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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. 206.

House concurrent resolution congratulating Green Mountain RSVP on its 40th anniversary of community service

Offered by: Representatives Martin of Springfield, Dakin of Chester, and Emmons of Springfield

Offered by: Senators Campbell, McCormack, and Nitka

Whereas, the Corporation for National and Community Service operates Senior Corps, which includes the Retired Senior Volunteer Program, commonly known as RSVP, and

Whereas, RSVP is organized across the United States into local nonprofit agencies, including the Green Mountain RSVP serving Windsor County, and

Whereas, Green Mountain RSVP recruits and assigns persons age 55 and older to serve as community volunteers, who assist individuals and nonprofit agencies in a wide assortment of tasks, and

Whereas, Green Mountain RSVP's roster consists of over 300 volunteers, who, in 2012, donated over 58,000 hours of their time and expertise at 77 locations in Windsor County, saving nonprofit agencies thousands of dollars, and

Whereas, among the diverse activities in which Green Mountain RSVP volunteers participated were leading Bone Builders osteoporosis prevention exercise classes, providing tax preparation assistance, delivering food through the Meals on Wheels program, visiting patients in hospitals and nursing homes, driving persons to medical appointments, mentoring children in and outside schools, and knitting and crocheting items for nonprofit organizations, and

Whereas, studies have documented that seniors who volunteer live longer, healthier, and more fulfilling lives, and

Whereas, in 2013, Green Mountain RSVP observed its 40th anniversary of community service and commemorated this special milestone with a celebratory event on October 24, now therefore be it

Resolved by the Senate and House of Representatives:

That the General Assembly congratulates Green Mountain RSVP on its 40th anniversary of community service, and be it further

Resolved: That the Secretary of State be directed to send a copy of this resolution to Linda Husband, Program Manager at the Green Mountain RSVP and Volunteer Center in Springfield.

H.C.R. 207.

House concurrent resolution congratulating the Rutland Gift-of-Life Marathon on establishing a new national one-day blood donation record

Offered by: Representatives Terenzini of Rutland Town, Burditt of West Rutland, Canfield of Fair Haven, Cupoli of Rutland City, Fagan of Rutland City, Gage of Rutland City, Gallivan of Chittenden, Helm of Fair Haven, Malcolm of Pawlet, Potter of Clarendon, Russell of Rutland City, Shaw of Pittsford, Beyor of Highgate, Branagan of Georgia, Brennan of Colchester, Campion of Bennington, Carr of Brandon, Dakin of Chester, Deen of Westminster, Devereux of Mount Holly, Dickinson of St. Albans Town, Donaghy of Poultney, Goodwin of Weston, Hebert of Vernon, Huntley of Cavendish, Juskiewicz of Cambridge, Krebs of South Hero, Larocque of Barnet, Lewis of Berlin, McCullough of Williston, Mitchell of Fairfax, Mook of Bennington, Morrissey of Bennington, Myers of Essex, Pearce of Richford, Quimby of Concord, Scheuermann of Stowe, Stevens of Shoreham, Strong of Albany, Sweaney of Windsor, Van Wyck of Ferrisburgh, and Webb of Shelburne

Offered by: Senators Flory, French, Mullin, Benning, Cummings, Doyle, Mazza, and Pollina

Whereas, blood supplies are often reduced during the December holiday season, and

Whereas, in order to address this problem in the Rutland area and to foster a sense of community spirit, beginning in 2003 Central Vermont Public Service (now the Green Mountain Power Company) began its Gift-of-Life Marathon at the Paramount Theatre, and

Whereas, Castleton State College, and its President David Wolk, and Rutland radio station WJJR-FM, and its broadcasters, Terry Jaye and Nanci Gordon, were leaders and promoters of the Gift-of-Life Marathon, and

Whereas, in 2012, the Gift-of-Life Marathon nearly set a national one-day blood donation record, and

Whereas, at the behest of Green Mountain Power Company President Mary Powell and Vice President Steve Costello, a long-time Gift-of-Life Marathon organizer, the Red Cross agreed to give Rutland another opportunity in 2013, and

Whereas, on December 16, 2013 at five locations, the Paramount Theatre, the College of St. Joseph, the Elks Lodge, and the American Legion Post 31 in Rutland City, and at the Holiday Inn in Rutland Town, the organizers and the community exerted a maximum effort to achieve this special blood donation milestone, and

