

CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

ADDENDUM

TO THE

HOUSE CALENDAR

**Text of House Concurrent
Resolutions**

of

April 3, 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. 286.

House concurrent resolution in memory of former Senator and Chittenden County Assistant Judge Thomas M. Crowley of South Burlington

Offered by: Representatives Pugh of South Burlington, Head of South Burlington, Kupersmith of South Burlington, and Townsend of South Burlington

Whereas, Burlington native Tom Crowley was educated in the city's public schools and graduated from St. Michael's College, and

Whereas, he served in both the U.S. Army and the Vermont Air National Guard, and

Whereas, Tom Crowley's professional career was in the insurance industry, in which he assumed leadership roles and was president of the Crowley Insurance Agency, and

Whereas, in 1966, Tom Crowley was elected to the Vermont Senate, beginning nearly a quarter-century of dedicated legislative service, and

Whereas, Senator Tom Crowley was a respected member of the General Assembly who, for many years, chaired either the Committee on Highways and Traffic or its successor, the Committee on Transportation, and

Whereas, in 1990, he concluded his legislative career as Dean of the Senate, and

Whereas, Governor Howard Dean appointed Tom Crowley to be a Chittenden County Assistant Judge, and Judge Crowley served with distinction, and

Whereas, over the years, Tom Crowley's civic service included membership on a number of panels, including the Fanny Allen Hospital Development Foundation, Inc., the Burlington Police Commission, and most recently, the Vermont State Police Advisory Commission, and

Whereas, his hobbies included boating on Lake Champlain and driving antique cars in local parades, and

Whereas, Tom Crowley took great pride in his hometown of South Burlington, where he had many friends and was active in the community, and

Whereas, after an active life of public service, Tom Crowley died in the presence of his family on August 17, 2013, and

Whereas, his survivors include his daughters, Erin, Stephanie, Lynn, Allison, and Colleen, their mother, Susan, eight grandchildren, two great-grandchildren, his brother, Gerritt, and many members of his extended family, now therefore be it

Resolved by the Senate and House of Representatives:

That the General Assembly extends its sincere condolences to the family of former Senator and Chittenden County Assistant Judge Thomas M. Crowley, and be it further

Resolved: That the Secretary of State be directed to send a copy of this resolution to each of his five daughters.

H.C.R. 287.

House concurrent resolution congratulating the 2014 Essex High School Hornets Metro Division girls' hockey championship team

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

Whereas, the talented Essex High School Hornets girls' hockey team took to the ice for the 2013–2014 season and sustained only one loss all season, and

Whereas, when the regular hockey season was finished, Essex was awarded the first seed for the Metro Division tournament, reconfirming the team's proficiency on the ice, and

Whereas, after defeating Missisquoi and Colchester high schools in the quarterfinal and semifinal tournament rounds respectively, Essex earned a trip to the University of Vermont for a challenging Metro Division championship game against perennial contender Bellows Free Academy (St. Albans), and

Whereas, despite trailing 2–0 at the conclusion of the second period, the Hornets rallied during the third period, scoring twice and sending the game into overtime, and they scored the decisive third goal with 6:15 left in the overtime period, and

Whereas, the ecstatic Hornets who clinched Essex's fourth girls' hockey Metro Division title were Victoria Gibson, Sara Manley, Amanda Sinkewicz, Bailey Gaskill, Sydney Laplant, Alexandra Celia, Haley Drury, Kathleen

Young, Justine Martin, Melanie Theriault, Mackenzie Burnett, Nicole Foice, Victoria Bean, Avery Macgillivray, Sarah Tobey, Kayleigh Daniels, Anna Mechler, Tiffany Barnes, Julie Pearce, Lindsay Hallowell, and Mary Simons, and Head Coach John Maddalena was extremely proud of the team, now therefore be it

Resolved by the Senate and House of Representatives:

That the General Assembly congratulates the 2014 Essex High School Hornets Metro Division girls' hockey championship team, and be it further

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

H.C.R. 288.

House concurrent resolution congratulating the 2014 Essex High School Division I championship cheerleading team

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

Whereas, cheerleaders must coordinate athleticism and words into flawless presentations intended to motivate fan spirit and motivate the home team to victory, and

Whereas, although most spectators view cheerleaders as primarily supportive of a game on the field, court, or rink, these colorfully clad individuals are engaged in a distinctive sport, and

Whereas, the Division I Essex High School Hornets take pride in their 20 State championships from 1986 through 2012, and

Whereas, the 2014 Hornets exhibited proficiency all season, capturing the overall Central Vermont Championship and being crowned Metro Division champions, and

Whereas, these victories were merely the opening chapters preceding the State cheerleading tournament on February 22, 2014 at Vergennes Union High where the Hornets topped their Division I competitors, earning 177 points, 11 more than second-place Rutland, and

Whereas, the talented Hornets who brought home their school's 21st State cheerleading title were Skylar Beck, Maureen Besade, Carolyn Correia, Catherine Correia, Ruby Kelly, Jennifer Lasko, Mikayla Leblanc, Lydia Palker, Lauren Pinto, Caitria Sands, Francesca Sands, Alexis Smith, Kallysta Tanguay, and Kasandra Wiggett whose head coach, Maria Ung, provided the leadership to cap the team's success, now therefore be it

Resolved by the Senate and House of Representatives:

That the General Assembly congratulates the 2014 Essex High School Division I championship cheerleading team, and be it further

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

H.C.R. 289.

