

**CONCURRENT RESOLUTION**

**ADDENDUM**

**TO THE**

**HOUSE CALENDAR**

**Text of House and Senate  
Concurrent Resolutions**

**of**

**February 20, 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. 230.**

House concurrent resolution congratulating the 2013 class of Green Mountain Council Eagle Boy Scouts

Offered by: Representatives Koch of Barre Town, Ancel of Calais, Batchelor of Derby, Beyor of Highgate, Bissonnette of Winooski, Botzow of Pownal, Bouchard of Colchester, Branagan of Georgia, Brennan of Colchester, Browning of Arlington, Burditt of West Rutland, Burke of Brattleboro, Buxton of Tunbridge, Champion of Bennington, Canfield of Fair Haven, Carr of Brandon, Christie of Hartford, Clarkson of Woodstock, Cole of Burlington, Condon of Colchester, Connor of Fairfield, Conquest of Newbury, Copeland-Hanzas of Bradford, Cupoli of Rutland City, Dakin of Chester, Deen of Westminster, Devereux of Mount Holly, Dickinson of St. Albans Town, Donaghy of Poultney, Donahue of Northfield, Ellis of Waterbury, Emmons of Springfield, Fagan of Rutland City, Fay of St. Johnsbury, Frank of Underhill, French of Randolph, Gage of Rutland City, Gallivan of Chittenden, Goodwin of Weston, Grad of Moretown, Greshin of Warren, Haas of Rochester, Heath of Westford, Hebert of Vernon, Helm of Fair Haven, Higley of Lowell, Hooper of Montpelier, Hubert of Milton, Huntley of Cavendish, Johnson of South Hero, Juskiewicz of Cambridge, Keenan of St. Albans City, Komline of Dorset, Krebs of South Hero, Larocque of Barnet, Lawrence of Lyndon, Lenes of Shelburne, Lippert of Hinesburg, Macaig of Williston, Manwaring of Wilmington, Marcotte of Coventry, Marek of Newfane, Martin of Springfield, Martin of Wolcott, Masland of Thetford, McCullough of Williston, McFaun of Barre Town, Miller of Shaftsbury, Mitchell of Fairfax, Moran of Wardsboro, Morrissey of Bennington, Myers of Essex, Partridge of Windham, Pearce of Richford, Poirier of Barre City, Potter of Clarendon, Pugh of South Burlington, Quimby of Concord, Savage of Swanton, Shaw of Pittsford, Shaw of Derby, Smith of New Haven, 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, Turner of Milton, Van Wyck of Ferrisburgh, Waite-Simpson of Essex, Weed of Enosburgh, Winters of Williamstown, Yantachka of Charlotte, and Young of Glover

Offered by: Senators Ashe, Ayer, Bray, Collins, Flory, French, Galbraith, Hartwell, Lyons, MacDonald, McAllister, McCormack, Mullin, Nitka, Rodgers, Sears, Sirotkin, Snelling, Starr, Westman, White, and Zuckerman

Whereas, Eagle is the highest rank a Boy Scout can earn, and

Whereas, achieving the rank of Eagle requires commitment and perseverance, starting from the moment a young man is inducted into the Boy Scouts of America, and

Whereas, the myriad merit badges a Boy Scout must earn to reach this honor introduce him to many useful skills, and

Whereas, in 2013, these Boy Scouts, who are members of troops in the Green Mountain Council, achieved the rank of Eagle: Patrick Moser, Peter Sawyer, Alastair Bones, Jeffrey Corbett, Erik Werner, William Peterson, Ian Reilly, Benjamin Charboneau, Nathan Unger, Mackenzie Mason, Joshua Cook, Taylor Allred, Samuel Ennis, Thomas Zani, Ryan Blanchard, Matthew Kill, David Bryant III, Peter Kendall, Christopher Whaley, Ethan Guyer, Peter Tsongalis, Cody Gauthier, Jeffrey Kahler, Wade Beattie, Bryden Danilich, Casey Fuller, Dakota Brosseau, Eric Peterson, Alton Chesarek, Samuel Weed, Ezra Worthington, Anthony Perri, Ethan Gagnon, Michael Dickhaut, Jeffrey Kent, Josiah Parker, Robert Malinowski, Trevor McNaney, Jacob Bovee, David Fraser, Connor Geer, Nicholas Parks, Joseph Ramada, Marc-Andre McKivergan, Michael Peacock, Levi Rainville, Cedric Thompson, Thomas Wilson, Thomas Keller, Avery Caterer, Nathan Derosia, Cody Paradis, Michael Groening, John McGuinness, Christopher Stowe, Blake Talcott, Robert Evans, Samuel Desrochers, TJ DeRose, Paul Lenahan, Mitchell Chase, Sean Metivier, Cody Jolley, Nathan LaFont, David Koonz, Peter Connolly, Morgan Johnson, Tucker Snook, Justin Folsom, Benjamin Barrup, David Stevens, Harold Bailey III, Dustin Fowler, Trevor Newton, Nathaniel Rapp, Daniel Safford, Adam Aremburg, Brett Elliott, and John Nally, and

