

**CONCURRENT RESOLUTION**

**ADDENDUM**

**TO THE**

**HOUSE CALENDAR**

**Text of House Concurrent  
Resolutions**

**of**

**March 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. 52.**

House concurrent resolution commemorating the sescentennial anniversary of the town of Orwell

Offered by: Representative Stevens of Shoreham

Offered by: Senators Ayer and Bray

Whereas, the town of Orwell was established on August 8, 1763 when Royal New Hampshire Governor Benning Wentworth granted its charter, and

Whereas, the boundaries of this 27,640-acre town were described in the charter as "Beginning at a marked tree standing on the easterly side of the Wood Creek (Lake Champlain) so-called, which tree bears east from Ticonderoga Fort . . .," and

Whereas, Governor Benning Wentworth accidentally granted a strip of land to both the towns of Orwell and Sudbury, but the town of Sudbury ultimately surrendered its claim, and

Whereas, the first recorded settler in Orwell was John Charter who arrived in 1771, and

Whereas, in 1776–1777, Mount Independence in Orwell was the site of the Revolutionary War fort located across Lake Champlain from Fort Ticonderoga to which it was connected by a 400-yard-long floating bridge, and

Whereas, American troops, despite much illness, bravely secured the site until July 5, 1777 when they could no longer hold out against the British forces which had captured Fort Ticonderoga, and

Whereas, the town was officially organized on December 12, 1787, at which meeting William Smith was elected moderator and David Leonard town clerk, and

Whereas, the Orwell Baptist Church was formally established on December 21, 1787, becoming the town's first church, and

Whereas, as early as 1792, there were nine district schoolhouses, and

Whereas, Orwell's first library was established in 1807, and

Whereas, on November 9, 1847, the General Assembly annexed a small segment of the town of Benson to Orwell, and four days later on the 13th, Orwell was legislatively reassigned from Rutland to Addison County, and

Whereas, the production of milk and cheese and the raising of apples have contributed to the local economy, and

Whereas, 2013 marks 250 years since the establishment of the town of Orwell, now therefore be it

Resolved by the Senate and House of Representatives:

That the General Assembly commemorates the sescentennial anniversary of the town of Orwell, and be it further

Resolved: That the Secretary of State be directed to send a copy of this resolution to the Orwell Town Clerk.

### **H.C.R. 53.**

House concurrent resolution commemorating the bicentennial anniversary of the Old Round Church in Richmond and the 40th anniversary of the Richmond Historical Society

Offered by: Representative O'Brien of Richmond

Whereas, William Rhodes of Richmond was a blacksmith and carpenter whose architectural talents were exhibited magnificently in the design and construction of his town's most famous building, the Old Round Church, and

Whereas, the Old Round Church is a 16-sided polygon constructed of wood during the years 1812–1814, and it was built as a multidenominational house of worship and to serve as the Richmond Town Meeting Hall, and

Whereas, five different Protestant denominations—Baptists, Christians, Congregationalists, Methodists, and Universalists—worshipped at the Old Round Church, and each denomination contributed to the cost of building this impressive structure, and

Whereas, several possible reasons have been offered for the choice of the 16-sided design including: the concept of keeping the devil out of or the enemy from hiding behind the building's corners; the theory that one side of the building was assigned to each available construction worker, except that the 17th worker built the belfry; or perhaps that William Rhodes was copying the octagonal design of the church in Claremont, New Hampshire, where his parents resided, and

Whereas, in 1880, with each denomination having departed, ownership of the Old Round Church reverted exclusively to the Town of Richmond, and

Whereas, Richmond Town Meeting continued to be convened in this revered building until 1973 when the building was closed, and

Whereas, in 1973, the Richmond Historical Society (RHS) was established with a special mission to save and preserve the Old Round Church, and

Whereas, in 1976, the town of Richmond deeded the building to the RHS for a period of 40 years, and

Whereas, in the late 1970s and the 1980s, the RHS completed restoration work, including the reconstruction of the belfry, and since 2005 further restoration work has occurred and is continuing, and

