

CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

ADDENDUM

TO THE

HOUSE CALENDAR

**Text of House Concurrent
Resolutions**

of

April 25, 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. 116.

House concurrent resolution commemorating the second annual Turkic Cultural Day in Vermont

Offered by: Representatives Johnson of South Hero, Head of South Burlington, Pugh of South Burlington, Botzow of Pownal, Donovan of Burlington, Ram of Burlington, and Yantachka of Charlotte

Whereas, in recent years, the Turkish community in Vermont has grown, and

Whereas, as a way for the Turkish community to share its rich and wonderful cultural traditions with other Vermonters, this community has established the Turkish Cultural Center Vermont, and

Whereas, the Turkish Cultural Center Vermont sponsors Turkic Cultural Day to strengthen intercultural understanding between persons of Turkish ancestry and other Vermonters, and

Whereas, an important goal of this annual celebration is to strengthen international understanding and foster friendship, peace, and tolerance among people across the globe, and

Whereas, the second annual Turkic Cultural Day will take place today, April 17, 2013, at the Vermont State House, and

Whereas, this exciting event will feature fine arts demonstrations, including beautiful Sufi music and the mesmerizing Whirling Dervishes who will be adorned in traditional costumes, and

Whereas, the Turkic Cultural Day will also feature samples of Turkish culinary delights that attendees will enjoy, now therefore be it

Resolved by the Senate and House of Representatives:

That the General Assembly commemorates the second annual Turkic Cultural Day and welcomes members of the Turkish community to the State House, and be it further

Resolved: That the Secretary of State be directed to send a copy of this resolution to the Turkish Cultural Center Vermont.

H.C.R. 117.

House concurrent resolution designating April 19, 2013 as Alzheimer's Awareness Day at the State House

Offered by: All Members of the House

Offered by: All Members of the Senate

Whereas, Alzheimer's disease is a severe form of dementia that is the sixth leading cause of death in the United States, and

Whereas, more than five million Americans are living with Alzheimer's, and the Alzheimer's Association is projecting that by the year 2050, with a larger percentage of Americans over age 65, 13.8 million Americans will be the victims of this disease, barring medical progress, and

Whereas, as of 2010, approximately 11,000 Vermonters had Alzheimer's, and this figure is projected to rise to 13,000 by 2025, and

Whereas, in 2013, the national cost to treat Alzheimer's is \$203 billion, and

Whereas, a recently released RAND Corporation study, the results of which were reported this month in *The New York Times* and in the *New England Journal of Medicine*, is projecting that overall dementia-related costs in the United States will double by 2040, and

Whereas, Dr. Ronald Petersen, Chair of the Advisory Panel for the recently created National Alzheimer's Plan, described this projection as somewhat conservative, and

Whereas, Dr. Richard J. Hodes, Director of the National Institute on Aging, has stated he is unaware of any other disease with this large a projected cost increase, and

Whereas, in 2012, 15.4 million caregivers provided more than 17.5 billion hours of unpaid care, and nearly 15 percent of the caregivers for people with Alzheimer's or another form of dementia were long-distance caregivers, and

Whereas, the RAND study estimated the value of informal and unpaid family care as between \$50 billion and \$106 billion, depending on if it is assessed as lost income for the family or the cost of a professional caregiver, and

Whereas, experts agree that the informal care costs for dementia diseases are greater than for most other diseases, and

Whereas, although research continues, the cure for Alzheimer's remains elusive, and

Whereas, members of the Vermont Chapter of the Alzheimer's Association

are visiting the State House today, April 19, 2013, now therefore be it

Resolved by the Senate and House of Representatives:

That the General Assembly designates April 19, 2013 as Alzheimer's 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 Chapter of the Alzheimer's Association.

H.C.R. 118.