Whereas, more than 200 Red Cross staff and 300 volunteers worked tirelessly until 10:00 p.m., and

Whereas, the final total of 2,337 pints far exceeded the one-day 1,968 pint national record set previously in Manchester, New Hampshire, now therefore be it

Resolved by the Senate and House of Representatives:

That the General Assembly congratulates the Rutland Gift-of-Life Marathon on establishing a new national one-day blood donation record, and be it further

Resolved: That the Secretary of State be directed to send a copy of this resolution to the Green Mountain Power Company, to Castleton State College, to WJJR-FM, to the Red Cross, to each of the hosting organizations, and to the Rutland City and Rutland Town clerks.

H.C.R. 208.

House concurrent resolution recognizing the role of registered nurses in the delivery of quality health care in Vermont

Offered by: Representatives Spengler of Colchester, Dakin of Chester, Keenan of St. Albans City, and O'Brien of Richmond

Offered by: Senator Ayer

Whereas, the thousands of registered nurses and hundreds of nurse practitioners in Vermont represent our State's largest health care human resource, and

Whereas, the depth and breadth of the registered nursing profession is meeting the varied health care needs of Vermonters, and

Whereas, in a December 2013 Gallup poll, nurses scored the highest trust ratings of 22 professions, regardless of a respondent's political affiliation or age, and

Whereas, the need for registered nursing services will continue to grow due to the aging American population, the growth of life-sustaining technology, and the increase of home health care services, and

Whereas, the American Nurses Association and the Vermont State Nurses' Association have both declared the week of May 6–12 as National Nurses Week 2014, in celebration of the contributions of American registered nurses to quality health care, and

Whereas, the Vermont State Nurses' Association has declared January 29, 2014 as Vermont State Nurses' Day, and 2014 marks the organization's centennial anniversary, now therefore be it

Resolved by the Senate and House of Representatives:

That the General Assembly recognizes the role of registered nurses in the delivery of quality health care in Vermont, and be it further

Resolved: That the Secretary of State be directed to send a copy of this resolution to the Vermont State Nurses' Association.

H.C.R. 209.

House concurrent resolution congratulating the *Vermont Cynic* on its 130th anniversary

Offered by: Representatives Rachelson of Burlington, Buxton of Tunbridge, Campion of Bennington, Cole of Burlington, Cross of Winooski, Cupoli of Rutland City, Donovan of Burlington, Juskiewicz of Cambridge, Krowinski of Burlington, McCormack of Burlington, Pearson of Burlington, Peltz of Woodbury, Ram of Burlington, Stuart of Brattleboro, and Wizowaty of Burlington

Offered by: Senators Baruth, Snelling, and Zuckerman

Whereas, independent student journalism at the University of Vermont (UVM) has existed since the *University Cynic*, now known as the *Vermont Cynic*, was first published in 1883, and

Whereas, the mission of the *Vermont Cynic* "is to serve the University of Vermont and the Burlington community as an independent student voice that strives to be an outlet for news and to promote the exchange of ideas and information," and

Whereas, the *Vermont Cynic* prides itself on reporting the news in “an accurate, objective, unbiased, timely and comprehensive” manner, and

Whereas, this news organization operates with a staff of approximately 80 students, including a 12-member editorial board and three executive editors, and

Whereas, the *Vermont Cynic* continues to publish as a traditional printed newspaper boasting a 5,000-copy circulation both on and off the UVM campus, and

Whereas, the digital age arrived at the *Vermont Cynic* in 2001, when online publication began, and in 2014, social media, multimedia reports, and forums are an essential part of the *Cynic*’s journalistic mission, and

Whereas, the *Vermont Cynic* has won national recognition for excellence in collegiate journalism, and

Whereas, in 2011, the Associated Collegiate Press (ACP) presented the *Cynic* its Pacemaker Award, which is considered college journalism’s equivalent of the Pulitzer Prize, and

Whereas, the *Vermont Cynic* was honored for its outstanding journalism in the Press’s newspaper category, and

Whereas, in 2012, the *Vermont Cynic* demonstrated once again the high quality and versatility of its news product when the Associated College Press honored the UVM publication with a Pacemaker Award in its online category, and

Whereas, in October 2013, the National College Media Convention awarded the *Vermont Cynic* with a Best of Show for best special edition (9th place), and best multimedia package (3rd place), now therefore be it

Resolved by the Senate and House of Representatives:

That the General Assembly honors the *Vermont Cynic* on its 130th anniversary and wishes it continued journalistic success, and be it further

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

H.C.R. 210.