Whereas, the building was reopened to the public in 1981 and was designated a National Historic Landmark in 1996, and

Whereas, throughout 2013, the Town of Richmond is celebrating the bicentennial of the Old Round Church, now therefore be it

Resolved by the Senate and House of Representatives:

That the General Assembly commemorates the bicentennial anniversary of the Old Round Church in Richmond and the 40th anniversary of the Richmond Historical Society, and be it further

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

#### **H.C.R. 54.**

House concurrent resolution honoring Dennis McCarthy for his exemplary municipal public service career

Offered by: Representatives Goodwin of Weston and Miller of Shaftsbury

Offered by: Senators Hartwell, Sears, and White

Whereas, one of Shaftsbury's leading citizens is Dennis McCarthy, who grew up in the village of North Bennington, and

Whereas, he earned a degree in administration from the College of St. Joseph when the school was located in downtown Bennington, and

Whereas, Dennis McCarthy served in the U.S. Navy, completing two tours of duty in Vietnam, and

Whereas, following in his father's footsteps, he became a plumber and operated a plumbing and heating business, and

Whereas, Dennis McCarthy's life took a new path when he stood for election to the Shaftsbury Selectboard, which he chaired for 11 years, and he also served on the Town's Planning and Zoning Boards, and

Whereas, as the civic administrative duties in Shaftsbury became increasingly complex, Shaftsbury decided that it required the services of a fulltime Town Administrator, and

Whereas, the Town of Shaftsbury did not need to look far, as Dennis McCarthy had gained invaluable practical experience and in-depth knowledge of municipal government during his service as its Selectboard Chair, and

Whereas, he loved the town of Shaftsbury, proved to be a good manager, and oversaw important infrastructure improvements, and

Whereas, in 2003, after five years as Shaftsbury Town Administrator, the challenge of directing municipal government in another community persuaded Dennis McCarthy to accept a similar post in Winhall, and

Whereas, during the past decade, Dennis McCarthy developed a record of

accomplishment in Winhall, including road paving, moving the municipal government to a new town hall, and responding to the devastation of Tropical Storm Irene, but he always emphasizes that each of these town successes was a team accomplishment, and

Whereas, he is especially proud of Winhall's Police Department, in which every member is an emergency medical technician, and the operation of a fulltime transfer station with recycling facilities, and

Whereas, in 2013, this much-admired and well-liked Winhall official is concluding his municipal career and is anticipating enjoying time with his wife Marcelaine and children Sarah, Padraic, and Trent, now therefore be it

Resolved by the Senate and House of Representatives:

That the General Assembly honors Dennis McCarthy for his exemplary municipal public service career, and be it further

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

#### **H.C.R. 55.**

House concurrent resolution honoring Jamaica Village School principal Janet Hamilton

Offered by: Representatives Goodwin of Weston and Miller of Shaftsbury

Offered by: Senators Galbraith and White

Whereas, the students in the town of Jamaica have been fortunate to benefit from the tutelage of Janet Hamilton as a teacher and principal, and

Whereas, she arrived in Jamaica in 1972 and applied for a teaching job for which she was overqualified, and

Whereas, the committee interviewing her hoped Janet Hamilton would still agree to take the position and she did accept the teaching offer, and

Whereas, Janet Hamilton began her teaching career in Jamaica as a Title 1 instructor, and

Whereas, her teaching resume also included kindergarten which she taught for two years at the Jamaica Masonic Hall, and

Whereas, for a number of years, Janet Hamilton limited her teaching duties to substituting while she raised her two children and was involved in many community organizations, including her church, the Eastern Star, the Jamaica Memorial Library, and the local recreation committee, and

Whereas, her School Club attendance outdistanced that of any parent, and she has been extremely active in the organization's fundraisers and other events, and

Whereas, in 1987, Janet Hamilton resumed her career as a full-time educator when she was appointed principal and teacher at the Jamaica Village School simultaneously with the opening of an addition to the building, and

Whereas, as a classroom teacher, she has taken her students to the Jamaica Village Cemetery to place flags on veterans' graves for Memorial Day, and

