

CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

ADDENDUM

TO THE

HOUSE CALENDAR

**Text of House Concurrent
Resolutions**

of

February 13, 2014

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. 222.

House concurrent resolution commemorating the placement of a historic marker at Wagon Wheels Farm in South Royalton

Offered by: Representatives Buxton of Tunbridge and McFaun of Barre Town

Offered by: Senators Campbell, McCormack, and Nitka

Whereas, during the early years of the 20th century, Vermont's tourist industry became a mainstay of the State's economy, and

Whereas, in the 1930s, the Vermont Bureau of Publicity advertised the State as an unspoiled landscape, urging visitors from the urban centers of the Northeast to experience rural life through visits to Vermont's working farms, and

Whereas, Dorothy Canfield Fisher promoted Vermont farm stays in her 1931 stage play, *Tourists Accommodated*, and

Whereas, paying guests became a significant factor in Vermont farmers' economic subsistence during the Great Depression, and

Whereas, accommodating tourists was exemplified at Wagon Wheels Farm in South Royalton, where Robert Arthur Slater and Irene St. Jock Slater boarded guests between 1934 and 1942 to supplement their agricultural income, offering accommodations and home cooking, and

Whereas, the Slaters' guest book records the stays of visitors from much of the United States and Canada, and

Whereas, famous visitors to Wagon Wheels Farm included the artist Edward Hopper, and his wife, Josephine Nivison Hopper, who spent month-long sojourns on the farm in the summers of 1937 and 1938, and

Whereas, Edward Hopper's watercolor paintings of the Slaters' farm property, sugarhouse, and scenes along the White River celebrated the peace and beauty of rural Vermont and were exhibited at the Middlebury College Museum of Art in 2013, and

Whereas, First Lady Eleanor Roosevelt stayed overnight at Wagon Wheels Farm on August 12, 1941 during a visit to Camp William James in Tunbridge, and

Whereas, the Wagon Wheels farmhouse still stands in South Royalton, on the east side of Route 110, and is visible to thousands of visitors en route to the annual Tunbridge Fair and the biennial Vermont History Expo, now therefore be it

Resolved by the Senate and House of Representatives:

That the General Assembly commemorates the placement of an historic marker at Wagon Wheels Farm in South Royalton, and be it further

Resolved: That the Secretary of State be directed to send a copy of this resolution to Thelma Slater and to the Royalton Historical Society.

H.C.R. 223.

House concurrent resolution honoring Windsor civic leader John Tansey

Offered by: Representatives Sweaney of Windsor and Bartholomew of Hartland

Offered by: Senators Campbell, McCormack, and Nitka

Whereas, John Tansey was born in Windsor, and graduated from Windsor High School, and

Whereas, he has continued to reside in his native town, and takes great interest in the welfare of his community, and

Whereas, recognizing the importance of citizen participation in the civic process, in 2002, John Tansey decided to seek election to the Windsor School Board, and

Whereas, as a school board member, John Tansey focused his attention on improving the performance of Windsor's schools while simultaneously controlling the rise in the cost of operating the school system, and

Whereas, he was especially involved in matters pertaining to enrollment and school district consolidation, and

Whereas, John Tansey worked to achieve these objectives through developing a close working relationship with school administrators, faculty, and State officials, and

Whereas, in the course of his seven years as a Windsor School Board member, he chaired the panel for five years, and

Whereas, recognizing the challenges that the Town of Windsor faced, in 2008, John Tansey agreed to stand for election to the Windsor Selectboard, and

Whereas, from 2008–2009, John Tansey was serving on both the selectboard and the school board, and

Whereas, for one of the six years of his selectboard tenure, John Tansey wielded the chairman's gavel, and

Whereas, throughout his municipal legislative service, John Tansey brought his reasonable voice to debates that, under his leadership, adopted a civil tone, and

Whereas, his diligence and dedication to municipal affairs greatly benefited the town of Windsor, and

Whereas, after 12 years of daily participation in civic life, John Tansey is concluding his municipal legislative service on Town Meeting Day 2014, but will no doubt continue his attention to issues of public concern, now therefore be it

Resolved by the Senate and House of Representatives:

That the General Assembly honors Windsor civic leader John Tansey, and be it further

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

H.C.R. 224.

