

CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

ADDENDUM

TO THE

HOUSE CALENDAR

**Text of House and Senate
Concurrent Resolutions**

of

March 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. 265.

House concurrent resolution celebrating the music of Vermont and designating November 2014 as Vermont Music Month

Offered by: Representatives Pugh of South Burlington, Bouchard of Colchester, Canfield of Fair Haven, Christie of Hartford, Clarkson of Woodstock, Connor of Fairfield, Conquest of Newbury, Cupoli of Rutland City, Dakin of Chester, Dickinson of St. Albans Town, Evans of Essex, Fay of St. Johnsbury, Frank of Underhill, Gage of Rutland City, Goodwin of Weston, Hebert of Vernon, Higley of Lowell, Hoyt of Norwich, Juskiewicz of Cambridge, Komline of Dorset, Lawrence of Lyndon, Lenes of Shelburne, Lippert of Hinesburg, Macaig of Williston, Martin of Springfield, Martin of Wolcott, Masland of Thetford, McCullough of Williston, Michelsen of Hardwick, Miller of Shaftsbury, Mitchell of Fairfax, Mrowicki of Putney, Partridge of Windham, Quimby of Concord, Ram of Burlington, Savage of Swanton, Sharpe of Bristol, Smith of New Haven, Stevens of Shoreham, Till of Jericho, Toleno of Brattleboro, Toll of Danville, Van Wyck of Ferrisburgh, Waite-Simpson of Essex, Wizowaty of Burlington, and Zagar of Barnard

Whereas, when music is made in Vermont, our citizens share their most heartfelt human experiences with one another, building relationships and community, and

Whereas, music in our State is as diverse, dynamic, and vital as our residents, and reflects Vermont's unique population, and

Whereas, every music genre is represented in the State's repertoire, including African, classical, folk, hardcore punk rock, and jazz, and

Whereas, from acoustic to electronic, hip hop to opera, and all other sounds imaginable, the richness of Vermont music reflects diverse experiences, and

Whereas, Vermont composers may come from a State ancestry of many generations or be new to our nation's shores, and

Whereas, the glorious melodies and harmonies of Vermont's musicians can be heard in person at performance halls, schools, libraries, restaurants, instrument shops, and on the streets and greens of our cities and towns, and

Whereas, Vermont musicians continue to create exciting new releases in the State's recording studios, and

Whereas, the work of Vermont composers and performers can be found on radio, television, film, online, and mobile digital devices, and

Whereas, the General Assembly hopes that Vermont's music will be heard within and beyond the State's borders, and that Vermont's music industry thrives, and

Whereas, Vermont's musical composers and performers deserve gratitude and recognition for their creative efforts, and for the contribution their music makes to our State's economy and cultural diversity, now therefore be it

Resolved by the Senate and House of Representatives:

That the General Assembly celebrates the music of Vermont and designates November 2014 as Vermont Music Month, and be it further

Resolved: That the Secretary of State be directed to send a copy of this resolution to the Vermont Arts Council and Big Heavy World in Burlington.

H.C.R. 266.

House concurrent resolution in memory of Beverly Mae Shores of Granby

Offered by: Representatives Quimby of Concord, Johnson of Canaan, Batchelor of Derby, Higley of Lowell, Kilmartin of Newport City, Marcotte of Coventry, Shaw of Derby, Strong of Albany, and Young of Glover

Offered by: Senators Benning, Rodgers, and Starr

Whereas, Beverly Shores of Granby lived a multifaceted life through her career, community service, and church activities, and

Whereas, she was born in Granby, attended the one-room Granby Central School through 8th grade, and graduated from the Lancaster, New Hampshire high school, and

Whereas, Beverly Shores was employed for 35 years at the New England Telephone Company, and

Whereas, in 1960, after an airplane trip to Los Angeles, Beverly Shores decided to earn her pilot's license, flew in the All Women's New England Air Race, and for several years chaired the event, and

Whereas, she was a member of the Ninety-Nines, Inc., the International Organization of Women Pilots, and

Whereas, Beverly Shores was fortunate to travel to Austria and Hungary with the North Country Chorus, and she visited the Holy Land, and

