

**CONCURRENT RESOLUTION**

**ADDENDUM**

**TO THE**

**HOUSE CALENDAR**

**Text of House Concurrent  
Resolutions**

**of**

**March 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. 255.**

House concurrent resolution in memory of Dr. Susanne Ehrentheil Learmonth of Corinth

Offered by: Representatives Davis of Washington and Winters of Williamstown

Offered by: Senator MacDonald

Whereas, Dr. Susanne Ehrentheil Learmonth, a Jewish native of Vienna, escaped with her family from Austria in 1938, and

Whereas, her family settled in Boston, and she graduated from Radcliffe College with Phi Beta Kappa honors, and from Harvard Medical School, and

Whereas, she became an anesthesiologist at the Massachusetts General Hospital, and

Whereas, in 1974, Dr. Susanne Ehrentheil Learmonth and her husband, Jack, relocated to Corinth, and she served as an anesthesiologist at the White River Junction VA Medical Center, and was appointed an Associate Clinical Professor at the Dartmouth Medical School, and

Whereas, her community volunteering included being on the Board of the Upper Valley Friends of Vermont Symphony Orchestra, and she was associated with the Orchestra's Terezin Remembered Project, and

Whereas, in 2010, the Vermont Symphony Orchestra named her the organization's Volunteer of the Year, and

Whereas, Dr. Susanne Ehrentheil Learmonth spoke to school groups about her experiences as a Jew in Europe during the early years of the Holocaust, and

Whereas, in 2008, The University of Vermont's Center for Holocaust Studies published her volume *Dear Otto*, a compilation of her father's letters to other families in occupied Europe, and in 2012, she published *Heartbeat*, a poetry compilation focusing on themes relating to her life as a physician, and

Whereas, among the numerous hobbies she enjoyed were camping, cooking, gardening, hiking, skiing, and writing, and

Whereas, her life ended on August 31, 2013, and her survivors include Jack Learmonth, her husband of 41 years, children, Geoff, Peter, and Andy, stepchildren, Brad, Debra, and Cheryl, nine grandchildren, three great grandchildren, and her sister, Hanni Myers, now therefore be it

Resolved by the Senate and House of Representatives:

That the General Assembly extends its condolences to the family of Dr. Susanne Ehrentheil Learmonth of Corinth, and be it further

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

### **H.C.R. 256.**

House concurrent resolution celebrating the preservation and reopening of the Vermont Marble Museum in Proctor

Offered by: Representatives Russell of Rutland City, 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, Shaw of Pittsford, and Stevens of Shoreham

Offered by: Senators Flory, French, and Mullin

Whereas, for decades, the Vermont Marble Company (VMC) played a major economic role in the town of Proctor, and

Whereas, the spacious VMC showroom attracted customers who purchased the beautiful marble excavated from its quarries, and

Whereas, in 1994, Martin and Marsha Hemm purchased the showroom building, and operated the for-profit Vermont Marble Museum, and

Whereas, economic factors led to the museum's closure in 2012, and

Whereas, the museum's cultural significance, and the 87,000-square-foot building's economic potential, prompted the Preservation Trust of Vermont (PTV) to intervene, and

Whereas, under the leadership of project director Emily Wadhams, the PTV started a \$400,000.00 fundraising campaign with the dual goals of purchasing the building and reopening the museum, and

Whereas, with \$330,000.00 of the necessary \$400,000.00 raised, the Hemm family agreed to lend the balance to facilitate the purchase, and

Whereas, after a short transitional period, the PTV will transfer ownership of the building to a newly formed nonprofit corporation, Vermont Marble Museum Inc., and

Whereas, former Central Vermont Public Service Corporation President Robert Young, his wife, Victoria, and a board of directors will manage the new corporation, and

Whereas, the reopened Vermont Marble Museum will offer free admission to Proctor residents and everyone under 18 years of age, and

Whereas, the University of Pennsylvania has purchased some of the museum's archival collection, and has agreed to lending arrangements, and

Whereas, the museum and gift shop are located on the building's second floor, facilitating rental options for the lower level, and