House concurrent resolution congratulating Carole Lacasse on her Vermont State government career

Offered by: Representatives Donahue of Northfield and Lewis of Berlin

Offered by: Senators Cummings, Doyle, and Pollina

Whereas, individuals whose careers in Vermont State government combined with community service exemplify special dedication deserve recognition, and

Whereas, Carole Lacasse graduated from Spaulding High School and entered State government service in 1960, and

Whereas, she began her State employment as a receptionist with the Vermont Development Commission performing general secretarial duties and assisting tourists and visitors arriving at the Department, and

Whereas, Carole Lacasse rose through the ranks at the Vermont Industrial Park Authority and later moved to the Economic Development Department, and

Whereas, her subsequent State government role was serving as a private secretary and administrative assistant at the Agency of Development and Community Affairs, and

Whereas, Carole Lacasse's work in these various economic development positions was consistently praised and greatly appreciated, and

Whereas, in January 1985, her career took a new direction when she began working at the Vermont Lottery Commission, and

Whereas, during the next 29 years, her duties at the Commission were numerous, including clerical support, executive secretary, meeting coordinator, personnel administrator, telephone sales person, various liaison roles, and other duties as assigned, often above and beyond the call of duty, and

Whereas, aside from her employment duties, Carole Lacasse volunteers with several organizations, including the First Congregational Church of Berlin, the Berlin Volunteer Fire Department and Emergency Services, Central Vermont Crime Stoppers, and Project J.O.Y., which provides holiday happiness and gifts to patients at Berlin Health and Rehabilitation, and

Whereas, Carole Lacasse is married to Andy Lacasse, and they are the parents of a son, Ian, and

Whereas, after over a half century working for the State of Vermont, Carol Lacasse is concluding her illustrious public service career, now therefore be it

Resolved by the Senate and House of Representatives:

That the General Assembly congratulates Carole Lacasse on her Vermont State government career, and extends best wishes for the future, and be it further

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

H.C.R. 225.

House concurrent resolution designating February 7, 2014 as Wear Red Day

Offered by: Representatives Krowinski of Burlington, Ram of Burlington, Ancel of Calais, Branagan of Georgia, Clarkson of Woodstock, Condon of Colchester, Donahue of Northfield, Feltus of Lyndon, Frank of Underhill, French of Randolph, Johnson of Canaan, Lenex of Shelburne, Masland of Thetford, McCormack of Burlington, O'Sullivan of Burlington, Pugh of South Burlington, Sharpe of Bristol, Taylor of Barre City, and Webb of Shelburne

Offered by: Senators Lyons, Ashe, Ayer, Baruth, Benning, Bray, Campbell, Collins, Cummings, Doyle, Flory, French, Galbraith, Hartwell, Kitchel, MacDonald, Mazza, McAllister, McCormack, Mullin, Nitka, Pollina, Rodgers, Sears, Snelling, Starr, Westman, White, and Zuckerman

Whereas, heart disease is the number one killer of women, yet it is often preventable, and

Whereas, cardiovascular diseases cause one in three women's deaths each year, killing approximately one woman every minute, and

Whereas, cardiovascular diseases affect annually an estimated 43 million women in the United States, and

Whereas, heart disease kills more women than all forms of cancer combined but is often undiagnosed, and

Whereas, 90 percent of women have one or more risk factors for developing heart disease, yet only one in five American women believes that heart disease is her greatest health threat, and

Whereas, women comprise only 24 percent of participants in all heart-related studies, and

Whereas, since 1984, more women than men have died each year from heart disease, and the gap between men and women's survival continues to widen, and