Whereas, from 1992 to 2010, Beverly Shores maintained a regular presence at her town's mailboxes as Granby's contract postmaster, and she remained as the assistant postmaster until 2013, and

Whereas, she served as a town auditor, and was associated with the Holiday in the Hills foliage festival for its three decades of existence, originally started as a fundraiser to bring electricity to Granby and Victory, and

Whereas, Beverly Mae Shores was a guardian ad litem from 1993 to 2008 for approximately 57 children, and also served on the Essex County Court Diversion Board, and

Whereas, her roles at the Granby Congregational Church, to which she was devoted, included Sunday school teacher and deaconess, and

Whereas, she was long associated with both the 4-H Club and the Grange, and assisted in the writing of Granby's town history, and

Whereas, Beverly Mae Shores died on December 10, 2013 at the age of 87, and her survivors include her many nieces and nephews for whom she was a devoted mentor, now therefore be it

Resolved by the Senate and House of Representatives:

That the General Assembly extends its condolences to the family and friends of Beverly Mae Shores, a proud resident of Granby, and be it further

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

H.C.R. 267.

House concurrent resolution honoring the Vermont Rail Action Network for its efforts to improve the State's rail service

Offered by: Representative Russell of Rutland City

Whereas, the Vermont Rail Action Network is an organization of citizens dedicated to the development of a rail system in Vermont that maximizes its service possibilities for both the freight and passenger sectors, and

Whereas, the broad goals of the Vermont Rail Action Network are to promote the "cause of railroads and railroad service"; educate its membership, elected officials, and the public about railroad issues; and serve as a coordinated and unified voice in Vermont on all matters pertaining to railroads, and

Whereas, more specifically, the Vermont Rail Action Network is translating these goals into specific objectives, and

Whereas, the Vermont Rail Action Network seeks to upgrade all of Vermont's in-service railroad tracks to support the passage of the industry

standard 286,000-pound rail cars, as many rail shipments to and from the State are now limited to an 82 percent capacity, and

Whereas, another infrastructure improvement the organization seeks is the revitalization of the western rail corridor from Albany, New York, to Burlington, and then connecting to St. Albans via Essex Junction, including the upgrading of the track to support both rail and freight cars traveling at 59 miles per hour, and

Whereas, with respect to passenger service, the Vermont Rail Action Network supports the extension of the Ethan Allen Amtrak service to Burlington, the reestablishment of passenger rail service to Montreal, and commuter service between Burlington and Essex Junction, and

Whereas, the Vermont Rail Action Network is working for the development of better intermodal connections between passenger train and bus service, and

Whereas, rail traffic in Vermont has doubled in the past ten years, and 80 percent of the trains originating or terminating in Vermont pass through Rutland, and

Whereas, the Vermont Rail Action Network is supporting the construction of a new rail yard in Rutland to replace the facility that was not designed for this upsurge in rail activity, now therefore be it

Resolved by the Senate and House of Representatives:

That the General Assembly honors the Vermont Rail Action Network for its efforts to improve the State's rail service, and be it further

Resolved: That the Secretary of State be directed to send a copy of this resolution to the Vermont Rail Action Network.

H.C.R. 268.

House concurrent resolution congratulating the Vermont Rail System on its 50th anniversary

Offered by: Representatives Russell of Rutland City, Bissonnette of Winooski, Botzow of Pownal, Bouchard of Colchester, Brennan of Colchester, Browning of Arlington, Burditt of West Rutland, Burke of Brattleboro, Campion of Bennington, Canfield of Fair Haven, Carr of Brandon, Christie of Hartford, Cole of Burlington, Condon of Colchester, Corcoran of Bennington, Cross of Winooski, Cupoli of Rutland City, Dakin of Chester, Devereux of Mount Holly, Donaghy of Poultney, Donovan of Burlington, Emmons of Springfield, Evans of Essex, Fagan of Rutland City, Gage of Rutland City, Gallivan of Chittenden, Haas of Rochester, Head of South Burlington, Helm of Fair Haven, Huntley of Cavendish, Jerman of Essex, Jewett of Ripton, Kilmartin of Newport City, Kitzmiller of Montpelier, Koch of Barre Town, Komline of Dorset, Krowinski of Burlington, Kupersmith of South Burlington,

