

CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

ADDENDUM

TO THE

HOUSE CALENDAR

**Text of House Concurrent
Resolutions**

of

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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. 97.

House concurrent resolution honoring Girls on the Run of Vermont, Inc.

Offered by: Representatives Stuart of Brattleboro, Ancel of Calais, Beyor of Highgate, Bissonnette of Winooski, Botzow of Pownal, Bouchard of Colchester, Branagan of Georgia, Browning of Arlington, Burditt of West Rutland, Burke of Brattleboro, Campion of Bennington, Canfield of Fair Haven, Cheney of Norwich, Christie of Hartford, Clarkson of Woodstock, Cole of Burlington, Condon of Colchester, Copeland-Hanzas of Bradford, Cross of Winooski, Cupoli of Rutland City, Dakin of Chester, Deen of Westminster, Devereux of Mount Holly, Dickinson of St. Albans Town, Donahue of Northfield, Donovan of Burlington, Ellis of Waterbury, Emmons of Springfield, Fagan of Rutland City, Fay of St. Johnsbury, Fisher of Lincoln, French of Randolph, Gage of Rutland City, Gallivan of Chittenden, Grad of Moretown, Greshin of Warren, Haas of Rochester, Head of South Burlington, Heath of Westford, Hebert of Vernon, Higley of Lowell, Hooper of Montpelier, Hubert of Milton, Huntley of Cavendish, Jerman of Essex, Jewett of Ripton, Juskiewicz of Cambridge, Keenan of St. Albans City, Kilmartin of Newport City, Klein of East Montpelier, Koch of Barre Town, 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, Malcolm of Pawlet, Manwaring of Wilmington, Marek of Newfane, Masland of Thetford, McCarthy of St. Albans City, McCormack of Burlington, Michelsen of Hardwick, Mitchell of Fairfax, Mook of Bennington, Moran of Wardsboro, Mrowicki of Putney, Myers of Essex, Nuovo of Middlebury, O'Brien of Richmond, O'Sullivan of Burlington, Partridge of Windham, Pearce of Richford, Pearson of Burlington, Peltz of Woodbury, Poirier of Barre City, Potter of Clarendon, Pugh of South Burlington, Quimby of Concord, Rachelson of Burlington, Ram of Burlington, Russell of Rutland City, Savage of Swanton, Scheuermann of Stowe, Sharpe of Bristol, Smith of Morristown, South of St. Johnsbury, Spengler of Colchester, Stevens of Waterbury, Stevens of Shoreham, Strong of Albany, Sweaney of Windsor, Taylor of Barre City, Terenzini of Rutland Town, Till of Jericho, Toleno of Brattleboro, Toll of Danville, Trieber of Rockingham, Turner of Milton, Van Wyck of Ferrisburgh, Waite-Simpson of Essex, Webb of Shelburne, Weed of Enosburgh, Wilson of Manchester, Winters of Williamstown, Woodward of Johnson, Wright of Burlington, Yantachka of Charlotte, Young of Glover, and Zagar of Barnard

Offered by: Senators Ayer, Baruth, Bray, Campbell, Collins, Doyle, Flory, French, Galbraith, Hartwell, Lyons, MacDonald, McCormack, Nitka, Pollina, Rodgers, Snelling, White, and Zuckerman

Whereas, in 1996, Molly Barker started the first Girls on the Run with 13 girls in Charlotte, North Carolina, and

Whereas, her objective was to inspire young girls to live healthy lives and recognize their extraordinary potential through a series of running activities, and

Whereas, today, Girls on the Run activities occur in over 200 cities in the United States and Canada, and its Vermont presence began in 1999, and

Whereas, Girls on the Run of Vermont, Inc., a nonprofit organization was incorporated in 2001 and envisions a Vermont where every girl knows and activates her limitless potential and is free to pursue boldly her dreams, and