Whereas, the American Heart Association's Go Red For Women[®] movement has been improving the health of women for 10 years, with more than 627,000 women's lives saved, and 330 fewer women dying each day, and

Whereas, in celebration of the 10th anniversary of National Wear Red Day on February 7, 2014, Go Red For Women[®] is asking all women across America to wear red and to ask their doctor to check their blood pressure and cholesterol, to stop smoking, to maintain a healthy diet, to have their children eat healthy and stay active, and to tell other women that heart disease is their number one killer, now therefore be it

Resolved by the Senate and House of Representatives:

That the General Assembly designates February 7, 2014 as Wear Red Day, in recognition of the importance of the ongoing fight against heart disease and stroke, and be it further

Resolved: That by increasing awareness, speaking up about heart disease, and empowering women to reduce their risk for cardiovascular disease, thousands of lives can be saved each year, and be it further

Resolved: That the Secretary of State be directed to send a copy of this resolution to the American Heart Association-American Stroke Association in Williston.

H.C.R. 226.

House concurrent resolution honoring Ruth Levin for her community service in the town of Shaftsbury

Offered by: Representative Miller of Shaftsbury

Offered by: Senators Hartwell and Sears

Whereas, Ruth Levin was raised in the American South, resided in New York City and, since the 1950s, has lived in Shaftsbury, where she raised her three children, Florence, Rachel, and Alexander, and

Whereas, she is one of the founding members of the Shaftsbury Historical Society and for 45 years has served as its faithful secretary and treasurer, and

Whereas, Ruth Levin is the author of *Ordinary Heroes*, the only published history of the town of Shaftsbury, and

Whereas, since moving to Shaftsbury in the early 1950s, she has always been generous in her concern for others, with no expectation of anything in return, and

Whereas, Ruth Levin has been a dedicated citizen of Shaftsbury and the greater Bennington community, having volunteered with the former Bennington League of Women Voters, and she has always spoken of the importance of citizenship, voting, and equality, and

Whereas, she studied writing on an informal basis and became an accomplished short story writer whose work appeared in various periodicals, including *Redbook* and the *Jewish Currents Reader*, and contributed numerous enlightening local history articles to the *Bennington Banner*, and

Whereas, her respect for the craft of jewelry, demonstrated as a co-founder in 1950 of the Ed Levin Arts Workshop in New York City with her former husband, was profiled in *Vermont Life* magazine, and

Whereas, Ruth Levin is now in her late 80s, and on April 13, the Town of Shaftsbury will honor her as its Ordinary Hero, now therefore be it

Resolved by the Senate and House of Representatives:

That the General Assembly honors Ruth Levin for her community service in the town of Shaftsbury, and be it further

Resolved: That the Secretary of State be directed to send a copy of this resolution to Ruth Levin in Shaftsbury and the Shaftsbury Historical Society.

H.C.R. 227.

House concurrent resolution congratulating *Vermont Standard* publisher Phillip Camp on his induction into the New England Newspaper Hall of Fame

Offered by: Representatives Clarkson of Woodstock and Zagar of Barnard

Offered by: Senators Campbell, McCormack, and Nitka

Whereas, Phil Camp was born in Woodstock and as a youth covered high school sports for his hometown newspaper, the *Vermont Standard*, and

Whereas, after college, Phil Camp, whose love of skiing equals his devotion to journalistic endeavors, joined the core group that established the Killington Mountain Resort, and

Whereas, he continued his skiing pursuits as the founder of the New England Ski Areas Council, and

Whereas, combining his reporter's instincts with his thorough knowledge of winter sports, Phil Camp served as director of press operations at the 1980 Winter Olympics in Lake Placid, and

Whereas, in 1981, Phil Camp returned home on a full-time basis and purchased the financially distressed *Vermont Standard*, Windsor County's largest and Vermont's oldest weekly newspaper, established in 1853, and

