

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. 181.

House concurrent resolution congratulating Steven Bronstein of Marshfield on the selection of his menorah for depiction on the 2013 U.S. Postal Service Hanukkah Stamp

Offered by: Representative Ancel of Calais

Whereas, Steven Bronstein earned his college degree in biology, became a lab assistant at the University of Vermont, and at that time did not envision a blacksmithing career, and

Whereas, as a woodworking hobbyist, he molded an otherwise unobtainable metal chisel using his home gas stove, and

Whereas, the chisel creation process proved enticing, so he enrolled in a blacksmithing workshop where proudly he created a fire poker, and

Whereas, Steve Bronstein decided to switch careers and accepted a blacksmith's position at Shelburne Farms, and

Whereas, after advancing his newly acquired skills, Steven Bronstein decided to establish his own blacksmithing practice, now located in Marshfield, and

Whereas, although located in a rural setting, Steve Bronstein thinks of himself as an urban blacksmith and seeks to develop marketable products, and

Whereas, Steven Bronstein designs lighting, vases, and clocks, and Judaic items, including menorahs, and

Whereas, in 2013, the U.S. Postal Service decided to issue its fifth Hanukkah stamp, and in a search for a menorah to depict on the stamp, one of its art directors discovered a Steve Bronstein menorah in a Washington, D.C. area craft shop, and

Whereas, Steve Bronstein's distinctive iron-forged menorah was selected, and he was both surprised and honored to learn of the U.S. Postal Service's decision, and

Whereas, the Hanukkah stamp depicts Steve Bronstein's menorah, with a lighted candle in each of the menorah's eight branches and its central stand, that in combination glow brightly against a dark background, and

Whereas, across the top of the stamp the word Hanukkah, which in Hebrew means dedication and commemorates the rededication of the ritually restored Israelite Temple in Jerusalem, appears in bold, yellow letters, and

Whereas, the menorah pictured in the stamp will be donated to the Smithsonian Institution, now therefore be it

Resolved by the Senate and House of Representatives:

That the General Assembly congratulates Steven Bronstein of Marshfield on the selection of his menorah for depiction on the 2013 U.S. Postal Service's Hanukkah Stamp, and be it further

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

H.C.R. 182.

House concurrent resolution congratulating Luke Foley on being named the 2013 Vermont Teacher of the Year

Offered by: Representatives Grad of Moretown, Donahue of Northfield, Lewis of Berlin, and Greshin of Warren

Whereas, annually, the Vermont Agency of Education and the State Board of Education select a Vermont Teacher of the Year who participates in events at Vermont schools and is the State's candidate in the National Teacher of the Year competition held in Washington, D.C., and

Whereas, in 2013, Luke Foley of Warren, who is an instructor at the Northfield Middle and High School's STAR program, which offers an alternative education curriculum, was named the Vermont Teacher of the Year, and

Whereas, he is a graduate of Colorado College and holds a master's degree in teaching from the University of Vermont, and

Whereas, prior to joining the Northfield Middle and High School faculty, Luke Foley was a social studies teacher at Montpelier High School, and

Whereas, he has an ideal professional background to teach as an alternative educator, having worked as a wilderness guide, field instructor, and school program director both domestically and internationally, and

Whereas, Luke Foley approaches education “using real-world problems to develop [students’] critical academic skills” and finds ways “for students to contribute to the world around them,” and

Whereas, he also serves as a Forest for Every Classroom fellow with the National Park Service and Shelburne Farms, and volunteers with VT FEED (Food Every Day) and other sustainability programs, and

Whereas, Luke Foley is an ideal recipient of this special honor in the field of education, now therefore be it

Resolved by the Senate and House of Representatives:

That the General Assembly congratulates Luke Foley on being named the 2013 Vermont Teacher of the Year, and be it further

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

H.C.R. 183.