House concurrent resolution designating April 2013 as the month of the military child in Vermont

Offered by: Representatives Cole of Burlington, Batchelor of Derby, Botzow of Pownal, Browning of Arlington, Burditt of West Rutland, Burke of Brattleboro, Buxton of Tunbridge, Campion of Bennington, Canfield of Fair Haven, Carr of Brandon, Christie of Hartford, Clarkson of Woodstock, Conquest of Newbury, Consejo of Sheldon, Copeland-Hanzas of Bradford, Corcoran of Bennington, Cross of Winooski, Cupoli of Rutland City, Dickinson of St. Albans Town, Donahue of Northfield, Donovan of Burlington, Ellis of Waterbury, Emmons of Springfield, Evans of Essex, Fay of St. Johnsbury, Feltus of Lyndon, French of Randolph, Gage of Rutland City, Gallivan of Chittenden, Goodwin of Weston, Grad of Moretown, Greshin of Warren, Heath of Westford, Hebert of Vernon, Higley of Lowell, Hooper of Montpelier, Hubert of Milton, Johnson of South Hero, Johnson of Canaan, Juskiewicz of Cambridge, Kitzmiller of Montpelier, Komline of Dorset, Krebs of South Hero, Krowinski of Burlington, Kupersmith of South Burlington, Lanpher of Vergennes, Larocque of Barnet, Lenes of Shelburne, Lippert of Hinesburg, Macaig of Williston, Malcolm of Pawlet, Marcotte of Coventry, Marek of Newfane, McCarthy of St. Albans City, McFaun of Barre Town, Michelsen of Hardwick, 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, Peltz of Woodbury, Potter of Clarendon, Rachelson of Burlington, Ralston of Middlebury, Russell of Rutland City, Savage of Swanton, Scheuermann of Stowe, Shaw of Pittsford, Spengler of Colchester, Stuart of Brattleboro, Sweaney of Windsor, Terenzini of Rutland Town, Toleno of Brattleboro, Townsend of South Burlington, Trieber of Rockingham, Waite-Simpson of Essex, Webb of Shelburne, Wizowaty of Burlington, Wright of Burlington, Yantachka of Charlotte, and Zagar of Barnard

Offered by: Senators Ashe, Baruth, Benning, Bray, Campbell, Cummings, Doyle, Flory, Fox, French, Galbraith, Hartwell, Kitchel, Lyons, Mazza, McCormack, Nitka, Rodgers, Starr, White, and Zuckerman

Whereas, for the children of military personnel, the process of changing school systems and making new friends can recur repeatedly from kindergarten through 12th grade, and

Whereas, when military children are transferred to a new school system, incompatible academic requirements have the potential of causing major difficulties, especially in preparing for high school graduation, and

Whereas, as a legal response to the academic conflicts that may arise from military children frequently transferring school systems, Vermont and other states have adopted the Interstate Compact on Educational Opportunity for Military Children, and

Whereas, military children can also encounter emotional challenges, ranging from the necessity to sever bonds with classmates and build new friendships to coping with the stress associated with parental overseas combat deployment, and

Whereas, nationwide, Operation: Military Kids (OMK), which in Vermont is administered through the University of Vermont Extension and its 4-H program, helps these children adjust to situations that other youngsters do not experience, and

Whereas, the 2012 Vermont OMK reported that 185 volunteers contributed 965 hours to working with OMK youngsters and that 67 support programs reached 390 military children, and

Whereas, OMK is also an information service for the broader community, offering “Ready, Set, Go” trainings about the effect on children of parental deployments and general information sessions on OMK programs, and

Whereas, military parents whose children participate in OMK have responded favorably to the program’s impact on their children’s lives, and

Whereas, OMK children, along with Vermont OMK Coordinator Stephanie Atwood of the University of Vermont Extension are visiting the State House today, and

Whereas, nationally, April is being observed as the month of the military child, now therefore be it

Resolved by the Senate and House of Representatives:

That the General Assembly designates April 2013 as the month of the military child in Vermont, and be it further

Resolved: That the Secretary of State be directed to send a copy of this resolution to Operation: Military Kids at the University of Vermont Extension.

H.C.R. 119.

