely Gilmore, Morgan Kathan, Hannah Livingston, Gabrielle Miele, Sydney Miele, Sarah Rumrill, Brooke Willard, A.J. Bussino, Kateri Collins, Abigail Schmidt, Sara Stryhas, Leslie Bixby, Morgan Collins, Jordyn Corrigan, Meredith Greene, Alyssa Letourneau, Montana Letourneau, and Paige Wade, and they had perceptive advice from Head Coach Patrick Pullinen and Assistant Coach Greg Kathan, now therefore be it

Resolved by the Senate and House of Representatives:

That the General Assembly congratulates the 2012 Black River High School Presidents' Division IV girls' championship soccer team, and be it further

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

H.C.R. 35.

House concurrent resolution commending watershed organizations for their role in river and lake cleanup activities in Vermont

Offered by: Representatives Townsend of South Burlington and Deen of Westminster

Whereas, clean water is essential to Vermonters' personal health and the health of our economy and environment, and

Whereas, water-based recreation is a vital aspect of our State's identity as a major recreational activity among Vermonters and visitors to our state, and

Whereas, polluted waters are not accessible waters, do not support aquatic life, and imperil public health, and

Whereas, it is important to improve continuously the quality of Vermont's waters, and

Whereas, a number of watershed organizations working in Vermont are engaged in efforts to rid Vermont's waters of natural and human-originated debris, and

Whereas, in 2012, one watershed organization, the Rozalia Project, directed a project involving 1,430 participants who picked up 503,317 pieces of marine debris, equaling 88.5 tons from 310 miles of Vermont's shoreline, and

Whereas, the Connecticut River Watershed Council mobilized over 1,000 persons and removed over 99 tons of trash from the Connecticut River and its tributaries, and

Whereas, these are just examples of the outstanding cleanup work that watershed groups are performing, and

Whereas, these groups deserve legislative recognition for their dedication to this worthy endeavor, now therefore be it

Resolved by the Senate and House of Representatives:

That the General Assembly commends watershed organizations for their role in river and lake cleanup activities in Vermont, and be it further

Resolved: That the Secretary of State be directed to send a copy of this resolution to the Rozalia Project in Granville and to the Connecticut River Watershed Council Inc. in Greenfield, Massachusetts on behalf of its cooperating Vermont organizations, including 350.org, Black River Action Team, Braintree Conservation Commission, Farm & Wilderness, Grafton Nature Museum, Greater Upper Valley chapter of Trout Unlimited, Putney Rowing Club, Randolph Rotary Club, Randolph Technical Career Center,

Rockingham Vermont Conservation Commission, Roundy's Rascals, Sharon Academy, Southeastern Vermont Watershed Alliance, TransCanada, Vermont Department of Labor, Vermont Law School, Vermont Youth Conservation Corps, and Volunteers for Peace.

H.C.R. 36.

House concurrent resolution congratulating the Vermont Historical Society on its 175th anniversary

Offered by: Representatives Jerman of Essex, Devereux of Mount Holly, Marek of Newfane, Koch of Barre Town, McFaun of Barre Town, Poirier of Barre City, and Taylor of Barre City

Offered by: Senators Cummings, Doyle, and Pollina

Whereas, the origins of the Vermont Historical Society (VHS) date from 1838, when Senator Robert Harvey of Caledonia County introduced "An act to incorporate the Vermont Historical and Antiquarian Society," which after temporarily languishing in the Senate quickly passed through the House and became law on November 5 of that year, and

Whereas, the purpose of the Society, as stated in its act of incorporation, was "collecting and preserving materials for the civil and natural history of the State of Vermont," and the act envisioned the establishment of a library that would contain "books, papers, memorials, and other articles," and

Whereas, the Society held its first meeting in October 1840 at which its constitution and bylaws were adopted, and

Whereas, it adopted the new name Vermont Historical Society in 1858, and

Whereas, in 1869, the General Assembly first appropriated funds to the Society, and

Whereas, the *Proceedings of the Vermont Historical Society*, its scholarly journal, in 1944 adopted the title *Vermont Quarterly*, and in 1954 it assumed another new title, *Vermont History*, and

Whereas, in the 1940s and 1950s, the Society began offering services to local historical societies and publishing newsletters on its activities, and

Whereas, in 1971, the society located its headquarters in the new Pavilion Office Building in Montpelier, where its facilities included a museum, a library, a formal reception room, and offices, and

Whereas, in 2000, the first of the popular Vermont History Expos was held at the Tunbridge Fairgrounds, and

Whereas, the Vermont History Center's opening in 2002 as the Society's new library and administrative center in the old Spaulding High School in Barre City facilitated the construction of the new Vermont Historical Society Museum in Montpelier, which opened in March 2004 with an exciting exhibit called "Freedom and Unity: One Ideal, Many Stories," and

Whereas, in 2007, the Vermont Historical Society was presented the National Medal for Museum and Library Service, the nation's highest recognition for a cultural organization, now therefore be it

Resolved by the Senate and House of Representatives:

That the General Assembly congratulates the Vermont Historical Society on its 175th anniversary, and be it further

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

H.C.R. 37.