Whereas, the Town of Proctor envisions the Vermont Marble Museum as an economic catalyst and community center, and its reopening coincides nicely with the municipality's strategic planning, and

Whereas, the Vermont Marble Museum's leadership intends to collaborate with the Carving Studio and Sculpture Center in West Rutland and other regional organizations with similar missions, now therefore be it

Resolved by the Senate and House of Representatives:

That the General Assembly celebrates the preservation and reopening of the Vermont Marble Museum in Proctor, and be it further

Resolved: That the Secretary of State be directed to send a copy of this resolution to the Preservation Trust of Vermont, to Vermont Marble Museum Inc., and to the Proctor Town Clerk.

**H.C.R. 257.**

House concurrent resolution honoring those who care for, educate, and advocate for young Vermonters, and designating March 12, 2014 as Early Childhood Day

Offered by: Representative Miller of Shaftsbury

Whereas, today's young children are tomorrow's voters, workers, taxpayers, and parents, and

Whereas, a good start helps ensure both a child's and Vermont's future prosperity, and

Whereas, scientific research has shown that early life experiences establish the architecture of a child's developing brain, and nurturing and individualized interactions with adults at home and in the community are important, and

Whereas, the quality of early childhood experiences can establish either a sturdy or fragile foundation for all development that follows, and a fragile foundation presents more challenges for a child's development and growth, and

Whereas, all Vermonters want their young children to grow into healthy adults, solid community members, and active participants in our economy, and

Whereas, concerned Vermonters will gather at the State House on March 12, 2014 to discuss with their State legislators increasing accessibility to and affordability for all Vermonters of high-quality early child care, health, and education services, now therefore be it

Resolved by the Senate and House of Representatives:

That the General Assembly honors those who care for, educate, and advocate for young Vermonters, and designates March 12, 2014 as Early Childhood Day, and be it further

Resolved: That the Secretary of State be directed to send a copy of this resolution to the sponsoring organizations of the Vermont Early Childhood Alliance, including Building Bright Futures State Council, the Vermont Family Network, and Voices for Vermont Children.

#### **H.C.R. 258.**

House concurrent resolution honoring Ferrisburgh Town Clerk and Treasurer Chester Hawkins

Offered by: Representatives Van Wyck of Ferrisburgh and Lanpher of Vergennes

Whereas, the essence of Vermont town government is individuals who serve their communities and fellow citizens with a special dedication and passion, and

Whereas, these municipally focused public servants demonstrate portfolio flexibility and a willingness to pitch in wherever their services can be best applied, and

Whereas, a wonderful embodiment of this community-centered citizen is Chet Hawkins of Ferrisburgh, and

Whereas, for 35 years, the voters of Ferrisburgh have come to know Chet Hawkins as a reliable and trustworthy public servant and neighbor who is always willing to go the extra mile to fulfill his legal and ethical municipal government obligations, and

Whereas, the diversity of roles Chet Hawkins has played in Ferrisburgh town government is commendable, and

Whereas, Chet Hawkins is well acquainted with his town's properties and development having served as zoning administrator, and

Whereas, he gained an intimate familiarity with Ferrisburgh's finances during his terms as collector of delinquent taxes and, more recently, town treasurer, and

Whereas, law and order were also part of his municipal public service beat as he is the town's former first constable, and

Whereas, in his most recent combined roles as Ferrisburgh Town Clerk and Treasurer, as well as school district treasurer, Chet Hawkins has drawn on his vast local knowledge and experience to provide the best possible administrative and financial services, and

Whereas, from overseeing municipal records and supervising elections to managing the town's monies, Chet Hawkins is proficient in each of his responsibilities, and

Whereas, after 35 years of consistent excellence, Chet Hawkins will conclude his municipal government tenure on Town Meeting Day 2014 while performing his duties checking in voters, now therefore be it

Resolved by the Senate and House of Representatives:

That the General Assembly honors Ferrisburgh Town Clerk and Treasurer Chester Hawkins for his 35 years of exemplary public service, and be it further

Resolved: That the Secretary of State be directed to send a copy of this resolution to Chet Hawkins in Ferrisburgh.