Whereas, each February, she presents an "Americanism" program to her students, and

Whereas, one enthusiastic student has described Janet Hamilton as "the strictest, the nicest and the BEST," and her impact on the students and parents has served as a positive educational experience, and

Whereas, in recognition of her stellar career in public education, and for her leadership in the community, the Town of Jamaica is proudly dedicating its 2012 Town Report in her honor, and her achievements merit state legislative recognition, now therefore be it

Resolved by the Senate and House of Representatives:

That the General Assembly honors Jamaica Village School principal Janet Hamilton, and be it further

Resolved: That the Secretary of State be directed to send a copy of this resolution to Janet Hamilton and to the Jamaica Village School.

#### **H.C.R. 56.**

House concurrent resolution commending the heroic rescue efforts and sacrifice of Alton Lombard Sr. and also the Vermont State Police for its continuing search for his remains in Lake Champlain

Offered by: Representatives Turner of Milton and Hubert of Milton

Whereas, in 1961, Alton Lombard Sr. was a 24-year old resident of Milton, married to Sally Lombard, already the father of three young children, and his wife was pregnant with their fourth child, and

Whereas, he was an employee of General Electric in Burlington and an amateur scuba diver, and

Whereas, on a February weekend in 1961, two other General Electric employees had gone ice fishing, driving onto Lake Champlain, and they failed to report to work on either the following Monday or Tuesday, and

Whereas, at the time, the Vermont State Police did not have a trained scuba diving team, and it asked Alton Lombard and another scuba diver, Robert Dewyea of North Hero, to conduct a diving search, and

Whereas, after they each had made several unsuccessful dives, Dewyea indicated he was chilled and did not wish to dive further, but Lombard, seeing oil in a nearby ice hole, decided to try one final dive, and

Whereas, Lombard dove, then surfaced; rescuers noticed a major problem with his equipment; they tried unsuccessfully to alert him; and Lombard headed back below the surface, and

Whereas, despite Dewyea's returning to the water, Lombard was never found, and

Whereas, other scuba divers did discover the two deceased GE employees and their sunken car the next day, and

Whereas, Sally Lombard, now Sally Young, has for over half a century hoped that her late husband's remains would be found, and

Whereas, the Vermont State Police has not forgotten the heroic rescue efforts Alton Lombard made on its behalf, and

Whereas, it now boasts a highly trained scuba diving team, under the command of Lt. James Whitcomb, and with recently acquired sophisticated sonar equipment, the search for Alton Lombard Sr. continues, now therefore be it

Resolved by the Senate and House of Representatives:

That the General Assembly commends the heroic 1961 rescue efforts and sacrifice of Alton Lombard Sr. and also the Vermont State Police for its continuing search for his remains in Lake Champlain, and be it further

Resolved: That the Secretary of State be directed to send a copy of this resolution to Sally Young in Milton and to Lt. James Whitcomb of the Vermont State Police.

**H.C.R. 57.**

House concurrent resolution commemorating the sestercentennial anniversary of the town of Bolton

Offered by: Representatives Stevens of Waterbury, Ellis of Waterbury, Frank of Underhill, and Till of Jericho

Whereas, on June 7, 1763, Royal New Hampshire Governor Benning Wentworth issued a charter to 72 proprietors, granting them the right to establish the town of Bolton with boundaries partially described in the document as "Begining at the South East Corner of Jerico on the Northerly side of Onion River (so called) from thence Easterly runing up said River, so far as to make six Miles on a Line Perpendicular with the South Easterly Line of said Jerico," and

Whereas, the first meeting of the proprietors occurred at the home of Samuel Canfield in New Milford, Connecticut on May 16, 1770, at which gathering, Samuel Averill was elected clerk, and

Whereas, settlement began after the Revolutionary War, and by 1791, the population of Bolton totaled 88 persons, and

Whereas, the first Bolton Town Meeting took place on the second Tuesday of March 1794 at the home of James Moore, at which the voters selected Samuel Bell as moderator and Jabez Jones as town clerk, and Mr. Jones was also the first representative from Bolton to serve in the General Assembly, and