Whereas, starting with its first running event, 25,000 young Vermont girls have participated either in grades 3–5 in Girls on the Run, or in grades 6–8 in the associated Girls on the Track, and

Whereas, over 2,000 volunteer coaches have served as mentors for young Vermont girls participating in this exciting and worthwhile activity, and

Whereas, in 2013, over 200 groups in 144 schools, an estimated 3,000 girls, and over 600 volunteer coaches who encourage and guide these young girls in their running activities are participating, and

Whereas, the 2013 Girls on the Run season started between March 11 and March 25, depending on the specific locality, and

Whereas, this spring, Girls on the Run of Vermont, Inc. will host three regional five-kilometer events at Brattleboro Union High School on May 25, at the Vermont State Fairgrounds on June 1, and at the Champlain Valley Expo on June 8, and

Whereas, it is anticipated that among the three events, a total of over 8,000 persons, including girls, parents, and community members, will attend, and

Whereas, Girls on the Run helps young girls develop confidence and instills in them the desire to succeed while living healthy lives, now therefore be it

Resolved by the Senate and House of Representatives:

That the General Assembly honors Girls on the Run of Vermont, Inc. for its outstanding programs which improve the lives of young girls through running and healthy living, and be it further

Resolved: That the Secretary of State be directed to send a copy of this resolution to Girls on the Run of Vermont, Inc. in Brattleboro.

H.C.R. 98.

House concurrent resolution congratulating the 2012 Randolph Union High School Galloping Ghosts Division III championship girls' cross-country team

Offered by: Representatives French of Randolph and Townsend of Randolph

Whereas, for the past three years, the Randolph Union High School Galloping Ghosts have won the Division III girls' cross-country championship, and in 2012, the school once again fielded a team of outstanding runners as they defeated many Division I and II competitors at regular season cross-country meets, and

Whereas, at the 2012 state cross-country championship meet held at the Thetford Academy course, the Galloping Ghosts again ran their swiftest as team members finished in 2nd, 3rd, 5th, and 11th places to capture Randolph's fourth consecutive Division III girls' cross-country championship crown, defeating the 2011 runner-up BFA-Fairfax by a score of 21-47, and

Whereas, the delighted members of the Randolph Union High School Galloping Ghosts' fourth consecutive Division III championship girls' cross-country team are Brooke Angell, Kate Conard, Brittney LaFreniere, Haddie Lary, Nina Listro, Libby Start, and Timnah Zimet, and they had great guidance from Head Coach Ginny Richburg and Assistant Coach Tammy Whitcomb, now therefore be it

Resolved by the Senate and House of Representatives:

That the General Assembly congratulates the 2012 Randolph Union High School Galloping Ghosts Division III championship girls' cross-country team, and be it further

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

H.C.R. 99.

House concurrent resolution honoring Lyndon State College and designating April 17, 2013 as Green and Gold Day

Offered by: Representatives Batchelor of Derby, Dickinson of St. Albans Town, Fay of St. Johnsbury, Feltus of Lyndon, Higley of Lowell, Jerman of Essex, Lawrence of Lyndon, Lippert of Hinesburg, Marcotte of Coventry, Masland of Thetford, Michelsen of Hardwick, Quimby of Concord, Shaw of

Derby, South of St. Johnsbury, Strong of Albany, Toll of Danville, and Young of Glover

Offered by: Senators Kitchel, Benning, Baruth, Collins, Cummings, Doyle, Mullin, Rodgers, and Starr

Whereas, Lyndon State College (LSC) is a prominent four-year public college in Vermont's Northeast Kingdom, and

Whereas, the mission of LSC is to prepare every student for personal and professional success through experience-based, high-quality programs in the liberal arts and professional studies, and

Whereas, Lyndon State College appointed Dr. Joseph Bertolino as the school's 15th president in July 2012, and his inauguration ceremony is scheduled for Friday, April 19, 2013, and