House concurrent resolution honoring Brian Fitzgerald of Moretown for his conservation and environmental protection leadership

Offered by: Representative Deen of Westminster

Whereas, as a youth, Brian Fitzgerald became acquainted with the Appalachian Trail and developed a lifelong passion for the outdoors and protecting our natural resources, and

Whereas, he pursued these passions at the State University of New York’s College of Environmental Science and Forestry at Syracuse, where he earned bachelor’s and master’s degrees in biology and ecology, and

Whereas, after completing graduate school, Brian Fitzgerald moved to Vermont and accepted employment at the Agency of Natural Resources (ANR) in its Water Quality Division, and

Whereas, Brian Fitzgerald, along with his other myriad leadership roles at the ANR’s Department of Environmental Conservation, has served as co-chair of the Vermont Dam Task Force since its establishment in 2000, and

Whereas, through his work at the Vermont Dam Task, Brian Fitzgerald has improved the health of Vermont’s streams and rivers, and restored the presence of fish and other aquatic species, and

Whereas, in this role, he has helped oversee the removal of dams that no longer serve a valid purpose to further improve Vermont’s streams, and

Whereas, his interests have extended beyond his official duties, and

Whereas, the Appalachian Trail remains a central part of his life, and

Whereas, Brian Fitzgerald has served as a volunteer leader at the Appalachian Trail Conservancy (ATC), the nonprofit organization that partners with the federal government to maintain the Appalachian Trail, and

Whereas, he first joined the organization's board of directors in 1991, was elected board chair in 2001, and led a reorganization process that resulted in a new strategic direction for the ATC, and

Whereas, in recognition of his many leadership contributions, the ATC awarded him an honorary lifetime membership, and

Whereas, Brian Fitzgerald also has a strong attachment to the hiking trails in Vermont, where he served as President of the Green Mountain Club, and

Whereas, after 30 years on the staff of the Agency of Natural Resources, Brian Fitzgerald has concluded his public service career and looks forward to new outdoor adventures with his life partner, Brenda Clarkson, now therefore be it

Resolved by the Senate and House of Representatives:

That the General Assembly honors Brian Fitzgerald for his conservation and environmental protection leadership, and be it further

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

H.C.R. 184.

House concurrent resolution congratulating the 2013 Otter Valley Union High School Otters Division II championship baseball team

Offered by: Representatives Shaw of Pittsford and Carr of Brandon

Offered by: Senators Flory, French, and Mullin

Whereas, despite their best efforts at home plate, the pitcher's mound, and in the infield and outfield, the Otter Valley Union High School Otters had not won a state baseball championship since 1976, and

Whereas, the decades of waiting for this much-sought recognition ended in 2013 with an amazing and memorable season on the baseball diamond, and

Whereas, the Otters entered the playoffs focused on a successful post-season campaign, and

Whereas, having defeated their opponent in each successive round of play, the Otters won the right to face Burr and Burton Academy at Burlington's Centennial Field in the Division II championship game, and

Whereas, in a contest that was extraordinary, Otter Valley's pitching limited Burr and Burton to a single hit and no runs, while the Otters exploded for nine runs in a convincing win which clinched the 2013 Division II baseball championship, and

Whereas, this exciting 9–0 victory was the result of Otter players Will Claessens, Brett Patterson, Ryan Kelley, Dean Douglas, Emmett Thurston, CJ McCullough, Tyler Jones, Conner Gallipo, Shane Quenneville, Chad Lonergan, John Winslow, Jim Winslow, Justin Owen, Tyler Allen, Carson Leary, Thomas Roberts, and Mike Winslow working for a common goal, and following the wise advice of Head Coach Tim Mitchell and Assistant Coaches Kevin Bedard and Jeff Jones, and

Whereas, the team returned home to a tumultuous fan welcome, now therefore be it

Resolved by the Senate and House of Representatives:

That the General Assembly congratulates the 2013 Otter Valley Union High School Otters Division II championship baseball team, and be it further

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

H.C.R. 185.

House concurrent resolution congratulating the 2013 Milton High School Yellowjackets Division II championship girls' soccer team

Offered by: Representatives Turner of Milton, Hubert of Milton, Johnson of South Hero, and Krebs of South Hero

Whereas, to no one's surprise, the 2013 Milton High School Yellowjackets Division II girls' soccer team demonstrated great skills on the playing field, and

Whereas, third-seeded Milton was victorious in the semifinal playoff game against Middlebury, earning a championship berth against the top-seeded Mill River Minutemen, and

Whereas, the exciting championship contest, played at Randolph Union High School, was tied 2–all at halftime, but, in the second half, Milton surged ahead to clinch a 6–3 victory, and

Whereas, this thrilling win was the Yellowjackets' 12th girls' soccer championship, and its fourth in the past six years, and