Whereas, the General Assembly altered the original Bolton boundaries first on October 27, 1794 when it annexed a part of Huntington to Bolton, but legal disputes caused legislative reversal of this decision, and on October 25, 1804, legislation was enacted, annexing a segment of Bolton to Richmond, and

Whereas, farming, lumbering, and saw mills were all part of the early Bolton economy, and

Whereas, perhaps one of the most important events affecting Bolton in the 19th century was construction of the Central Vermont Railroad through the town along the northern bank of the Winooski River, and

Whereas, this construction project was not without incident as on July 3, 1846, 200 Irish immigrant railroad workers walked off the job in protest for having not been paid for three months, and a militia company was called in before calm was restored by a Catholic priest, and

Whereas, Bolton has developed over the decades as a scenic Vermont town with a rugged and mountainous terrain which offers many outdoor recreational opportunities, and

Whereas, June 7, 2013 will mark 250 years since the town of Bolton was established, now therefore be it

Resolved by the Senate and House of Representatives:

That the General Assembly commemorates the sestercentennial anniversary of the town of Bolton, and be it further

Resolved: That the Secretary of State be directed to send a copy of this resolution to the Bolton Town Clerk.

**H.C.R. 58.**

House concurrent resolution congratulating the town of Colchester on its sestercentennial anniversary

Offered by: Representatives Brennan of Colchester, Bouchard of Colchester, Condon of Colchester, and Spengler of Colchester

Offered by: Senator Mazza

Whereas, on June 7, 1763, New Hampshire's Royal Governor Benning Wentworth granted to a group of proprietors a charter for a six-square-mile tract of territory "Beginning at the Northerly or North Easterly side of French or Onion River (so called) at the mouth of said River thence Running up by said River until it comes to a place that is six Miles upon a streight Line from

the Mouth of said River (bounding on the same) thence Running upon a Line Perpendicular to the aforesaid Six Mile Line,” and

Whereas, the proprietors first assembled on March 23, 1774 in Litchfield, Connecticut, electing Col. Thomas Chittenden, later Vermont’s first Governor, as moderator, and for clerk, treasurer, and surveyor, the proprietors selected Ira Allen, who became Vermont’s first State Treasurer, and

Whereas, the boundaries of Colchester were altered in Act 193 of 1868 when “so much of the town of Colchester as lies north and west of the Lamoyille River shall be and the same is hereby annexed to Milton,” and again in 1922 when pursuant to Act 314 of 1921, the voters of Winooski approved the creation of a separate city, but the town retained its 27 miles of shoreline on Lake Champlain, the longest of any Vermont municipality, and

Whereas, shortly after Confederate forces fired on Fort Sumter in 1861, Captain William D. Munson organized the Colchester Light Artillery, a fact that highlights Colchester’s proud record of its residents’ military service, and

Whereas, the town of Colchester hosts Fanny Allen Hospital, named after the daughter of Ethan Allen and which the Religious Hospitallers founded in 1894; St Michael’s College, the Society of Saint Edmund’s only college which it founded in 1904; and the Vermont National Guard’s Camp Johnson, and

Whereas, the town of Colchester, a community with an historic agrarian background, now complemented with a vibrant mix of biotechnology, educational, retail, and tourism enterprises, will joyously celebrate its 250th anniversary (Charter Day) on June 8, 2013 with an event at Bayside Park to which the Governor will be invited, now therefore be it

Resolved by the Senate and House of Representatives:

That the General Assembly congratulates the town of Colchester on its sestercentennial anniversary, and be it further

Resolved: That the Secretary of State be directed to send a copy of this resolution to the Colchester town clerk.