#### **H.C.R. 259.**

House concurrent resolution designating March as Vermont Women's History Month

Offered by: All Members of the House

Whereas, the Vermont Commission on Women, an organization marking its 50th anniversary that has worked tirelessly to advance the rights of women and girls, in 2004 established the Vermont Women's History Project as part of a national effort to promote the critical role of women in American history, and

Whereas, responsibility for the Vermont Women's History Project is now assigned to the Vermont Historical Society, in collaboration with a steering committee and the advice of historians and representatives of partner organizations, and

Whereas, among the activities of the Vermont Women's History Project is a website featuring a searchable database of Vermont women, plus

supplemented historical background information and links to websites where further information on specific women is located, and

Whereas, the Vermont Historical Society's 2014 Vermont History Expo, occurring at the Tunbridge Fairgrounds on June 21–22 has a theme of *Artists and Artisans: Vermont's Creative Heritage*, and

Whereas, corresponding with this theme, on March 12, 2014, and in observance of Vermont Women's History Month, the Vermont Historical Society and the Vermont Commission on Women will present a program celebrating the contributions of Vermont women to the arts, and

Whereas, this presentation will highlight the accomplishments and perspectives of talented and creative women in Vermont who work in a variety of visual media, and

Whereas, the program will reflect on how the experiences of these women have changed as the role of women have evolved over the past half century, and

Whereas, women have played a decisive role in the history of the arts, and this program will highlight their impact on the history of the arts in our State, and

Whereas, this event is an ideal commemoration of Vermont Women's History Month, now therefore be it

Resolved by the Senate and House of Representatives:

That the General Assembly designates March as Vermont Women's History Month, and be it further

Resolved: That the Secretary of State be directed to send a copy of this resolution to the Vermont Commission on Women and the Vermont Historical Society.

#### **H.C.R. 260.**

House concurrent resolution congratulating the Carving Studio & Sculpture Center on its 25th anniversary

Offered by: Representatives 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, Potter of Clarendon, Russell of Rutland City, Shaw of Pittsford, Stevens of Shoreham, and Terenzini of Rutland Town

Offered by: Senators Flory, French, and Mullin

Whereas, the Carving Studio and Sculpture Center (CSSC), an artistic institution of cultural, economic, international, and historical importance, has a special role in the West Rutland community, and

Whereas, the mission of the CSSC is “to be an inspiration for three-dimensional artists and art lovers alike,” and

Whereas, Boston-based sculptor B. Amore established the CSSC in 1987 at the site of the Vermont Marble Company (VMC) in Proctor, and

Whereas, in 1989, at the invitation of Stanley Gawet, the owner of the former VMC company store in West Rutland, the CSSC relocated, and CSSC students and supporters renovated the building, and

Whereas, in 1999, in cooperation with the Rutland County Community Land Trust, the CSSC opened a storefront gallery on Marble Street, and

Whereas, in 2002, the CSSC purchased its main building and metals shops, including 5.5 acres of land, and

Whereas, most recently, in 2009, CSSC acquired the former VMC copy shop, enabling the center to develop year-round programs, and

Whereas, the CSSC conducts artistic residencies and internships to teach the carving and sculpture crafts, including international cooperative projects with arts organizations in China, Kenya, and Peru, and

Whereas, exhibitions are held at CSSC, and works of CSSC artisans are being displayed on the grounds of the Vermont Arts Council in Montpelier, and

Whereas, the relationship between the CSSC and West Rutland has resulted in the Marble Street Park project, a Vermont Bicentennial commemorative monument at Depot Park honoring quarry workers, a stone bench at the town hall, the Marble Heritage Wall on the CSSC grounds, and the establishment of instructional programs for West Rutland High School students, and

Whereas, under the outstanding leadership of CSSC Executive Director Carol Driscoll, the CSSC has engaged in collaborative projects with State, federal, and private organizations that have lasting local and regional benefits, now therefore be it

Resolved by the Senate and House of Representatives:

That the General Assembly congratulates the Carving Studio & Sculpture Center on its 25th anniversary, and be it further

Resolved: That the Secretary of State be directed to send a copy of this resolution to the Carving Studio & Sculpture Center in West Rutland.