House concurrent resolution congratulating David Ro on his tennis accomplishments at Essex High School

Offered by: Representatives Myers of Essex, Evans of Essex, Heath of Westford, Jerman of Essex, and Waite-Simpson of Essex

Whereas, starting in his freshman year, David Ro, a 2013 Essex High School graduate, played a superb level of tennis that awed and impressed players and coaches throughout the State, and

Whereas, in each of his four years as a member of the Essex High School tennis team, David Ro completed the season as the Vermont individual high school boys' champion, and

Whereas, he most recently reaffirmed his prowess on the tennis court with 6–1 and 6–0 set victories to clinch his final high school match and the 2013 individual boys' championship title, and

Whereas, equally impressive, throughout his entire high school career, David Ro never lost a single set on the court, and

Whereas, David Ro is an excellent scholar, as well as a great tennis player, and is now a freshman at Dartmouth College, and

Whereas, his high school tennis accomplishments truly deserve special recognition, now therefore be it

Resolved by the Senate and House of Representatives:

That the General Assembly congratulates David Ro on his tennis accomplishments at Essex High School and wishes him the best of success at Dartmouth College, and be it further

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

H.C.R. 211.

House concurrent resolution in memory of Chet Briggs of Calais

Offered by: Representatives Taylor of Barre City, Davis of Washington, Hooper of Montpelier, Koch of Barre Town, McFaun of Barre Town, Miller of Shaftsbury, Moran of Wardsboro, Pearson of Burlington, and Poirier of Barre City

Whereas, Chet Briggs was a dedicated citizen activist dating back to his civil rights work while a student at the University of Texas at Austin, and

Whereas, in the late 1970s, Chet Briggs and his wife, Karen Lane, moved to Vermont and purchased an historic home in East Calais, and he later earned a master's degree in public administration from the University of Vermont, and

Whereas, Chet Briggs was the coordinator of the Head Start program at Central Vermont Community Action (CVCA), and later CVCA's administrative director, and

Whereas, on behalf of Partners of the Americas: Vermont-Honduras, he developed award-winning projects, one for farmers and a second for small businesses, and

Whereas, Chet Briggs operated his own firm, Public Management Systems, and worked as a statistician for the Vermont Medicaid program, and

Whereas, he was associated with, and assumed leadership positions at, a number of community organizations, and

Whereas, his many volunteer activities included serving the American Red Cross as the Vermont/New Hampshire Valley Chapter's director for Disaster Relief Services, where he was involved in post-Irene and Sandy storm recovery efforts, working with Central Vermont Home and Hospice as vice president, and presiding as president of the Vermont Alliance for Retired Persons, and

Whereas, Chet Briggs had a special love for the Barre community, serving as president of the Barre Historical Society, where he was an essential leader in the restoration of the Socialist Labor Party Hall, a National Historic Landmark, helping to chair the Barre Heritage Festival, and participating as an active Barre Rotarian, and

Whereas, in 2013, the Joint Service Clubs of Barre honored him for his leadership contributions, and

Whereas, Chet Briggs also served on the Board of the Champlain Valley Folk Festival and as a Chinese cuisine chef at charitable fundraisers, and

Whereas, on January 2, 2014, Chet Briggs, whose love for life was boundless, died, and his survivors include his wife, Aldrich Library Director Karen Lane, and their son, Justin, now therefore be it

Resolved by the Senate and House of Representatives:

That the General Assembly extends its sincere condolences to the family and many friends of Chet Briggs, and be it further

Resolved: That the Secretary of State be directed to send a copy of this resolution to Karen Lane in East Calais and to the Barre Historical Society.

H.C.R. 212.