**H.C.R. 59.**

House concurrent resolution commemorating the 250th anniversary of the Town of Jericho

Offered by: Representatives Till of Jericho and Frank of Underhill

Whereas, on June 7, 1763 Royal New Hampshire Governor Benning Wentworth granted a charter for the town of Jericho with borders described as “Begining at the Southerly or South Easterly Corner of Essex at the Northerly side of Onion or French River (so called) from thence Easterly up said River so far as to make Six Miles on a streight Line,” and

Whereas, the first recorded white settlers were Roderick Messenger, Azariah Rood, and Joseph Brown, who emigrated from western Massachusetts in 1774, and

Whereas, the Brown family had the misfortune of twice being captured by Native Americans, being taken into Canada, sold to British officers at eight dollars per person, and held prisoner for three years, and

Whereas, Jericho was organized at a town meeting, which Vermont Supreme Court Justice John Fassett warned for March 22, 1786, and at which Lewis Chapin was elected Town Clerk, and

Whereas, on November 29, 1786, Jedidiah Lane was selected as the town's first Representative to the General Assembly, and

Whereas, in 1788, the voters of Jericho turned to religious matters, electing John Russell to the office of "tythingman" to preserve good order during divine service and to make sure the Sabbath was observed, and

Whereas, in 1795, the legislature transferred 5,000 acres of Jericho, along with land from other surrounding towns, to create the new town of Richmond, and

Whereas, at a town meeting held on October 30, 1800, the electorate decided that "the town do not choose to have inoculation for the small pox set up in town this season," and

Whereas, any rendition of Jericho's history would be incomplete without mention of Wilson "Snowflake" Bentley, who advanced the knowledge of snowflakes and became world-renowned, and

Whereas, his scientific legacy can be viewed at the Jericho Historical Society's Snowflake Bentley exhibit, and

Whereas, the citizens of Jericho are proud of their town and its history, now therefore be it

Resolved by the Senate and House of Representatives:

That the General Assembly commemorates the sestercentennial anniversary of the Town of Jericho, and be it further

Resolved: That the Secretary of State be directed to send a copy of this resolution to the Jericho Town Clerk and to the Jericho Historical Society.

**H.C.R. 60.**

House concurrent resolution commemorating the sestercentennial anniversary of the Town of Underhill

Offered by: Representatives Frank of Underhill and Till of Jericho

Whereas, Underhill is one of the towns which traces its origin to the era of the New Hampshire Grants predating the establishment of Vermont, and

Whereas, as is true of all the New Hampshire Grant towns, Underhill's founding document is a charter that Royal Governor Benning Wentworth issued to a group of proprietors, in this instance, on June 8, 1763, and

Whereas, the town's original 23,040 acres were described in the charter as "Begining at the North Easterly Corner of Westford from thence Runing Southerly by the Easterly Line of said Westford six Miles to the North West Corner of Jerico, from thence Easterly by the Northerly Line of said Jerico about six Miles to the North Easterly corner thereof," and

Whereas, the geographic metes and bounds of Underhill were altered considerably when the General Assembly enacted 1839 Act and Resolves Miscellaneous No. 35, annexing approximately 12 square miles to the town's original territory from the dissolved town of Mansfield, including western slopes of Mt. Mansfield extending to the mountain's chin, Vermont's highest point, as well as all of Dewy, Clark, and Mayo mountains, and

Whereas, despite the issuance of its charter in 1763, the town of Underhill was not officially organized until its voters gathered for their first town meeting on March 9, 1795 at which they elected William Barney as Town Clerk, and

Whereas, the first school in Underhill was a log structure built in 1787 on the Hill Road, and in 1804, Underhill's first church was built on the same road on the height of land near the Poker Hill Cemetery, and

Whereas, the extensive forests that still cover much of the accurately named town of Underhill attracted many loggers and mills processing the felled trees, and

Whereas, in 1946, Governor Mortimer Proctor donated the Harvey Farm to the University of Vermont, and it became the site of the Proctor Maple Research Center which has conducted research centered on the sugar maple tree (*Acer saccharum* Marsh.) and its products—sap and syrup, advancing the Vermont maple industry's productivity and scientific knowledge, and

Whereas, for 250 years, the forests have been one of the significant elements in the economic well-being of the town of Underhill, now therefore be it

Resolved by the Senate and House of Representatives:

That the General Assembly commemorates the sestercentennial anniversary of the town of Underhill, and be it further

Resolved: That the Secretary of State be directed to send a copy of this resolution to the Underhill Town Clerk.