House concurrent resolution honoring Patricia Palencsar for her leadership at Green Mountain RSVP & Volunteer Center

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

Offered by: Senators Hartwell and Sears

Whereas, Patricia Palencsar trained as a nurse at Long Island College Hospital and earned a master's degree in human services administration at the Antioch New England Graduate School, and

Whereas, her career positions in Bennington County included adjunct faculty member at Southern Vermont College, previous owner of the Diet Center in downtown Bennington, area nurse manager for the Professional Nurses Association, and director of nursing at the Prospect Nursing Home, and

Whereas, in 1999, Patricia Palencsar became the executive director of the Retired Senior Volunteer Program (RSVP) of Bennington County, a program of the Corporation for National and Community Service's Senior Corps that matches volunteers 55 years of age and older with meaningful work at nonprofit organizations and municipalities, and

Whereas, in 2006, she helped merge the RSVP programs of Bennington, Windham, and Windsor counties into the unified Green Mountain RSVP & Volunteer Center that now oversees over 1,000 volunteers at 234 work locations, and

Whereas, Patricia Palencsar has directed the combined RSVP programs with great success, and

Whereas, her colleagues recognized that Patricia Palencsar is an outstanding RSVP director when they selected her as the regional vice president, and

Whereas, Patricia Palencsar adheres personally to the volunteerism philosophy of RSVP, having served on the boards of a number of community organizations, including chairing the boards of the United Way of Bennington County, the Bennington Chamber of Commerce, and the Green Mountain Chapter of the American Red Cross, and

Whereas, she is now concluding her leadership role at Green Mountain RSVP & Volunteer Center, and her colleagues and the volunteers she oversees will miss her wisdom and wise counsel, now therefore be it

Resolved by the Senate and House of Representatives:

That the General Assembly honors Patricia Palencsar for her leadership at Green Mountain RSVP & Volunteer Center, and be it further

Resolved: That the Secretary of State be directed to send a copy of this resolution to Patricia Palencsar and to Green Mountain RSVP & Volunteer Center.

H.C.R. 290.

House concurrent resolution designating April 2014 as Autism Awareness Month

Offered by: Representatives Mook of Bennington, Buxton of Tunbridge, Campion of Bennington, Christie of Hartford, Cupoli of Rutland City, Dakin of Chester, Donovan of Burlington, Goodwin of Weston, Juskiewicz of Cambridge, Krebs of South Hero, Lewis of Berlin, Mitchell of Fairfax, Morrissey of Bennington, Peltz of Woodbury, Rachelson of Burlington, Stuart of Brattleboro, Sweaney of Windsor, Till of Jericho, Townsend of South Burlington, and Zagar of Barnard

Whereas, according to the National Institute of Neurological Disorders and Stroke, “autism spectrum disorder (autism) is a range of complex neurodevelopment disorders, characterized by social impairments, communication difficulties, and restricted, repetitive, and stereotyped patterns of behavior,” and

Whereas, each person with autism is a unique individual, and

Whereas, the prevalence of autism is increasing and is the fastest-growing serious developmental disability in the United States, and

Whereas, autism receives less than five percent of the research funding of many less prevalent childhood diseases, and specifically receives only 0.55 percent of all National Institutes of Health funding, and

Whereas, autism occurs in one in 88 children, and boys are nearly five times more likely to be diagnosed with autism, and

Whereas, siblings of children and adults with autism face unique lifelong challenges and pressures, and need understanding and support, and

Whereas, children and adults with autism care and feel deeply about others but may lack the ability to spontaneously express their feelings in a social context, and

Whereas, caring educators in Vermont are working very hard to support children with autism in order to prepare them for more independent lives, and

Whereas, providing social, educational, environmental, and living supports enable people with autism to lead full and productive lives, and

Whereas, in coming years, opportunities in the fields of science, technology, engineering, and math may provide important career paths for some children with autism, and

Whereas, this positive news is tempered with the high unemployment rates of adults with autism, and

Whereas, current students with autism will become adults in the next decade, and will need homes, jobs, friends, and a future, and

Whereas, Vermonters need to recognize the skills and the potential contributions of students with autism by developing the accommodations that will support them as they move from school to work, now therefore be it

Resolved by the Senate and House of Representatives:

That the General Assembly designates April 2014 as Autism Awareness Month, and be it further

Resolved: That the Secretary of State be directed to send a copy of this resolution to the Secretary of Education, the Commissioner of Labor, and the Commissioner of Disabilities, Aging, and Independent Living.