**H.C.R. 261.**

House concurrent resolution congratulating Dan Gandin on becoming Vermont's most winning high school basketball coach

Offered by: Representatives Klein of East Montpelier, Ancel of Calais, Donahue of Northfield, Lewis of Berlin, Peltz of Woodbury, and Smith of Morristown

Offered by: Senators Cummings, Doyle, and Pollina

Whereas, high school basketball is a favorite wintertime sport in Vermont, and

Whereas, over the decades, fans have watched great coaches lead teams to exciting victories, and

Whereas, among these courtside mentors, boys' basketball coach Dan Gandin rates as one of the best, and

Whereas, for 40 years, this innovative, patient, and talented coach has been guiding his teams to repeated victories, and

Whereas, Dan Gandin's coaching saga began at Chelsea High School where his 54–17 record identified him as a rising star on the coaching circuit, and

Whereas, his next stop was at Williamstown High School, where during his one-year tenure, the team posted a 14–7 record, and

Whereas, in 1979, after impressing players and fans at these Division III schools, Dan Gandin accepted a new challenge at Division II's U-32, and

Whereas, his new school proved conducive to continued success as the U-32 Raiders boys' basketball team scored numerous victories, and

Whereas, through the 40 years of Dan Gandin's coaching career, his teams have played in eight championship games, and on four occasions, 1992, 2003, 2004, and 2010, Dan Gandin's U-32 Raiders were Division II champions, and

Whereas, in 2010, Dan Gandin became one of only three Vermont high school basketball coaches to achieve his 500th victory, and

Whereas, this 2010 accomplishment was only a stepping-stone to a greater success, and

Whereas, on February 3, 2014, Dan Gandin's U-32 Raiders defeated Lyndon Institute 54–49 in an exciting come-from-behind victory, giving the veteran coach his 624th career victory, and

Whereas, this magic number of 624 was the most wins any Vermont high school basketball coach, boys' or girls', has ever achieved, and marked a special moment for both Dan Gandin and the U-32 Raiders, now therefore be it

Resolved by the Senate and House of Representatives:

That the General Assembly congratulates Dan Gandin on becoming Vermont's most winning high school basketball coach, and be it further

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

**H.C.R. 262.**

House concurrent resolution saluting the Vermonters who served in the Vietnam War, honoring the memory of those who died in this conflict, and designating March 29, 2014 as Vietnam Veterans Welcome Home Day in Vermont

Offered by: All Members of the House

Offered by: All Members of the Senate

Whereas, the years of the Vietnam War were especially difficult for the hundreds of thousands of Americans who fought in this conflict, and

Whereas, American soldiers were engaged in consistent combat under extremely trying conditions, and when they returned home faced a problematic transition, and

Whereas, according to the National Archives, over 55,000 American military personnel serving in Vietnam died, or are presumed dead, as a result of combat, illness, or other war-related circumstances, and

Whereas, the same National Archives data compilation indicate that of the 7,236 Vermonters who served in Vietnam, 100 perished, or are presumed to have died, while serving, and

Whereas, it is especially important to remember those American military personnel, both from Vermont and across the United States, who made the ultimate sacrifice when called to serve their nation in the Vietnam War, and

Whereas, March 29, 2014 marks the 41st anniversary of the day that the last American combat troops were withdrawn from Vietnam and is a fitting occasion to pay tribute to all of the Vermonters who served in the Vietnam War, now therefore be it

Resolved by the Senate and House of Representatives:

That the General Assembly salutes the Vermonters who served in the Vietnam War, honors the memory of those who died in this conflict, and designates March 29, 2014 as Vietnam Veterans Welcome Home Day in Vermont, and be it further

Resolved: That the Secretary of State be directed to send a copy of this resolution to John Miner of the Vermont Governor's Veterans Advisory Council.