Whereas, the talented soccer players on the Milton squad included Ashley Lauziere, Casey Hurley, Celeste Gander, Brooke Phillips, Carlie Reen,

Addison Wennar, Alacey German, Erin Turner, Logan Sweeney, Caitlyn Dabagian, Kaitlin Reilly, Haley Lauziere, Hailey Flynn, Laura Dickinson, Dallas Brodhead, Alicia Muir, Grace Hickey, Alex Orest, Paige Johnson, Carmen Shappy, Kayleigh Reid, Taylor Quintin, Lucy Vestrand, Adrianna Desranleau, and Kaila Outama, and

Whereas, the Yellowjackets' coaching staff consisted of Head Coach Cory Payson and assistant coaches Elijah Boardman, Brenda Sweeney, and Shawntel Burke, and

Whereas, Mountain Transit, Inc. made a special effort to provide bus transportation services for the team and its many fans, now therefore be it

Resolved by the Senate and House of Representatives:

That the General Assembly congratulates the 2013 Milton High School Yellowjackets Division II championship girls' soccer team, and be it further

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

H.C.R. 186.

House concurrent resolution congratulating Norwich University on the inauguration of its new biomass heating plant

Offered by: Representatives Grad of Moretown, Donahue of Northfield, and Lewis of Berlin

Whereas, over the last one-quarter of a century, Norwich University has examined the option of a wood chip burning, biomass heating plant and its financial implications, and

Whereas, Norwich University's most recent technological and fiscal assessments indicated that the construction of a biomass plant would now be advantageous for the university, and

Whereas, on October 25, 2013, Norwich University dedicated its new biomass heating plant, and

Whereas, according to Chief Administrative Officer Dave Magida, the wood used in the plant will come from within a 100-mile radius of the campus, and

Whereas, Dave Magida also stated that this state-of-the-art plant will result in a 50-percent reduction in soot emissions, and that the State of Vermont has certified that the 200 tons of ash the plant will produce can be used as organic fertilizer, and

Whereas, Norwich University views the operation of the biomass plant as continuing its tradition of good corporate citizenship, and

Whereas, money for heating costs previously spent on oil will now be spent on locally produced wood with substantial savings, and

Whereas, the biomass heating plant represents a major step in implementing Norwich University's plans for the coming decades, now therefore be it

Resolved by the Senate and House of Representatives:

That the General Assembly congratulates Norwich University on the inauguration of its new biomass heating plant, and be it further

Resolved: That the Secretary of State be directed to send a copy of this resolution to Norwich University President Richard W. Schneider.

H.C.R. 187.

House concurrent resolution designating January 2014 as National Mentoring Month in Vermont

Offered by: Representatives Gallivan of Chittenden, Burke of Brattleboro, Clarkson of Woodstock, Copeland-Hanzas of Bradford, Cupoli of Rutland City, Hooper of Montpelier, Kitzmiller of Montpelier, McCarthy of St. Albans City, Mook of Bennington, Peltz of Woodbury, Pugh of South Burlington, Sharpe of Bristol, Taylor of Barre City, Vowinkel of Hartford, and Webb of Shelburne

Whereas, relationships with caring mentors offer youth valuable support to guide them toward making positive and healthy life choices, and

Whereas, the mentoring programs schools and youth organizations offer are effective at increasing student attendance and academic performance, and

Whereas, mentored youth are less likely to skip school, start using drugs and alcohol, or engage in violence, and are more likely to attend college, and

Whereas, these young people exhibit improved self-esteem, have better relationships with family members and peers, and feel a greater connectedness to their community and schools, and

Whereas, partnerships between businesses, schools, and other youth service organizations and mentoring programs are an effective way for businesses to support youth within their communities, and

Whereas, collaborative mentoring programs that the entire community supports are able to serve more youth, and

Whereas, since 2013, Mobius has served as Vermont's mentoring partnership organization, and it provides support for youth mentoring programs and volunteer mentors throughout the State, and

Whereas, Mobius with other public and private organizations are committed to working to increase the number of quality mentoring matches statewide, and

Whereas, hundreds of Vermont youth are waiting for mentors, and

Whereas, since 2002, January has been designated National Mentoring Month, a time dedicated to an outreach campaign focusing national attention on the need for mentors to ensure brighter futures for young people, now therefore be it

Resolved by the Senate and House of Representatives:

That the General Assembly designates January 2014 as National Mentoring Month in Vermont, and be it further

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

H.C.R. 188.