Whereas, an initial focus of President Bertolino's tenure has been to reintroduce LSC to the Northeast Kingdom and Vermont while introducing the college to a larger national and international audience, and

Whereas, majors at LSC include meteorology, broadcast journalism, exercise science, mountain recreation management, visual arts, music business and industry, and education, and

Whereas, within six months of graduation, over 90 percent of the college's graduates are either employed or enrolled in graduate school, and

Whereas, LSC alumni leave indelible imprints on the Northeast Kingdom through their development of innovative projects, including the Eye on the Sky meteorology service at the Fairbanks Museum and the Kingdom Trails mountain bike trail network, and

Whereas, LSC students have spurred the creation of 100 jobs in the Northeast Kingdom over the past five years through the Incubator Without Walls initiative, and

Whereas, LSC is a leader in serving rural, first-generation college students through the Patrick and Marcelle Leahy Center for Rural Students and the Center for Rural Entrepreneurship, and

Whereas, in celebration of President Bertolino's inauguration and the accomplishments of the entire Lyndon State College community, its alumni, faculty, staff, students, and friends everywhere are being requested to wear the college's green and gold colors on April 17, 2013, now therefore be it

Resolved by the Senate and House of Representatives:

That the General Assembly congratulates Lyndon State College on its many achievements, welcomes the inauguration of the college's new President, Joseph Bertolino, and declares April 17, 2013 as Green and Gold Day in honor of Lyndon State College, and be it further

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

H.C.R. 100.

House concurrent resolution congratulating the 2013 Mt. Abraham Union High School Eagles Division II championship girls' basketball team

Offered by: Representatives Fisher of Lincoln, Sharpe of Bristol, and Smith of New Haven

Whereas, the recently concluded season of girls' basketball competition at Mt. Abraham Union High School was an exhilarating experience for players and fans alike, and

Whereas, the Eagles demonstrated all the right moves and decisions on the basketball court as they compiled an increasingly impressive record of victories in their quest for a top ranking in the playoff competition, and

Whereas, their dedication and hard work was rewarded with a much-deserved first seed as Mt. Abe proceeded to dribble, pass, and shoot the orange ball with ease into the Division II championship game at the Barre Auditorium against the talented and third-seeded B.F.A.-Fairfax Bullets, and

Whereas, on the hardwood floor, the Eagles' readiness for this contest was apparent as they took a comfortable 26-17 lead into the fourth quarter and then completed a 13-2 run before concluding the game with a convincing 44-28 victory and clinching the 2013 Division II championship, and

Whereas, the winning Eagles (23-1) were Lizzie Huizenga, Samantha Driscoll, Meghan Livingston, Chelsea Rublee, Ashlie Fay, Jessie Martin, Sara Cousino, Megan Wetter, Addy Campbell, Jordan Emmons, Isabel Brennan, and Hailey Sayles, and

Whereas, Head Coach Connie LaRose, Assistant Coaches Gene Bell, Bonnie Huizenga, and Koran Cousino, and Athletic Trainer Devin Wendel helped to make this a memorable season of girls' basketball at Mt. Abraham, now therefore be it

Resolved by the Senate and House of Representatives:

That the General Assembly congratulates the 2013 Mt. Abraham Union High School Eagles Division II championship girls' basketball team, and be it further

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

H.C.R. 101.

House concurrent resolution congratulating Joel Najman on his 30th anniversary as Vermont Public Radio's rock and roll impresario