**H.C.R. 263.**

House concurrent resolution congratulating Chef Robert Barral on being named the Vermont Chamber of Commerce's 2013 Chef of the Year

Offered by: Representatives Shaw of Pittsford and Carr of Brandon

Offered by: Senators Flory, French, and Mullin

Whereas, Robert Barral, a native of Provence, France, is a chef who is committed to the cooking and promotion of cuisine derived from Vermont agricultural products, and

Whereas, he attended culinary school in Montpellier, France, and hotel school in Grenoble, France, and

Whereas, after completion of his French academic training, his professional positions included serving as executive sous-chef of the Ritz Carlton Hotel in Chicago, executive chef of the Four Seasons Hotel in Boston, and as the corporate chef at the New England Culinary Institute in Montpelier, and

Whereas, in 2004, Robert Barral established Café Provence in Brandon, at which he is both the owner and executive chef, and

Whereas, at Café Provence, Chef Robert Barral offers a tasty and diverse menu, with a consistency which attracts repeat local patronage as well as tourists, and

Whereas, his innovative culinary entrepreneurship also includes hosting Vermont Culinary Retreat Weekends, during which guests tour local farms, from which many of Chef Robert Barral's cooking ingredients are produced, and participate in in-depth cooking classes, and

Whereas, Chef Robert Barral teaches weekly cooking classes at Café Provence's culinary theater and appears regularly on WCAX television to demonstrate cooking techniques, and

Whereas, since 2007, the Vermont Chamber of Commerce has selected a Chef of the Year, who is committed to the use of local foods and maintains connections to local food producers, and

Whereas, the Vermont Chamber of Commerce judged Chef Robert Barral, who along with his business partner, Line Barral, is a winner of the Brandon Chamber of Commerce's President's Award, as an ideal Chef of the Year honoree, and

Whereas, he was presented this award at the Vermont Chamber of Commerce's Hospitality Gala in September, now therefore be it

Resolved by the Senate and House of Representatives:

That the General Assembly congratulates Chef Robert Barral on being named the Vermont Chamber of Commerce's 2013 Chef of the Year, and be it further

Resolved: That the Secretary of State be directed to send a copy of this resolution to Chef Robert Barral at Café Provence in Brandon.

#### **H.C.R. 264.**

House concurrent resolution congratulating Tim Johnson on the 40th anniversary of his radio broadcasting career

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

Whereas, Tim Johnson's voice was first heard on Brattleboro's radio airwaves in 1973, and

Whereas, since 1997, Tim Johnson has served as news director at radio station WTSA AM-FM, and

Whereas, in this role, Tim Johnson covers scheduled activities, including selectboard meetings, and unexpected occurrences, most prominently the arrival in 2011 of Tropical Storm Irene in Windham County and its resulting devastation, and

Whereas, Tim Johnson is not a news director who merely remains at the radio studio compiling information from news services for presentation on the air, and

Whereas, he is regularly on the scene as news stories are unfolding, either reporting live or gathering the facts and voices for later broadcast, and

Whereas, live Tim Johnson weekend broadcasts, emanating from local area businesses, are aired regularly on WTSA, and

Whereas, for many listeners, their most memorable association with Tim Johnson and WTSA is the station's comprehensive coverage of Tropical Storm Irene which started with interviews of emergency and public safety officials recorded in advance of the storm's arrival, and

Whereas, during the storm's height, Tim Johnson offered a marathon broadcast originating from his home, featuring updates and using the latest Internet technology to gather information and respond to many listener inquiries, and

Whereas, in the days and weeks following Tropical Storm Irene, Tim Johnson and WTSA provided a much-appreciated public service, relaying vital post-storm information, and

Whereas, Tim Johnson has marked 40 years as a Brattleboro area broadcaster who remains a mainstay and trusted local radio news and information source, now therefore be it

Resolved by the Senate and House of Representatives:

That the General Assembly congratulates Tim Johnson on the 40th anniversary of his radio broadcasting career, and be it further

Resolved: That the Secretary of State be directed to send a copy of this resolution to radio station WTSA AM-FM News Director Tim Johnson.