Lanpher of Vergennes, Lenes of Shelburne, Lewis of Berlin, Lippert of Hinesburg, Macaig of Williston, Malcolm of Pawlet, Marek of Newfane, Martin of Springfield, Masland of Thetford, McCarthy of St. Albans City, McCormack of Burlington, McCullough of Williston, McFaun of Barre Town, Mook of Bennington, Morrissey of Bennington, Myers of Essex, Nuovo of Middlebury, O'Brien of Richmond, O'Sullivan of Burlington, Pearson of Burlington, Poirier of Barre City, Potter of Clarendon, Pugh of South Burlington, Rachelson of Burlington, Ralston of Middlebury, Ram of Burlington, Shaw of Pittsford, Spengler of Colchester, Stevens of Shoreham, Taylor of Barre City, Terenzini of Rutland Town, Trieber of Rockingham, Van Wyck of Ferrisburgh, Waite-Simpson of Essex, Webb of Shelburne, Wilson of Manchester, Wizowaty of Burlington, Wright of Burlington, and Yantachka of Charlotte

Offered by: Senators Campbell, Flory, French, Kitchel, Mazza, Mullin, and Westman

Whereas, in 1963, the State of Vermont, under the leadership of Governor Philip Hoff, purchased the track system of the abandoned Rutland Railway, and

Whereas, on August 6, 1963, Jay Wulfson, a railroad professional, entered into an operational lease agreement with the State of Vermont, and

Whereas, on January 3, 1964, the Vermont Railroad (VTR) began freight service on the 125-mile Rutland Railway network, extending from Burlington to White Creek, New York, and

Whereas, VTR's bright red engine and caboose made daily runs between Burlington and Rutland, and triweekly trips from Rutland to Bennington, and

Whereas, in the early 1970s, VTR acquired the Clarendon and Pittsford Railroad from the Vermont Marble Company, and in the 1980s, it bought the Delaware and Hudson trackage between Rutland and Whitehall, New York, and

Whereas, in 1997, VTR purchased the Green Mountain Railroad, extending from Rutland to Bellows Falls, which included the Green Mountain Gateway agreement, providing VTR with connection to other rail networks, the Riverside Reload Center, and the Green Mountain Flyer, offering scenic seasonal passenger tours, and

Whereas, the 1998 expansion resulted in an administrative consolidation of the separate lines into the Vermont Rail System (VRS), and

Whereas, in 1999, the Washington County Railroad's (WACR) Montpelier and Barre Division was merged into VRS, and by 2003, the State of Vermont had appointed the WACR as the operator of the 104-mile rail line from White River Junction to Newport, and

Whereas, VRS made its first completely out-of-state acquisition in 2002, purchasing the New York and Ogdensburg Railway in New York State, and

Whereas, in 2012, *Railway Age* named the Vermont Rail System as its Short Line of the Year, and

Whereas, in 2014, the VRS operates over 350 miles of track, has more than 125 employees, and hauls annually over 25,000 rail cars, and

Whereas, on January 6, 2014, a 50th anniversary celebration was held at Burlington's Union Station, featuring State, city, and railroad leaders, and other commemorative events will follow throughout the year, now therefore be it

Resolved by the Senate and House of Representatives:

That the General Assembly congratulates the Vermont Rail System on its 50th anniversary, and be it further

Resolved: That the Secretary of State be directed to send a copy of this resolution to the Vermont Rail System in Burlington.

H.C.R. 269.