House concurrent resolution in memory of Representative Lawrence E. Townsend of Randolph

Offered by: All Members of the House

Offered by: All Members of the Senate

Whereas, as a member of the House of Representatives closely associated with the towns in his legislative district, Representative Larry Townsend epitomized the model Vermont citizen legislator, and

Whereas, he graduated from the former Braintree-Randolph High School, earned an associate degree at Vermont Technical College, and served in the U.S. Army during the Vietnam War, and

Whereas, after being employed at General Electric in Pittsfield, Massachusetts, Larry Townsend returned home to Randolph to embark on a 29-year career with the U.S. Post Office, and

Whereas, his community involvement included a focus on housing policy through his service on the board of the East Valley Neighborhood Housing and as President of Randolph Neighborhood Housing, and

Whereas, Larry Townsend had served as a Randolph Village firefighter, and

Whereas, the voters of Randolph elected Larry Townsend to multiple terms on both the Randolph Selectboard and the high school board, and

Whereas, in 2008, Larry Townsend successfully stood for election to the House of Representatives in a district including Randolph and nearby municipalities, and

Whereas, as a member of the House Committee on Government Operations, Larry Townsend was an important and constructive contributor in the 2012 decennial reapportionment process, and

Whereas, Larry Townsend, known for his great sense of humor, was a well-liked member across the political aisle, and his colleagues were saddened to learn of his death on June 29, 2013, and

Whereas, his survivors include his wife, Judith, sons, Tim, Jeffrey, Brian, and Jonathan, grandchildren, Morgan, Avery, Cole, and Liam, and brothers, David, James, Rudolph, and Garry, now therefore be it

Resolved by the Senate and House of Representatives:

That the General Assembly expresses its sincere condolences to the family of Representative Lawrence Townsend, 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. 189.

House concurrent resolution congratulating the Proctor High School 2013 Division IV girls' championship soccer team

Offered by: Representatives Potter of Clarendon, Burditt of West Rutland, Canfield of Fair Haven, Carr of Brandon, Cupoli of Rutland City, Devereux of Mount Holly, Donaghy of Poultney, Fagan of Rutland City, Gage of Rutland City, Gallivan of Chittenden, Helm of Fair Haven, Komline of Dorset, Malcolm of Pawlet, Russell of Rutland City, Shaw of Pittsford, Stevens of Shoreham, and Terenzini of Rutland Town

Whereas, in 2011, the Proctor High School Phantoms defeated the Black River High School Presidents for the Division IV girls' soccer championship, and

Whereas, in 2012, the same two teams met again for the Division IV title, with the Presidents emerging victorious, and

Whereas, each of these athletically skilled teams equally was qualified to emerge as the 2013 Division IV champion, and

Whereas, the championship game was a close contest in which the two teams were tied 2–all at the conclusion of regulation play, but ultimately

Proctor was victorious on a penalty kick following the maximum 110 minutes of play, and

Whereas, the Proctor squad, which persevered, won the game, and the 2013 Division IV girls' soccer title, was made up of Elisabeth Tate, Maddison French, Abby McKearin, Riley Coombs, Brodie Langlois, Alyssa Valerio, Rebecca Elrick, Megan Elrick, Mackenzie Hickey, Lucy George, Gwyneth Jackson, Jessica Watson, Morgan Anderson, Ashley Perry, Hannah Ashby, Brittany Gates, Courtney Currier, Alexis Bride, Maxine Tilden, Erin Flanders, Olivia Valerio, Kayla Eugair, Reilly Duggan, and Sierra Thornton, and

Whereas, coaches Scott French and Butch Abdelnour inspired the students to play as a unified team, now therefore be it

Resolved by the Senate and House of Representatives:

That the General Assembly congratulates the Proctor High School 2013 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 Proctor High School.

S.C.R. 30.

Sally Fox of South Burlington.