Offered by: Representatives Dakin of Chester, Botzow of Pownal, Brennan of Colchester, Campion of Bennington, Carr of Brandon, Christie of Hartford, Cole of Burlington, Condon of Colchester, Connor of Fairfield, Consejo of Sheldon, Cupoli of Rutland City, Dickinson of St. Albans Town, Donahue of Northfield, Donovan of Burlington, Evans of Essex, Frank of Underhill, French of Randolph, Gallivan of Chittenden, Goodwin of Weston, Haas of Rochester, Heath of Westford, Higley of Lowell, Jewett of Ripton, Keenan of St. Albans City, Koch of Barre Town, Krebs of South Hero, Krowinski of Burlington, Lanpher of Vergennes, Macaig of Williston, Martin of Springfield, McCormack of Burlington, McCullough of Williston, O'Sullivan of Burlington, Partridge of Windham, Pearson of Burlington, Peltz of Woodbury, Pugh of South Burlington, Russell of Rutland City, Scheuermann of Stowe, Spengler of Colchester, Stevens of Waterbury, Stevens of Shoreham, Stuart of Brattleboro, Sweaney of Windsor, Taylor of Barre City, Townsend of Randolph, Townsend of South Burlington, Waite-Simpson of Essex, Webb of Shelburne, Yantachka of Charlotte, and Young of Glover

Offered by: All Members of the Senate

Whereas, Vermont Public Radio's (VPR) My Place host Joel Najman, a member of the Vermont Association of Broadcasters Hall of Fame, has become a Vermont broadcasting legend whose weekly presentation of 1950s, 1960s, and 1970s rock and roll music contains far more than the spinning of old 45 records, playing CDs, or selecting computerized music files for his loyal listeners' enjoyment, and

Whereas, each week, he chooses a topic or theme such as Fifty Years Ago, Singing With Your Kids, Hello Songs, or Songs About Radio, and

Whereas, listeners to public radio expect erudite commentary about the music they are hearing, and Joel Najman does not disappoint, and

Whereas, before his desire for a broadcasting career became irresistible, Joel Najman nearly completed a doctorate in experimental psychology at the University of Vermont, and he applies this academic background when

researching the anthropological, historical, musicological, and psychological aspects of the music presented on his weekly VPR broadcast, and

Whereas, the enormity of Joel Najman's effort is reflected in his recording several hours of material for a My Place episode that he edits down to a concise one hour, and

Whereas, Joel Najman began his broadcasting career at WRMC, the Middlebury College radio station, and while still a student at the college commuted on a ferry boat across Lake Champlain to his first professional radio job at WIPS in Ticonderoga, New York, and

Whereas, his radio career has included serving as a morning announcer, program director, and news director at different radio stations in Vermont, and

Whereas, Joel Najman derives much enjoyment and satisfaction from his role as the host and producer of VPR's My Place, and

Whereas, he writes about rock music and has even hosted a My Place rock and roll evening at the Barre Labor Hall at which he served as a combination DJ and rock historian, and

Whereas, since 1982, My Place has earned a special place on the VPR schedule, and Joel Najman is proud to have brought the sounds of rock and roll to music fans in Vermont, now therefore be it

Resolved by the Senate and House of Representatives:

That the General Assembly congratulates Joel Najman on his 30th anniversary as Vermont Public Radio's rock and roll impresario, and be it further

Resolved: That the Secretary of State be directed to send a copy of this resolution to Joel Najman at Vermont Public Radio.

H.C.R. 102.

House concurrent resolution congratulating Gandin Brothers, Inc. of South Ryegate on its 100th anniversary

Offered by: Representative Larocque of Barnet

Offered by: Senators Benning and Kitchel

Whereas, in 1912, Louis Gandin, an immigrant from Italy, purchased a granite manufacturing business in South Ryegate, and

Whereas, from the start, Louis Gandin and his family have striven to operate their business with the goals of quality, service, and customer satisfaction always in mind, and

Whereas, in 1921, Tony Gandin, the younger brother of Louis, immigrated to the United States to join his brother and learn about the Vermont granite industry, and

Whereas, when Louis Gandin died at an early age, Tony and his sister-in-law Rose assumed control of Gandin Brothers and operated the business through the Great Depression, and