House concurrent resolution congratulating Norwich University on being ranked the second-best school nationally for cybersecurity education

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

Whereas, in a world that increasingly conducts its business digitally, the scope of cybersecurity concerns ranges from diplomatic exchanges and military activities to protecting the privacy of consumer transactions and an individual's myriad data records, and

Whereas, to address the growing employment opportunities in this emerging field, a number of higher-education institutions have established course offerings or degrees in different aspects of cybersecurity, and

Whereas, to assess the current status of cybersecurity education programs in the United States, Hewlett-Packard commissioned the Ponemon Institute to survey knowledgeable individuals on their rankings of these programs, and

Whereas, the criteria the survey respondents were asked to consider were academic excellence, practical relevance, experience and expertise of program faculty, experience and background of students and alumni, and the academic program's reputation in the cybersecurity community, and

Whereas, the hallmarks of a quality program, according to the respondents, included those with cybersecurity-related but interdisciplinary components, a

diverse student body, an emphasis on career and academic advancement, and National Security Agency and Department of Homeland Security designation as a center of academic excellence in information assurance education, and

Whereas, when the results were tallied, Norwich University's Computer Science and Information Assurance (CSIA) program was ranked as the second-best cybersecurity academic program in the country, and

Whereas, Norwich University's CSIA program offers a bachelor's degree in computer science using state-of-the-art forensic tools, and

Whereas, its College of Graduate and Continuing Studies offers an online master's degree in Information Security and Assurance that teaches both technical and management skills, and

Whereas, to be ranked second nationally, with the numerous course offerings and degrees now available, is a special tribute to the quality of Norwich's courses and faculty, and the University is honored to have achieved this enviable commendation, now therefore be it

Resolved by the Senate and House of Representatives:

That the General Assembly congratulates Norwich University on being ranked the second-best school nationally for cybersecurity education, and be it further

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

H.C.R. 270.

House concurrent resolution honoring the youth education program of Unbound Grace-Sentinel Farms

Offered by: Representatives Spengler of Colchester, Fisher of Lincoln, and Sharpe of Bristol

Offered by: Senators Ayer and Bray

Whereas, Unbound Grace is a nonprofit organization with an overall mission "to provide the community with health-centered activities rooted in the ideals of sustainable agriculture, the arts, and classical horsemanship, where individuals of all ages are encouraged to find and share their gifts, talents, and passions," and

Whereas, the special focus of Unbound Grace is to offer a healthy and sustainable life's path for Vermont youth in preparation for their turbulent high school years, and

Whereas, a guiding principle of Unbound grace is a belief that the “common sense prudence of investing in prevention is rooted in our traditional Vermont agricultural values of good stewardship and binds us to our fiscal and ethical responsibility to invest our most precious resources rightly,” and

Whereas, this prevention agenda of Unbound Grace is realized through an inspiring summer youth camp conducted at Sentinel Farms in Starksboro under the leadership of the organization’s president, Kerry Kurt, and

Whereas, campers’ unique experience at Sentinel Farms starts as early as 6:30 a.m. and lasts until nearly dark, and

Whereas, they are taught an appreciation for nature, physical activity, including horsemanship, artistic forms of expression, and working together for everyone’s mutual benefit and personal growth, and

Whereas, this schedule of healthy and productive life activities has attracted campers who become enthusiastic proponents for a lifestyle that deters them from the societal pitfalls that can damage young lives, and

Whereas, Unbound Grace hopes to expand its summer camping activities into a year-round schedule with the addition of an indoor riding facility, and

Whereas, today, March 18, 2014, the youth of Unbound Grace-Sentinel Farms will be visiting the State House to speak to members of the House Committee on Human Services and the Senate Committee on Health and Welfare as part of their Youth Voices 2014, Mutual Learning Campaign, and

Whereas, their presentations are intended to explain “how to keep kids away from falling into life-threatening experimentation with opiates and heroin and other risky behaviors,” now therefore be it

Resolved by the Senate and House of Representatives:

That the General Assembly honors the youth education program of Unbound Grace-Sentinel Farms, and be it further

Resolved: That the Secretary of State be directed to send a copy of this resolution to Kerry Kurt, president of Unbound Grace.

H.C.R. 271.