Whereas, he decided to acquire this historic publication as a way of giving back to his community, and

Whereas, his business savvy and prudent journalistic judgment soon alleviated the *Standard's* financial difficulties, and

Whereas, Phil Camp embarked on his new journalism mission with a reporting goal of presenting the news in an unbiased and accurate way that has garnered much praise, and

Whereas, not surprisingly, Phil Camp offered unparalleled coverage of high school sports, with consistently reliable weekly reports, extensive special reporting, and great photojournalism of championship events, and

Whereas, the *Vermont Standard* faced its greatest challenge in 2011, when Tropical Storm Irene forced the Ottauquechee River to rise to historic levels, and its surging waters inundated the *Standard's* headquarters, and

Whereas, despite the severe damage to the *Vermont Standard's* offices, Phil Camp was determined not to interrupt a 158-year history of never missing a week's issue, and with ingenuity and flexibility, the *Vermont Standard* published an on-time and in-depth Tropical Irene edition, and

Whereas, on Friday, February 7, 2014, the New England Newspaper Hall of Fame is inducting Phil Camp into its esteemed ranks, now therefore be it

Resolved by the Senate and House of Representatives:

That the General Assembly congratulates *Vermont Standard* publisher Phillip Camp on his induction into the New England Newspaper Hall of Fame, and be it further

Resolved: That the Secretary of State be directed to send a copy of this resolution to Phil Camp at the *Vermont Standard*.

H.C.R. 228.

House concurrent resolution congratulating Chris Braithwaite on his induction into the New England Newspaper Hall of Fame and the *Barton Chronicle* on its 40th anniversary

Offered by: Representatives Young of Glover, Marcotte of Coventry, and Strong of Albany

Offered by: Senators Benning, Rodgers, and Starr

Whereas, Chris Braithwaite has devoted his professional career to journalism in contrasting venues, and

Whereas, his dedication to the fundamental precepts of the First Amendment is undeniable, and

Whereas, he has a keen appreciation for both the newsroom and business sides of the newspaper business and where boundaries are essential for the preservation of editorial integrity, and

Whereas, he worked for the *Los Angeles Times*, *Newsweek* magazine, and several Canadian newspapers, including the *Toronto Globe and Mail*, and

Whereas, Chris Braithwaite sought to develop a distinctive reporting and entrepreneurial newspaper presence in the Northeast Kingdom, and in 1974, his former wife, Ellen Braithwaite, a friend, Ed Cowan, and he established the *Barton Chronicle*, a community publication dedicated to all local matters big and little, and

Whereas, one former *Chronicle* reporter describes the newspaper as a publication that “just might be the best little weekly in the Green Mountains, one whose hominess conceals a formidable bite,” and

Whereas, the *Chronicle* offers comprehensive coverage of the Northeast Kingdom’s local elections, town meeting day results, and, unusual for a small newspaper with a circulation of 7,500, keeps a nearly full-time presence at the State House during the legislative session, and

Whereas, Chris Braithwaite’s arrest, while covering a wind power demonstration, and the subsequent dismissal of the charges exemplifies his dedication to defending and protecting First Amendment principles, and

Whereas, as a Knight International Journalism Fellow, he advised newspapers in the newly independent Balkan nations on business strategy, wrote a manual, *Successful Newspaper Advertising*, intended for media in emerging economies, and continues his international role, and

Whereas, Chris Braithwaite’s award winning leadership at the *Chronicle* and exemplary journalism career prompted his colleagues and admirers to

surprise him with their successful nomination for his induction into the New England Newspaper Hall of Fame, now therefore be it

Resolved by the Senate and House of Representatives:

That the General Assembly congratulates Chris Braithwaite on his induction into the New England Newspaper Hall of Fame and the *Barton Chronicle* on its 40th anniversary, and be it further

Resolved: That the Secretary of State be directed to send a copy of this resolution to Chris Braithwaite at the *Barton Chronicle*.