Whereas, the family's management of the business continued as Tony's son Allen Gandin, who joined the company in 1948, took over Gandin Brothers following his father's death in 1969, and Allen's younger brother Butch, who became a Gandin employee in 1964, became President following his older brother's retirement in 1994, and

Whereas, in 1990, after graduating from college, Butch's son Tom joined the family's granite business, representing the third generation to participate in the family enterprise, and

Whereas, the family leadership of Gandin Brothers in 2013 includes Butch Gandin serving as President, Tom Gandin as Vice President, and Butch's wife Judith as Secretary and Treasurer, and

Whereas, a group of extended family members is also employed at Gandin Brothers, making this truly a family enterprise, and

Whereas, Tom Gandin has expanded the family's involvement in the Vermont granite industry beyond South Ryegate, as he has served as President of the Barre Granite Association and currently sits on the Association's Board of Trustees, and

Whereas, Gandin Brothers is a granite industry company known for the excellence of its work due to the century-long commitment of the Gandin family and to careful attention to the quality of its products, now therefore be it

Resolved by the Senate and House of Representatives:

That the General Assembly congratulates Gandin Brothers, Inc. of South Ryegate on its 100th anniversary, and be it further

Resolved: That the Secretary of State be directed to send a copy of this resolution to Gandin Brothers, Inc. in South Ryegate and to the Barre Granite Association.

H.C.R. 103.

House concurrent resolution commemorating the semiquincentennial anniversary of the Town of Westford

Offered by: Representative Heath of Westford

Whereas, the Town of Westford traces its origins to June 8, 1763 when New Hampshire Royal Governor Benning Wentworth granted a charter to 66 proprietors for a tract of land of 23,040 acres, described as “Begining at the North Easterly Corner of Milton from thence Runing Southerly by the Easterly Line of said Milton six Miles to the South Easterly corner thereof which is the North Westerly corner of Essex . . . ,” and

Whereas, on March 25, 1793, the first Westford Town Meeting was convened, at which Francis Northway was elected as Moderator, Martin Powell as Town Clerk, and Jeremiah Stone as State Representative, and

Whereas, on August 7, 1801, a Congregational Church was organized in Westford, and

Whereas, the Rev. John H. Woodward, pastor of the Westford Congregational Church in the mid-19th century, served as Chaplain of the First Vermont Cavalry Regiment during the Civil War and was patriotic, brave, and often traveled directly to the battle front, earning him the name “the fighting chaplain,” and

Whereas, in recognition of his extraordinary military service and in honor of the 109 Westford residents who served during the Civil War, including his son who died in a military skirmish in Hagerstown, Maryland, a statue bearing his personal likeness stands on the Westford Common, and

Whereas, this is the only Civil War monument in Vermont that includes a statue bearing the likeness of a specific person, and

Whereas, the Browns River Covered Bridge, a kingpost truss with a Burr arch in the town center, was constructed in 1837–1838 and was restored in 1965 and again more recently, and

Whereas, a highlight of Westford’s 250th anniversary celebration is the Westford Historical Society’s exhibits on schools, war participants, tractors, clothing, Morehouse baskets, stone walls, and foundations, and

Whereas, any resolution commemorating Westford’s 250th anniversary should honor the late Westford Town Historian, Irene E. Allen (1904–1985), who wrote *Westford, Vermont, From 1913 approximately to 1963*, and the Westford section of the 1972 publication, *Look Around Jericho, Underhill and Westford*, now therefore be it

Resolved by the Senate and House of Representatives:

That the General Assembly commemorates the semiquincentennial anniversary of the Town of Westford, and be it further

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

H.C.R. 104.