House concurrent resolution congratulating Vermont’s first ENERGY STAR qualified elementary and secondary schools

Offered by: Representatives O’Brien of Richmond, Burditt of West Rutland, Burke of Brattleboro, Conquest of Newbury, Deen of Westminster, Ellis of Waterbury, Frank of Underhill, Grad of Moretown, Greshin of Warren, Hebert of Vernon, Lanpher of Vergennes, Lenes of Shelburne, Lippert of

Hinesburg, Macaig of Williston, McCullough of Williston, Peltz of Woodbury, Potter of Clarendon, Smith of Morristown, Stevens of Waterbury, Stuart of Brattleboro, Till of Jericho, Toleno of Brattleboro, Van Wyck of Ferrisburgh, Webb of Shelburne, Yantachka of Charlotte, and Young of Glover

Whereas, Project Green Schools is a collaboration in which Efficiency Vermont and the Vermont Superintendents School Energy Management Program are leading the way to “create sustainable and healthy schools for all Vermonters,” and

Whereas, this collaborative describes itself as “an action-based initiative that leverages and coordinates a wealth of existing data, skills, and resources towards measurable and meaningful energy performance goals in Vermont’s K–12 schools,” and

Whereas, as an initial step to satisfying its long-term objectives, Project Green School is working to gain the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency’s ENERGY STAR status for all Vermont elementary and secondary schools, and

Whereas, the ENERGY STAR qualification means that a school has met professional standards for healthy ventilation, thermal comfort, and lighting quality, and that it is among the top 25 percent of energy efficient schools in the country, and

Whereas, an ENERGY STAR school demonstrates a measurable and public commitment to reducing the costs of energy, maintaining a high quality and healthy learning-working environment, and providing educational opportunities to students and school staff, and

Whereas, in 2013, 11 schools, with the assistance and support of Project Green School, met the standards for designation as ENERGY STAR qualified, including Addison Central School, Brattleboro Union High School, Camels Hump Middle School, Champlain Valley Union High School, Clarendon Elementary School, Harwood Union High School, Lake Region Union High School, Mt. Mansfield Union High School, Shelburne Community School, Waits River Valley School, and Woodbury Elementary School, and

Whereas, Project Green School is committed to expanding the number of schools that are qualified for the Energy Star designation, and to work with the already designated schools to increase their energy efficiency, now therefore be it

Resolved by the Senate and House of Representatives:

That the General Assembly congratulates Vermont’s first ENERGY STAR qualified elementary and secondary schools, and be it further

Resolved: That the Secretary of State be directed to send a copy of this resolution to each ENERGY STAR qualified school, to the Vermont Superintendents Association, and to Efficiency Vermont.

H.C.R. 272.

House concurrent resolution honoring former Rutland Town Fire Chief Joseph J. Denardo

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

Offered by: Senators Flory, French, and Mullin

Whereas, Joseph Denardo has been a member of the Rutland Town Fire Department for more than 40 years, and

Whereas, his commendable public service as a firefighter has included responding to numerous calls at all hours of the day and night, on weekends, and holidays, and

Whereas, during the past four plus decades, Joseph Denardo has seen many technological innovations that have brought greater efficiency to firefighting, and

Whereas, despite these advances, firefighting remains a dangerous activity that must be performed to protect life and property in every Vermont community, and

Whereas, through his many years on the Rutland Fire Department's frontline team, Joseph Denardo earned the respect of his colleagues and became a mentor for new members of the department, and

Whereas, the confidence his firefighting colleagues had in Joseph Denardo's firefighting, leadership, and managerial skills were demonstrated when they elected him as chief, and

Whereas, during his overall tenure of 11 years as head of the Rutland Town Fire Department, Joseph Denardo developed respectful and cooperative relationships with other area fire departments, and

Whereas, in honor of his exemplary public service as a member of the Rutland Town Fire Department, the Selectboard has named the new fire station in his honor, a richly deserved accolade, and

Whereas, Joseph Denardo, although no longer chief, remains a member of the Rutland Town Fire Department proudly continuing to serve his community, now therefore be it

Resolved by the Senate and House of Representatives:

That the General Assembly honors former Rutland Town Fire Chief Joseph Denardo, and be it further

Resolved: That the Secretary of State be directed to send a copy of this resolution to Joseph Denardo in Rutland Town.

H.C.R. 273.