H.C.R. 229.

House concurrent resolution honoring Vermont Symphony Orchestra Chorus Director Robert De Cormier on his remarkable career in the musical arts

Offered by: Representatives Devereux of Mount Holly, Kitzmiller of Montpelier, Bartholomew of Hartland, Batchelor of Derby, Bissonnette of Winooski, Botzow of Pownal, Branagan of Georgia, Canfield of Fair Haven, Carr of Brandon, Christie of Hartford, Clarkson of Woodstock, Cole of Burlington, Cupoli of Rutland City, Dakin of Chester, Deen of Westminster, Ellis of Waterbury, Emmons of Springfield, Evans of Essex, Fagan of Rutland City, French of Randolph, Gage of Rutland City, Greshin of Warren, Haas of Rochester, Heath of Westford, Higley of Lowell, Hoyt of Norwich, Hubert of Milton, Huntley of Cavendish, Jerman of Essex, Johnson of South Hero, Koch of Barre Town, Lawrence of Lyndon, Lenes of Shelburne, Lippert of Hinesburg, Macaig of Williston, Malcolm of Pawlet, Marek of Newfane, Martin of Wolcott, Masland of Thetford, Moran of Wardsboro, Morrissey of Bennington, Myers of Essex, Partridge of Windham, Pearce of Richford, Pugh of South Burlington, Russell of Rutland City, Shaw of Pittsford, Stuart of Brattleboro, Sweaney of Windsor, Taylor of Barre City, Terenzini of Rutland Town, Till of Jericho, Townsend of South Burlington, Webb of Shelburne, Wilson of Manchester, Winters of Williamstown, and Wizowaty of Burlington

Offered by: Senators Benning, Bray, Campbell, Collins, Doyle, Flory, Galbraith, Kitchel, Lyons, MacDonald, McCormack, Mullin, Nitka, Pollina, Sears, Snelling, Starr, Westman, and White

Whereas, the scope and longevity of Robert De Cormier's musical career, featuring both the classical and folk genres, has few parallels, and

Whereas, Robert De Cormier has presented the glorious sounds of the human voice to audiences through concerts, broadcasts, and recordings, and

Whereas, at the Julliard School of Music in New York, Robert De Cormier studied with renowned choral conductor Robert Shaw, and earned both bachelor's and master's degrees, and

Whereas, Robert De Cormier served as musical director for the folk trio Peter, Paul, and Mary and for singer Harry Belafonte, and

Whereas, for 17 years, he conducted the New York Chorale Society, and

Whereas, in 1993, then Vermont Symphony Orchestra (VSO) Manager Thomas Philion, and Music Director Kate Tamarkin, asked Robert De Cormier to establish an orchestral chorus, and

Whereas, their conversations led to the formation of the VSO Chorus, an ensemble that now performs an exciting chorale repertoire to much praise, and

Whereas, the chorale masterpieces VSO audiences have heard include Mozart's Mass in C Minor, Verdi's Requiem, Vaughn Williams' Dona Nobis Pacem, and Barber's *Knoxville: Summer of 1915*, and

Whereas, from the membership of the VSO Chorus, Robert De Cormier formed the professional chorale ensemble Counterpoint, which has performed live and recorded presentations to great acclaim, and

Whereas, on Saturday, January 25, in Burlington, and then on Sunday, January 26, in Rutland, the VSO Chorus celebrated its 20th anniversary with performances of Leonard Bernstein's *Chichester Psalms*, which it presented at the inaugural concert, and Brahms's Requiem, and

Whereas, this concert marked Robert De Cormier's farewell to the VSO Chorus, as this venerable musician and winner of the Governor's Award for Excellence in the Arts retired at the age of 92, now therefore be it

Resolved by the Senate and House of Representatives:

That the General Assembly honors Vermont Symphony Orchestra Chorus Director Robert De Cormier on his remarkable career in the musical arts, and be it further

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