Whereas, each new Eagle Scout and his family can be proud of this personal achievement and of his ability to reach a challenging goal, now therefore be it

Resolved by the Senate and House of Representatives:

That the General Assembly congratulates and extends best wishes to the 2013 class of Green Mountain Council Eagle Boy Scouts, and be it further

Resolved: That the Secretary of State be directed to send a copy of this resolution to each Eagle Scout honored in this resolution.

### **H.C.R. 231.**

House concurrent resolution recognizing the importance of the Vermont Umatter suicide prevention program

Offered by: Representatives Cole of Burlington, Bartholomew of Hartland, Bissonnette of Winooski, Brennan of Colchester, Buxton of Tunbridge, Conquest of Newbury, Corcoran of Bennington, Donaghy of Poultney, Evans of Essex, Fay of St. Johnsbury, Gallivan of Chittenden, Goodwin of Weston, Grad of Moretown, Hooper of Montpelier, Jerman of Essex, Jewett of Ripton, Koch of Barre Town, Komline of Dorset, Lanpher of Vergennes, Lippert of Hinesburg, Malcolm of Pawlet, McCarthy of St. Albans City, McFaun of Barre Town, Mrowicki of Putney, Partridge of Windham, Potter of Clarendon, Ralston of Middlebury, Russell of Rutland City, Savage of Swanton, Strong of Albany, Taylor of Barre City, Van Wyck of Ferrisburgh, Waite-Simpson of Essex, Webb of Shelburne, Wizowaty of Burlington, and Wright of Burlington

Offered by: Senators Baruth, Flory, Rodgers, and Zuckerman

Whereas, suicide is a serious mental health concern meriting special societal focus, and

Whereas, Umatter is an innovative suicide prevention program, and

Whereas, according to the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, suicide is the third leading cause of death in the United States among persons between the ages of 10 to 24, and

Whereas, Umatter is based on the concept of multiple levels of suicide prevention starting with family and extending outward to friends, the community, and finally the larger society defined as the big picture, and

Whereas, the Vermont Suicide Prevention Coalition (VSPC), which implements Umatter, in association with the Center for Health and Learning, consists of representatives from public health, mental health, education, and youth leadership organizations, suicide advocacy prevention groups, Vermont 2-1-1, and suicide survivors, and

Whereas, the VSPC was established with financing from a federal Youth Suicide Prevention Grant, and its mission is to “create communities of hope throughout Vermont in which schools, agencies and people of all ages” are able to respond to instances of suicidal behavior, and

Whereas, VSPC is starting with the premise that suicide, regardless of the age group, is preventable, and

Whereas, among specific goals for the VSPC are increasing public awareness of the importance of addressing mental health issues, establishing a broad-based suicide prevention program in Vermont, sponsoring a social media campaign to reduce the stigma associated with using mental health services, and creating a five-year strategic plan to develop suicide prevention and early intervention programs, and

Whereas, Umatter also addresses short-term crisis scenarios urging individuals under stress to call 911, a local crisis hotline, the National Suicide Prevention Lifeline, or go to the nearest emergency room, and

Whereas, members of the Vermont Suicide Prevention Council are gathered today, February 14, 2014, at the State House to inform the General Assembly about the importance of suicide prevention education, now therefore be it

Resolved by the Senate and House of Representatives:

That the General Assembly recognizes the importance of the Vermont Umatter suicide prevention program, and be it further

Resolved: That the Secretary of State be directed to send a copy of this resolution to Nicole Miller at the Center for Health and Learning.