House concurrent resolution honoring Arthur A. Ristau of Barre

Offered by: Representatives Poirier of Barre City and Taylor of Barre City

Whereas, Art Ristau has worked as a superb journalist, public servant, and utility official, and

Whereas, he was born in Manchester, New Hampshire, attended elementary and secondary school on Cape Cod, and graduated from Boston University, and

Whereas, Art Ristau began his professional career in Massachusetts as a journalist for the United Press International news service which subsequently designated him as its Vermont Bureau Chief, and

Whereas, in 1966, Governor Philip Hoff recognized that Art Ristau was an extremely talented individual and appointed him as his administrative assistant, and

Whereas, Art Ristau's public service in the Hoff administration in the 1960s proved invaluable when Governor Thomas Salmon selected him to serve as Secretary of Transportation in the 1970s, and

Whereas, after leaving the Agency of Transportation, Art Ristau turned his attention to municipal administration, serving as Barre City Manager during 1977-1979, and

Whereas, for a number of years thereafter, he was on the staff of Green Mountain Power Company, and

Whereas, Governor Kunin called Art Ristau back to state government, and he served ably as Commissioner of Liquor Control, and

Whereas, in 2001, Governor Dean appointed Art Ristau to the Vermont Lottery Commission, and Governor Douglas repeatedly reappointed him to successive three-year terms, and

Whereas, since 2003, Art Ristau has exercised wise judgment and leadership as the Vermont Lottery Commission Vice Chair, helping to guide the Commission's management of lottery games while simultaneously promoting responsible lottery playing practices, and

Whereas, on February 28, 2013, Arthur Ristau will conclude his term as a Vermont State Lottery Commissioner and Vice Chair, ending his illustrious public service career, now therefore be it

Resolved by the Senate and House of Representatives:

That the General Assembly honors Arthur A. Ristau for his outstanding contributions to Vermont as a journalist, public servant, and utility executive, and be it further

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

H.C.R. 38.

House concurrent resolution congratulating the Vermont Housing and Conservation Board on its 25th anniversary

Offered by: Representatives Head of South Burlington, Moran of Wardsboro, O'Sullivan of Burlington, Savage of Swanton, Stevens of Waterbury, Van Wyck of Ferrisburgh, Vowinkel of Wilder, and Weed of Enosburgh

Whereas, a quarter century ago, the General Assembly passed landmark legislation, 1987 Acts and Resolves No. 88, "An act relating to the Vermont Housing and Conservation Trust Fund" (the Act) with the "dual goals of creating affordable housing for Vermonters, and conserving and protecting Vermont's agricultural land, historic properties, important natural areas and recreational lands," and

Whereas, the Act created the Vermont Housing and Conservation Board (the Board) with the powers to fund grants for projects under its statutory mandate and to enter into cooperative agreements with other organizations, and

Whereas, the Act also established the Vermont Housing and Conservation Fund (the Fund) for the financing of projects and activities that the Board may authorize, and

Whereas, the board has invested \$264 million in over 200 Vermont communities and simultaneously leveraged an additional one billion dollars in federal and private funds, and

Whereas, 10,780 affordable homes and apartments have been made available for over 27,000 Vermonters including 1,268 for individuals with special needs, 1,900 in mobile home parks, and 1,578 accessible housing units, and

Whereas, 594 farms covering over 144,000 acres have been preserved, and

Whereas, the Fund has financially supported the preservation of over 253,000 acres of recreational and natural land including: the Long, Catamount, Cross Vermont, and East Montpelier Trails; 11 state parks; the Windmill Hill Pinnacle Association's conservation of a 14-mile ridgeline trail and wildlife reserve, and the former Champion Lands and other sites including Bald Mountain, Wilmarth Woods, and Shelburne Pond, and

Whereas, among the over 50 historic buildings the Fund has helped preserve are town halls, theaters, historic barns, and an art gallery, now therefore be it

Resolved by the Senate and House of Representatives:

That the General Assembly congratulates the Vermont Housing and Conservation Board on its 25th anniversary, and be it further

Resolved: That the Secretary of State be directed to send a copy of this resolution to the Vermont Housing and Conservation Board.