House concurrent resolution in memory of Pownal Selectboard Member Dale Palmer

Offered by: Representatives Botzow of Pownal, Campion of Bennington, Corcoran of Bennington, Miller of Shaftsbury, Mook of Bennington, and Morrissey of Bennington

Offered by: Senators Hartwell and Sears

Whereas, Dale Palmer was a devoted father, community leader, and avid amateur genealogist, and

Whereas, he graduated from Bennington High School and as a member of the U.S. Army was stationed in the former West Germany, and

Whereas, on October 14, 1972, Dale Palmer wed Betty Kelley, his sledding partner prior to his Army service, and

Whereas, Dale and Betty Palmer were both employed in the Bennington area and, early in their marriage, decided to purchase a home in nearby Pownal, and

Whereas, they raised three sons, and their interest in their children's basketball and baseball games extended to the accomplishments of their sons' teammates, and

Whereas, as a result of the regularity of the Palmers' attendance at youth sporting events, they opened a refreshment concession selling candy and coffee at the games, and

Whereas, through his genealogical research, Dale Palmer discovered his ancestors' arrival on America's shores occurred in the 1600s, on a ship that followed shortly after the Mayflower, and

Whereas, he was an active parishioner at Sacred Heart St. Francis de Sales Church where he enjoyed volunteering at church suppers, and

Whereas, fraternal associations were important to Dale Palmer, and he had belonged to the American Legion and the Knights of Columbus and was a former member of the Moose lodge, and

Whereas, serving the community was a personal priority, and Dale Palmer was a past member of the Pownal Center Fire Department, and

Whereas, in 2011, Dale Palmer was appointed to the Pownal Selectboard and took his new responsibilities seriously, approaching the position as both a chance to serve the community and to broaden his understanding of local government, and Pownal's voters reelected him to the selectboard in 2013, and

Whereas, Dale Palmer was a respected member of the Pownal Selectboard when he died unexpectedly on February 14, 2014, and his survivors include his wife, Betty, and their sons, Dale, Roy, and Patrick, now therefore be it

Resolved by the Senate and House of Representatives:

That the General Assembly extends its sincere condolences to the family of Pownal Selectboard Member Dale Palmer, and be it further

Resolved: That the Secretary of State be directed to send a copy of this resolution to Betty Palmer and each of their sons.

S.C.R. 51.

Senate concurrent resolution congratulating Howard Coffin on his Gettysburg Sesquicentennial address

Whereas, Vermont played an outsize role in the Union victory at Gettysburg, the turning point of the Civil War, and

Whereas, tens of thousands of people attended the events commemorating the sesquicentennial of the Battle of Gettysburg, which took place from June 29 through July 7, 2013 at the Gettysburg National Military Park Visitor Center, and

Whereas, one of the events was the June 30 address Vermont Civil War historian Howard Coffin delivered entitled *The Vermont Assault on Pickett's Charge*, and

Whereas, he spoke about the attack Brigadier General George

Stannard's Second Vermont Brigade initiated on July 3, 1863, the third and final day of the battle, and

Whereas, in the address, based on his book *Nine Months to Gettysburg: Stannard's Brigade and the Repulse of Pickett's Charge*, Howard Coffin described the Vermont attack on the southern flank of Pickett's Charge, and

Whereas, Howard Coffin stated that the Vermont attack was the decisive blow delivered by Union forces in defeating Pickett's Charge, probably the most important assault of the war, and

Whereas, he described the attack in detail, concluding that "if the Battle of Waterloo was won on the playing fields of Eton, the Battle of Gettysburg was won on the village greens of Vermont," and

Whereas, Howard Coffin's address was transmitted live on C-SPAN 3's *American History TV* series, giving widespread recognition to the role Vermont played at Gettysburg, from which the Confederate Army never recovered, *now therefore be it*

Resolved by the Senate and House of Representatives:

That the General Assembly congratulates Howard Coffin on his address commemorating the sesquicentennial of the Battle of Gettysburg and the Vermonters who died on its hallowed ground, *and be it further*

Resolved: That the Secretary of State be directed to send a copy of this resolution to Howard Coffin in Montpelier.