#### **H.C.R. 232.**

House concurrent resolution congratulating Mount Vernon Lodge No. 8 of Free and Accepted Masons in Morrisville on its bicentennial

Offered by: Representatives Smith of Morrystown and Peltz of Woodbury

Whereas, the Orange Lodge of Masons first met in Hyde Park on December 16, 1812, pursuant to the authority of the Grand Lodge of the State of Vermont of Free and Accepted Masons, and

Whereas, on October 12, 1813, the Grand Lodge issued a charter to the Orange Lodge as Mount Vernon Lodge No. 36, and its first regular communication, or meeting, was held on December 1st of that year, and

Whereas, from March 14, 1832 until December 16, 1850, anti-Masonic public attitudes caused some lodges to forfeit their charters, but the Mount Vernon Lodge persevered, meeting clandestinely and without recording any minutes, and

Whereas, on February 4, 1852, the redesignated Mount Vernon Lodge No. 8 convened in Morrystown, and after several moves, including to Hyde Park, on March 26, 1863, it moved into the new Masonic Hall on the third floor of the Power's Block building in Morrisville, and

Whereas, on March 1, 1869, a fire destroyed the Masonic Hall, but fortunately, the lodge's records, aside from the original charter, were located elsewhere, and

Whereas, a duplicate charter was soon issued, and on June 24, 1870, the Mount Vernon Lodge No. 8's new permanent Masonic Hall was dedicated on the second floor of Town Hall in Morrisville, and

Whereas, an impressive centennial celebration was held in 1913, with Grand Lodge officers and many Masonic affiliated individuals from around the State in attendance, and

Whereas, on December 9, 1930, a new Masonic Lodge was dedicated at 65 Portland Street, which has remained in use to this day, and

Whereas, on June 11, 2008, the Mount Norris Lodge No. 69 in Eden, which was chartered on January 12, 1865, merged with the Mount Vernon Lodge No. 8, and

Whereas, on October 12, 2013, the Grand Master of the Grand Lodge of the State of Vermont of Free and Accepted Masons rededicated the Masonic Lodge on Portland Street, in a beautiful and solemn celebration of Mount Vernon Lodge No. 8's bicentennial, now therefore be it

Resolved by the Senate and House of Representatives:

That the General Assembly congratulates the Mount Vernon Lodge No. 8 of Free and Accepted Masons in Morrisville on its bicentennial, and be it further

Resolved: That the Secretary of State be directed to send a copy of this resolution to the Mount Vernon Lodge No. 8 in Morrisville.

### **H.C.R. 233.**

House concurrent resolution designating February 20, 2014 as Afterschool and Summer Learning Day at the State House

Offered by: Representatives Mrowicki of Putney, Batchelor of Derby, Donahue of Northfield, Frank of Underhill, French of Randolph, Haas of Rochester, Krowinski of Burlington, McFaun of Barre Town, Pugh of South Burlington, and Trieber of Rockingham

Whereas, the education proficiency gap between students from low-income households and other students is a significant problem, and

Whereas, studies have documented that students lose approximately two months of mathematics grade level equivalency each summer, and for students from low-income households, this annual knowledge loss extends to reading proficiency, and

Whereas, research has shown that up to two-thirds of the academic achievement gap between low-income and other students is attributable to unequal access to summer learning opportunities, and

Whereas, recent studies have demonstrated that consistent exposure to afterschool learning opportunities can narrow, and even eliminate, the mathematics achievement gap by the 5th grade, and

Whereas, more than 30,000 youths participate in Vermont's year-round afterschool and summer learning programs that offer innovative and engaging activities, and

Whereas, these programs offer students the opportunity to explore new ways of learning, to acquire new skills, and to form positive relationships with adults in the students' communities, and

Whereas, the afterschool and summer learning programs both complement and supplement classroom experiences, and the programs are conducted in close coordination with local schools, and

Whereas, through the outstanding work of Vermont Afterschool Inc., these academic activities are continuously improved to meet the latest best practices standards, and

Whereas, Vermont Afterschool Inc. offers professional development opportunities, including instruction in using individualized coaching models and participation in the STEM Learning Task Force, the Mentors for Quality Program, and an annual statewide conference, and

Whereas, today, February 20, 2014, educators, advocates, parents, and students are gathered at the State House to celebrate the success of afterschool and summer learning programs and to continue improving these important programs, now therefore be it

Resolved by the Senate and House of Representatives:

That the General Assembly designates February 20, 2014 as Afterschool and Summer Learning 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 Vermont Afterschool Inc.