House concurrent resolution congratulating Christian DeKett of St. Johnsbury Academy on winning the 2013 Vermont State Poetry Out Loud championship

Offered by: Representatives Fay of St. Johnsbury, South of St. Johnsbury, Strong of Albany, and Young of Glover

Offered by: Senators Benning and Kitchel

Whereas, the National Endowment for the Arts and the Poetry Foundation, in partnership with the Vermont Arts Council, sponsor the Vermont state competition of the Poetry Out Loud: National Recitation Contest, and

Whereas, 37 high schools participated in the 2013 Vermont semifinal and final rounds at the Barre Opera House on March 13, and

Whereas, St. Johnsbury Academy English Department Assistant Chair Angela Drew, with the cooperation of the entire St. Johnsbury Academy English Department, coordinated the Academy's participation, and

Whereas, Christian DeKett from Wheelock, who has excelled in the dramatic arts at the Academy, was his school's Poetry Out Loud champion and advanced to the state competition, and

Whereas, Christian recited "I Am the People, the Mob" by Carl Sandburg and "Ultima Thule" by Linda Bierds in the semifinals, and

Whereas, he was selected as a regional semifinalist and proceeded to compete in the finals with nine other competitors, and

Whereas, the new final-round judges selected four competitors to advance to an even more selective championship round in which Christian DeKett recited the poem "Experience" by Ralph Waldo Emerson, and

Whereas, Christian DeKett recited beautifully and passionately and was named the 2013 Vermont Poetry Out Loud Champion, and

Whereas, as the Vermont champion, Christian DeKett was awarded a \$200.00 prize, and St. Johnsbury Academy was presented a \$500.00 allowance to purchase poetry books, and

Whereas, Christian DeKett with an all-expense-paid trip will represent Vermont at the Poetry Out Loud National finals in Washington, D.C. on April 29, now therefore be it

Resolved by the Senate and House of Representatives:

That the General Assembly congratulates Christian DeKett of St. Johnsbury Academy on winning the 2013 Vermont State Poetry Out Loud championship and wishes him every success at the national finals, and be it further

Resolved: That the Secretary of State be directed to send a copy of this resolution to Christian DeKett and to the St. Johnsbury Academy English Department.

S.C.R. 21.

Senate concurrent resolution congratulating Brattleboro on its tenth anniversary.

Whereas, in February 2003, Lise LePage and Christopher Grotke introduced iBrattleboro, a digital site intended to fill their perceived need for more coverage of Brattleboro area news and opinion, and

Whereas, this pioneer example of citizen journalism serves as an online information resource and encourages community contributors to submit news stories, meeting information, recipes, notices of events, and other items of local interest, and

Whereas, locally owned MuseArts owns iBrattleboro, and its staff organizes the presentation of content, sets broad policy parameters to assure that a degree of civility is maintained, ensures that plagiarism is avoided and copyrights are respected, and assists contributors experiencing technical difficulties posting their contributions, and

Whereas, the front page highlights include summaries of the latest stories, lists of the most read and discussed stories of the day, and direct links to the full text of all items posted, and

Whereas, the stories are organized according to categories, including news and information, culture, living, opinion, the region, and iBrattleboro, and

Whereas, iBrattleboro offers readers the opportunity to comment on stories, and

Whereas, contributors have established descriptively named reader groups, including Totalitarianism Watch, Bookworms, Foodies United, Knitting and Handwork, and The Groups Group, an instructional forum on how to start an iBrattleboro readers' group, and

Whereas, iBrattleboro recently introduced an updated website featuring improved story organization, enhanced story capabilities, better navigation across the site, and a reorganized weather page, and

Whereas, the editors provide a convenient and informative portal to place advertisements on iBrattleboro, and

Whereas, since iBrattleboro's entry into the digital universe, the public has completed 46 million page views, submitted 22,000 stories, offered 103,000 comments, announced 9,300 events, and participated in 475 polls, all indicators of a successful and informative 21st century venture, *now therefore be it*

Resolved by the Senate and House of Representatives:

That the General Assembly congratulates iBrattleboro on its tenth anniversary and extends best wishes for its future success, *and be it further*

Resolved: That the Secretary of State be directed to send a copy of this resolution to Chris Grotke at iBrattleboro.