H.C.R. 291.

House concurrent resolution congratulating the 2014 Poultney High School Division II championship cheerleading team

Offered by: Representative Donaghy of Poultney

Whereas, the exhilaration of cheering for the home team is a cherished part of attending a high school sporting event, and

Whereas, enthusiastic school cheerleaders create a friendly spirit of competition between the opposing teams, providing each squad with playing momentum, and

Whereas, the performance of a skilled cheerleading squad is highly entertaining for the crowd, especially if the favorite team is trailing on the scoreboard, and

Whereas, Vermont high school cheerleaders are competitive athletes, equal to the players on the teams they root to victory, and they compete in their own varsity competition, culminating in a State championship tournament, and

Whereas, the 2014 cheerleading championship tournament took place at Vergennes Union High School, and

Whereas, in Division II results, Poultney High School out cheered the competition with the best routines and was awarded the top score of 139, 19 points ahead of second-place Mount St. Joseph Academy, and

Whereas, this creative cheerleading squad included Nikkia Beayon, Holly Bushey, Emily DeBonis, Amanda Dunlap, Kristen Fletcher, Caylin Gloss, Lindsey Hewes, Hailey Jones, Zachary Kasuba, Lea Keyes, Marissa Mazur, and Head Coach Joey Williams and assistant coaches Megan Franzoni and Tia Hewes were invaluable mentors, now therefore be it

Resolved by the Senate and House of Representatives:

That the General Assembly congratulates the 2014 Poultney High School Division II championship cheerleading team, and be it further

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

H.C.R. 292.

House concurrent resolution honoring Richard Andrews as a conservationist and hiking recreational leader

Offered by: Representatives Martin of Springfield, Bartholomew of Hartland, Burke of Brattleboro, Buxton of Tunbridge, Clarkson of Woodstock, Connor of Fairfield, Dakin of Chester, Davis of Washington, Deen of Westminster, Donahue of Northfield, Emmons of Springfield, Frank of Underhill, French of Randolph, Haas of Rochester, Jewett of Ripton, Klein of East Montpelier, Koch of Barre Town, Krowinski of Burlington, Lanpher of Vergennes, Lenes of Shelburne, Macaig of Williston, Masland of Thetford, McCullough of Williston, Michelsen of Hardwick, Nuovo of Middlebury, Partridge of Windham, Pearson of Burlington, Rachelson of Burlington, Ralston of Middlebury, Stevens of Waterbury, Stevens of Shoreham, Strong of Albany, Toleno of Brattleboro, Trieber of Rockingham, Yantachka of Charlotte, Young of Glover, and Zagar of Barnard

Whereas, Dick Andrews' background as a mechanical engineer, writer, and editor has contributed to his roles as a conservation advocate and hiking recreational leader, and

Whereas, the holder of a master's degree in mechanical engineer from Rensselaer Polytechnic Institute, he drew on his engineering training to develop the moldering privy in collaboration with the Green Mountain Club, the Appalachian Trail Conservancy, the National Park Service, and the Department of Forests, Parks and Recreation, and

Whereas, privies are an essential waste management tool on long distance hiking trails, and

Whereas, according to a manual that Dick Andrews coauthored, a moldering privy has the dual advantages of the environmental benefits of composting combined with “less maintenance expense and risk” than earlier privy systems, and

Whereas, the first moldering privy on the Long Trail-Appalachian Trail was established at Little Rock Pond in 1997, and its use has spread beyond Vermont, and

Whereas, Dick Andrews has applied his sharp research and editorial skills to his advocacy and drafting roles for the 1984 Vermont Wilderness Act, as Forest Watch’s Southern Vermont Outreach Coordinator, and as the Green Mountain Club’s *Long Trail News*’ copy editor, and

Whereas, as a 35-year member of the Green Mountain Club, Dick Andrews’ field service roles as a trail maintainer on Peru Peak and site adopter for the Griffith Lake tenting area are a model for other volunteers to emulate, and

Whereas, Dick Andrews serves on numerous Green Mountain Club committees, including its executive committee, and as the club’s treasurer, helping to ensure the club’s financial soundness, and has worked in important editorial roles on guidebooks, and

Whereas, in recognition of his superb work, in 2013 Dick Andrews was presented the Green Mountain Club’s President’s Award, now therefore be it

Resolved by the Senate and House of Representatives:

That the General Assembly honors Richard Andrews as a conservationist and hiking recreational leader, and be it further

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