House concurrent resolution in memory of Richard Swift of Barre Town

Offered by: Representatives Koch of Barre Town and McFaun of Barre Town

Whereas, for over four decades, Dick Swift was a Barre Town resident and in ways small and large made his community a better place, and

Whereas, he graduated from Thetford Academy, and

Whereas, Dick Swift enlisted in the U.S. Navy, serving in the Mediterranean on the minesweeper U.S.S. Macomb, and

Whereas, he graduated from Becker Junior College, and

Whereas, the Swift family resided in several different towns in Massachusetts, Vermont, and New Hampshire before settling in Barre in 1968, and

Whereas, Dick Swift's employment included managing the McClellan retail store in St. Johnsbury, working as an insurance investigator, owning a bread business and a Thomas English Muffin sales route, working at General Electric in Burlington and at Capitol Stationers in Barre, working as a janitor at Spaulding High School, and painting houses, and

Whereas, Dick Swift discovered a new vocation in his 60s when he began substitute teaching at local schools, and

Whereas, at age 73, he was hired as a full-time substitute teacher at the Barre Town Middle and Elementary School, and he derived great pleasure working with youngsters in the classroom, and

Whereas, his fraternal and community memberships included the Lions Club, the Canadian Club, American Legion Post 10, Alcoholics Anonymous, where he volunteered as a sponsor and had achieved 54 years of sobriety, the Sno-Bees, and the Vermont Civil War Hemlocks in which he served as a captain, and

Whereas, Dick Swift raised and showed sheep, fished, hunted, skied, played horseshoes and cards, and coached baseball, and

Whereas, beginning in 1967, Dick Swift played a convincing Santa Claus, pleasing youngsters and truly enjoying the role, and

Whereas, Dick Swift was featured on WCAX television as a Super Senior, and

Whereas, on April 4, 2013, Dick Swift died at age 84, leaving his wife Mabel, children Sarah, Peter, and Candace, five grandchildren, three great grandchildren, his sister Joyce Isham, and his sister-in-law Susan Swift, now therefore be it

Resolved by the Senate and House of Representatives:

That the General Assembly extends sincere condolences to the family of Richard Swift, and be it further

Resolved: That the Secretary of State be directed to send a copy of this resolution to members of his family.

H.C.R. 120.

House concurrent resolution commemorating the sescentennial of the Town of Stowe

Offered by: Representative Scheuermann of Stowe

Offered by: Senator Westman

Whereas, on June 8, 1763, Royal New Hampshire Governor Benning Wentworth granted the Stow town charter to a group of proprietors, and the boundaries for this “Six Miles square” tract of land were described as “Begining at the North Easterly corner of Mansfield, from thence Runing Southerly by said Mansfield, six Miles to the North Westerly corner of Waterbury,” and

Whereas, not until April 16, 1794 was a settlement established, when Oliver Luce arrived from Hartland, Vermont, and

Whereas, in 1797, the first Town Meeting was held at the home of Lowden Case, and

Whereas, in 1818, the original Town Hall was constructed, and

Whereas, in 1838, the letter “e” was added to the spelling of the town’s name, and

Whereas, the town’s boundaries were enlarged in 1840 to add most of the town of Mansfield, and in 1855, part of Sterling was annexed, and

Whereas, starting in 1855, Stowe served as a stop on the Underground Railroad, and

Whereas, Mt. Mansfield’s becoming synonymous with the town of Stowe started in 1856 when the Toll Road was built to the Half-way House, a trail suitable for horses was constructed from there to the summit, and by 1870, the Toll Road was extended to the summit, and

Whereas, the Summit House, built under the nose of Mt. Mansfield, welcomed its first guest in 1858, and the “Big Hotel” known officially as the Mount Mansfield Hotel opened its doors in 1863, and

Whereas, in 1896, the Village of Stowe was incorporated, and in 1911, it established the Village of Stowe Electric Light & Power System, and

Whereas, in 1913, local Swedish families introduced Nordic skiing; in 1933, the Civilian Conservation Corps cut the first ski trails; 1940 marked the opening of the first ski lift and facilitated the start of commercial skiing; and a decade later, the Mt. Mansfield Company was established, and

Whereas, the town of Stowe is proudly celebrating its 250th anniversary throughout 2013, now therefore be it

Resolved by the Senate and House of Representatives:

That the General Assembly commemorates the sescentennial of the Town of Stowe, and be it further

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

H.C.R. 121.