Whereas, Senator Sally Fox led an exemplary life dedicated to public service, including representing the citizens of Vermont in the General Assembly, and

Whereas, she was a native Nebraskan, graduated from the University of Wisconsin, earned a law degree at the State University of New York at Buffalo, and concluded her eastward journey when she settled in Vermont, and

Whereas, in 1986, Sally Fox's strong desire to engage in the public policy arena and work for a civil society that treated all Vermonters fairly and without prejudice inspired her to seek a seat in the House of Representatives, and

Whereas, for seven consecutive bienniums, Sally Fox was a House member from Essex, and strove to turn into legislation her deeply held beliefs in equity and social justice, and

Whereas, as a member of the House Committee on the Judiciary, Sally Fox played a leading role in the crafting and enactment of Act 220, establishing the Family Court, and she took great pride in witnessing this judicial innovation for addressing family-law-related matters, and

Whereas, as Chair of the House Committee on the Judiciary, Sally Fox focused her attention on improving the effectiveness and fairness of the State's

criminal and juvenile justice systems, and she viewed her leadership in enacting Act 55 of 1991, which lowered the legal definition of an alcoholically impaired driver from a blood alcohol content level of 0.10 to 0.08, as a major contribution to highway safety in Vermont, and

Whereas, as Chair of the House Committee on Appropriations, she sought to preserve the social safety net protecting Vermonters, while still addressing the State's fiscal requirements, and

Whereas, the members of the House Democratic Caucus respected Sally Fox's ingenuity, initiative, and leadership skills, electing her its Deputy Majority Leader for the 1997–1998 Biennium, and

Whereas, after concluding her House membership in 2000, Sally Fox endeavored to improve the lives of Vermonters as Director of Family Court Operations, as Policy Director of Vermont Businesses for Social Responsibility, as the Coordinator for the City of Burlington's Offender Reentry Program, and as the Government Affairs Director for the Vermont State Colleges, and

Whereas, in 2010, Sally Fox won a Senate seat representing Chittenden County, and her new legislative duties included sitting on the Committees on Health and Welfare and on Appropriations and service on several joint committees, including cochairing the Mental Health Oversight Committee, and

Whereas, she was an active participant in a number of community organizations, and

Whereas, after battling a rare form of sarcoma, Sally Fox died on January 10, 2014, at the age of 62, leaving her husband, Michael Sirotkin, sons, Jacob and Jesse, and many friends and admirers among her legislative colleagues and throughout Vermont, and

Whereas, her presence will be missed in the Vermont State House, and the large outpouring of mourners at her funeral was a moving tribute to Senator Sally Fox and her passionate commitment to assisting Vermont's most vulnerable citizens, *now therefore be it*

Resolved by the Senate and House of Representatives:

That the General Assembly mourns the passing of Senator Sally Fox of South Burlington and extends its sincere condolences to her family, *and be it further*

Resolved: That the Secretary of State be directed to send a copy of this resolution to her husband and each of her sons.

S.C.R. 31.

Whereas, Representative Arthur Williams was a member of the General Assembly from Fayston, and

Whereas, during World War II, Arthur Williams served as an ambulance driver for the French Army, and later graduated from Bowdoin College as a double major in English and American History, and

Whereas, in 1958, Arthur Williams and his wife, Hanne, moved to the Mad River Valley, where he taught in one-room schoolhouses, and

Whereas, he was an original investor in the Sugarbush Ski Resort, an enthusiastic sailor, and an avid polo player, and

Whereas, in 1961, legislative service beckoned, and Arthur Williams was elected to the first of three consecutive terms as the member of the House from Fayston, and

Whereas, Arthur Williams was appointed chair of the State panel responsible for historic sites, and served as the first Executive Director of the Vermont Arts Council, and

Whereas, in performing State House curatorial work at the Vermont Arts Council, his true State House legacy began, even though he had cast his final legislative vote, and

Whereas, on retiring from the Council, Arthur Williams continued curatorial duties at the State House, a building for which he had great affection, and

Whereas, in an effort to develop an organization dedicated to State House restoration and long-term preservation, he established the Friends of the Vermont State House, which continues to support State House curatorial activities, and

Whereas, on a more local level, Arthur Williams founded the Community Fund, dedicated to helping Mad River Valley residents in need, and

Whereas, a State leader of many talents and interests, Arthur Williams died on December 28, 2013 at age 87, and his survivors include his children Astrid, John, and Nate, four grandchildren, his sister, Anne, and his sister-in-law, Ann, *now therefore be it*

Resolved by the Senate and House of Representatives:

That the General Assembly extends condolences to the family of former Representative Arthur Williams, *and be it further*

Resolved: That the Secretary of State be directed to send a copy of this resolution to members of the family of Arthur Williams and to the Friends of the Vermont State House.