#### **H.C.R. 234.**

House concurrent resolution congratulating Katie Sedore on her winning a Milken Educator Award

Offered by: Representatives Koch of Barre Town, McFaun of Barre Town, Michelsen of Hardwick, Poirier of Barre City, Strong of Albany, Taylor of Barre City, and Young of Glover

Offered by: Senators Cummings, Doyle, Pollina, Rodgers, and Starr

Whereas, Katie Sedore has followed her father's career path as a secondary school educator and, since 2005, has taught language arts at Spaulding High School where her father, Tom Sedore, is the principal, and

Whereas, she graduated from Craftsbury High School and St. Michael's College and earned a master's degree from the University of New England, and

Whereas, she instructs 9th and 10th graders using the Read 180 program, and

Whereas, Katie Sedore's role at Spaulding is hardly limited to her classroom teaching, and

Whereas, among her other duties are serving as coordinator of the education support team and directing the after-school homework club, and

Whereas, since 2011, Katie Sedore has also taught English at the Granite Academy, an alternative education program that the Spaulding special education department established, and

Whereas, this outstanding teacher came to the attention of the Milken Family Foundation, which, since 1985, has presented the Milken Educator Award, and

Whereas, this award is intended for teachers who early in their careers have demonstrated impressive professional achievements and shown the promise of future accomplishments, and

Whereas, each winner is presented with a \$25,000 unrestricted cash award, and

Whereas, the Milken Foundation selected Katie Sedore to be a recipient of this "Oscar of Teaching," and she is an ideal winner of this prize, and

Whereas, at a special presentation ceremony, before the entire student body, Governor Shumlin made the surprise announcement, and even Tom Sedore was not informed in advance, now therefore be it

Resolved by the Senate and House of Representatives:

That the General Assembly congratulates Katie Sedore on her winning a Milken Educator Award and wishes her every success in her teaching career, and be it further

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

**S.C.R. 42.**

Hubert W. Vogelmann.

*Whereas*, the protection of Vermont's environment and natural beauty had no more passionate an advocate than Hub Voglemann, and



*Whereas*, his early life included an event of great daring, when, as a 17-year-old, he sailed on a Victory ship through a mine-filled Baltic Sea to deliver cattle to war-torn Poland, and

*Whereas*, the concern he demonstrated for his fellow human beings on that journey would translate into his life-long commitment to preserving the natural environment for future generations to enjoy, and

*Whereas*, Hub Vogelmann graduated from Heidelberg College, and earned a Ph.D. at the University of Michigan, and

*Whereas*, in 1955, the University of Vermont hired Hub Vogelmann as a botany professor, and his 36-year tenure included 16 years as chair of the botany department, and

*Whereas*, he was an admired and popular professor, and

*Whereas*, his international research adventures ranged from the Arctic to Mexico and the Amazon Basin, and

*Whereas*, in 1982, he warned that acid rain was causing severe damage to the forested slopes of Camel's Hump, and in 2000, the Hub Vogelmann Research Natural Area was dedicated at Camel's Hump State Park, and

*Whereas*, Hub Vogelmann established the Field Naturalist Program at the University of Vermont, and contributed to the development of Act 250, and

*Whereas*, Hub Vogelmann was a cofounder of the Vermont chapter of the Nature Conservancy, and he served on the boards of many State and national environmental organizations, and

*Whereas*, notable among Hub Vogelmann's numerous honors were his 1987 induction into the Vermont Academy of Arts and Sciences, and his honorary degree from the University of Vermont in 2006, and

*Whereas*, Hub Vogelmann, scholar, environmentalist, gardener, farmer, beekeeper, and great Vermonter, died on October 11, 2013, and his survivors include his dear companion, Mary Jane Dickerson, sons, Tom, Jim, and Andy, grandchildren, Scott, Connie, and Alice, and his brother, Stewart, *now therefore be it*

***Resolved by the Senate and House of Representatives:***

That the General Assembly extends condolences to the family and many friends of Hubert Vogelmann, *and be it further*

***Resolved:*** That the Secretary of State be directed to send a copy of this resolution to Mary Jane Dickerson and each of his children.