House concurrent resolution congratulating the innovative cross-cultural mission of the Izdahaar arts exchange organization

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

Whereas, Yasmin Tayeby is an Egyptian-American who, as a young girl, experienced both American and Egyptian cultures, and

Whereas, this musically talented woman graduated from the Berklee College of Music in Boston, and

Whereas, upon graduation, Yasmin Tayeby returned to Cairo, where she combined her artistic and business skills in establishing a music and events promotion company that offered multicultural arts performances for Egyptian audiences, and

Whereas, while in Egypt, she developed a working relationship with the U.S. Embassy in Cairo, collaborating on multiple projects, and

Whereas, Yasmin Tayeby moved to Vermont, where, in 2013, she founded Izdahar, a nonprofit organization dedicated to promoting cross-cultural understanding between the United States and the Middle East and North Africa, and

Whereas, she selected the name Izdahar, which in Arabic means flourishing, to reflect the flourishing of the visual and performing arts in both the Middle East and North Africa, and

Whereas, Izdahar promotes intercultural exchanges in New York and Vermont, and works in collaboration with the U.S. Department of State, and with performing arts organizations in the Middle East and North Africa, and

Whereas, a prime example of Izdahar's international cultural mission is the performance presented today in the State House of the Egyptian musical theater group Fabrica, which the acclaimed Egyptian soprano Neveen Allouba established, and

Whereas, Izdahar will foster a new connection between the United States and communities in the Middle East and North Africa, now therefore be it

Resolved by the Senate and House of Representatives:

That the General Assembly congratulates the innovative cross-cultural mission of the Izdahar arts exchange organization, and be it further

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

H.C.R. 213.

House concurrent resolution in memory of Margaret Hurley Franzen of Montpelier

Offered by: Representatives Hooper of Montpelier, Ancel of Calais, Batchelor of Derby, Branagan of Georgia, Burke of Brattleboro, Christie of

Hartford, Cole of Burlington, Copeland-Hanzas of Bradford, Davis of Washington, Fay of St. Johnsbury, Fisher of Lincoln, French of Randolph, Gallivan of Chittenden, Grad of Moretown, Head of South Burlington, Hoyt of Norwich, Kitzmiller of Montpelier, Klein of East Montpelier, Lenes of Shelburne, Lippert of Hinesburg, Macaig of Williston, Martin of Wolcott, McCormack of Burlington, McFaun of Barre Town, Michelsen of Hardwick, Moran of Wardsboro, O'Brien of Richmond, Partridge of Windham, Pearson of Burlington, Pugh of South Burlington, South of St. Johnsbury, Spengler of Colchester, Stevens of Waterbury, Stevens of Shoreham, Taylor of Barre City, Till of Jericho, and Waite-Simpson of Essex

Offered by: Senator Cummings

Whereas, Peg Franzen was a giant among advocates for human rights, whose portfolio of causes included persons with disabilities, workers' rights, and universal health care, and

Whereas, she was educated at Emmanuel College and Georgetown University, and studied feminist liberation theology at the Women's Theological Center, and

Whereas, Peg Franzen was a founding member of the Vermont Center for Independent Living in Montpelier, and

Whereas, she was a leader at the Vermont Workers' Center (VWC) in Burlington, including working at the Workers' Rights Hotline, serving on the its Coordinating Committee as an at-large member, as treasurer, and from 2009–2012 as its much-admired president, and

Whereas, through her leadership, the VWC assumed a more prominent State House and statewide presence, and became a catalyst in the national movement for workers' rights, and

Whereas, one of her other accomplishments was cofounding the Peace and Justice Center in Burlington, and

Whereas, Peg Franzen established the annual Committee on Temporary Shelter (COTS) Walk, that raises hundreds of thousands of dollars for Vermont's largest homeless shelter, and

Whereas, most recently, Peg Franzen served on the Advisory Committee of the Green Mountain Care Board where she assisted in designing the future Green Mountain Care plan, and

Whereas, Peg Franzen died on November 9, 2013, and her survivors include her spouse, Joyce Werntgen, former husband, Herbert Franzen, children, Lisa, Matthew, and Michael, stepsons, Kurt, Neal, and Eric, two grandchildren, three step-grandchildren, a great-grandson, and brother, Robert, and

Whereas, on December 10, 2013 at the Church Center for the United Nations in New York City, Peg Franzen was honored posthumously for her national human rights legacy, and on December 15, 2013, Vermonters remembered her at a celebration held at the Old Labor Hall in Barre, now therefore be it

Resolved by the Senate and House of Representatives:

That the General Assembly extends condolences to the family and friends of Peg Franzen, and be it further

Resolved: That the Secretary of State be directed to send a copy of this resolution to Joyce Werntgen, the Vermont Center for Independent Living, and the Vermont Workers' Center.