House concurrent resolution celebrating Latchis Arts’ 10th anniversary as the owner of the Latchis Hotel and Theatre

Offered by: Representatives Stuart of Brattleboro, Burke of Brattleboro, and Toleno of Brattleboro

Whereas, in 1938, the Latchis Family built the Latchis Memorial Building, including both the Latchis Theatre and the Latchis Hotel, in downtown Brattleboro, and

Whereas, the building introduced both the Art Deco style and precast concrete sheathing to downtown Brattleboro, and

Whereas, the Latchis Theatre is one of two high-style Art Deco theaters in Vermont, and the Latchis Memorial Building is one of the half dozen most important Art Deco buildings in the State, and

Whereas, in 1983, the Latchis Memorial Building was awarded a listing on the National Registry of Historic Places, and

Whereas, in March 2003, Latchis Arts completed a \$1.6 million capital campaign and, in partnership with the Preservation Trust of Vermont, purchased the historic Latchis Hotel and Theatre, and

Whereas, Latchis Arts established a set of goals: to establish the building as an arts and culture magnet for downtown Brattleboro and to continue the long-running Latchis tradition of presenting first-run and art house movies, and

Whereas, since 2003, Latchis Arts has invested \$1.8 million in code updates, system upgrades, restoration, and beautification projects, and

Whereas, Tropical Storm Irene resulted in \$600,000 worth of damage to the Latchis Memorial Building, but in 46 days, the building was reopened and 2,000 persons visited during the reopening weekend, and

Whereas, Latchis Arts collaborates with other nonprofit organizations to present programs at the Latchis Theatre, including the Brattleboro Music Center, the Vermont Jazz Center, the Brattleboro Literary Festival, the Brattleboro Area Chamber of Commerce, Brattleboro Rotary, the Women's Film Festival, the Brattleboro Film Festival, and the Brattleboro Museum and Art Center, and

Whereas, Latchis Arts is a contributor to the Vermont economy and is a member of local economic development organizations including the Brattleboro Development Credit Corporation, Building a Better Brattleboro, the Town Arts Committee, and the Brattleboro Area Chamber of Commerce, and

Whereas, Latchis Arts has revitalized the Latchis Hotel and Theatre and has created a new and vibrant Brattleboro arts center, now therefore be it

Resolved by the Senate and House of Representatives:

That the General Assembly celebrates Latchis Arts' 10th anniversary as the owner of the Latchis Hotel and Theatre, and be it further

Resolved: That the Secretary of State be directed to send a copy of this resolution to Latchis Arts in Brattleboro.

H.C.R. 122.

House concurrent resolution commemorating the sestercentennial of the Town of Swanton

Offered by: Representatives Savage of Swanton and Consejo of Sheldon

Whereas, unlike most New Hampshire Grants towns, the town of Swanton was not a previously unsettled wilderness, but rather the site of a Missisquoi Abenaki village dating from at least 1682 and of French settlements, including one established in 1740 that was possibly the first European outpost in Vermont, and

Whereas, on August 17, 1763, Royal New Hampshire Governor Benning Wentworth granted a charter for the town of Swanton, named in honor of British Captain William Swanton, a veteran of the French and Indian War, and the boundaries were described as “Begining at the North Easterly Corner of St Albans . . . which Lays on the Easterly side of Lake Champlain from thence Runing Westerly by St Albans Line to Lake Champlain,” and

Whereas, on March 23, 1790, the Town of Swanton was organized under the laws of Vermont, and Daniel Stannard was the town’s first legislative representative, and

Whereas, in 1794, John Joyal established a regular ferry service across the Missisquoi River, and John’s Bridge, the first of many to span the river, opened in 1796, and

Whereas, a U.S. Customs House was established in 1797, and

Whereas, as a result of President Jefferson’s trade embargo with England and Canada, local smuggling became prevalent, and

Whereas, although religious congregations had been previously established, in 1817 a union building for the use of the Baptists, Friends, and Congregationalists was built in Swanton Center, and

Whereas, residents of Swanton actively participated in the Patriot War, an unsuccessful attempt on the part of Canadians seeking independence from Britain, and

Whereas, in 1850, freight and passenger rail service arrived in Swanton, and

Whereas, in 1888, the Village of Swanton was incorporated, and in 1894 Swanton opened the first municipally owned electric company in Vermont, and

Whereas, on August 17, 2013, the Town of Swanton will celebrate with great festivities its 250th anniversary, now therefore be it

Resolved by the Senate and House of Representatives:

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

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