

CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

ADDENDUM

TO THE

HOUSE CALENDAR

**Text of House Concurrent
Resolutions**

of

April 24, 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. 330.

House concurrent resolution honoring choral conductor, musician, composer, and college music instructor Edwin Lawrence

Offered by: Representatives Morrissey of Bennington, Campion of Bennington, Corcoran of Bennington, and Mook of Bennington

Offered by: Senators Hartwell and Sears

Whereas, Edwin Lawrence is an extraordinary musician, and

Whereas, he holds a bachelor's degree in music from the State University of New York at Fredonia, and

Whereas, at Williams College, he is an artist associate teaching courses in piano, harpsichord, and organ, and

Whereas, Edwin Lawrence serves as Minister of Music for the First Congregational Church of Williamstown and Music Director of the Oldcastle Theater in Bennington, and

Whereas, for 38 years, Edwin Lawrence has served as the outstanding director of the Bennington County Choral Society (BCCS), a community chorus drawing enthusiastic singers from Bennington County and nearby New York State and Massachusetts communities, and

Whereas, Edwin Lawrence has arranged and composed music for the BCCS, and under his leadership the BCCS has commissioned musical works of other Vermont composers, including Erik Nielsen and Allen Shaw, and

Whereas, for the 250th anniversary of the Town of Bennington, he arranged musical settings for the poetry of Bennington poets Mary Ruefle, Ben Belitt, Lyle Glazier, Barbara Howes, Julia Randall, and Stephen Sandy, and

Whereas, Edwin Lawrence has conducted the combined forces of the BCCS and the Vermont Symphony on two occasions, and

Whereas, in 1976, he was one of the Vermont composers to represent the State at the Kennedy Center's Bicentennial Parade of American Music, and

Whereas, he is a founding member of the Consortium of Vermont Composers, and

Whereas, Edwin Lawrence is a recipient of the Vermont Arts Council Citation of Merit and a Paul Harris Fellowship from the Bennington Rotary Club, and

Whereas, after nearly four decades of delighting his singers and audiences with inspiring choral music performances, on April 26 and 27, 2014, Edwin Lawrence will conduct his final BCCS concerts: *Folk Mass from Two Worlds*, featuring the *Misa Criolla* by Ariel Ramirez and *Schubert's Mass in G*, now therefore be it

Resolved by the Senate and House of Representatives:

That the General Assembly honors choral conductor, musician, composer, and college music instructor Edwin Lawrence, and be it further

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

H.C.R. 331.

House concurrent resolution honoring Grace Simonds for her municipal public service as the Town Clerk and Town Service Officer of Whiting

Offered by: Representative Stevens of Shoreham

Offered by: Senators Ayer and Bray

Whereas, Grace Simonds is an extraordinary public servant who is appreciated and respected in the Town of Whiting, and

Whereas, her love of the town and deep concern and interest for its welfare is beyond question, and

Whereas, Grace Simonds's official roles in the Town of Whiting have included Town Clerk and Town Service Officer, and

Whereas, as Whiting's Town Clerk, she has overseen the daily administrative requirements of the town, working on matters as varied as elections and local taxation, managing the municipal records and proving public access to these important documents, and assisting the selectboard in the performance of its responsibilities, and

Whereas, as Whiting's Town Service Officer, Grace Simonds connects individuals to resources that provide essential local and State government assistance and has, on occasion, left a bag of food for a neighbor or lent a personal hand on her own initiative, and

Whereas, unofficially, Grace Simonds serves as Whiting's Town Historian, and

Whereas, Grace Simonds has dedicated much time to the study of local genealogy and has created an index of the headstones in the Whiting and East Shoreham cemeteries, and

Whereas, many families have relied on Grace Simonds to assist in the discovery of their personal Vermont heritage, and

Whereas, Grace Simonds is known as a wonderful storyteller and true raconteur of Whiting's town history, and

Whereas, after 33 years of exemplary public service as the Whiting Town Clerk, Grace Simonds did not seek reelection in 2014, and

Whereas, the public will still be able to rely on Grace Simonds for important emergency and public safety information, as she will continue her tenure as the Whiting Town Service Officer, and

Whereas, the Town of Whiting is grateful for all that Grace Simonds has done for the community and wishes her well as she begins a new chapter in her life, now therefore be it

Resolved by the Senate and House of Representatives:

That the General Assembly honors Grace Simonds for her municipal public service as the Town Clerk and Town Service Officer of Whiting, and be it further

Resolved: That the Secretary of State be directed to send a copy of this resolution to Grace Simonds in Whiting.

H.C.R. 332.

House concurrent resolution congratulating Erica Wallstrom on being awarded an Albert Einstein Distinguished Educator Fellowship

Offered by: Representatives Fagan of Rutland City, Burditt of West Rutland, Cupoli of Rutland City, Gage of Rutland City, Gallivan of Chittenden, Potter of Clarendon, Russell of Rutland City, and Terenzini of Rutland Town

Offered by: Senators Flory, French, and Mullin

Whereas, the Albert Einstein Distinguished Educator Fellowship Act (Act) was signed into law in 1994, and

Whereas, the Act established the Albert Einstein Distinguished Educator Fellowship (AEF) Program that enables extraordinary K-12 educators in the

fields of science, technology, mathematics, or engineering to work for 11 months with a federal agency or Congress on a national education policy or program, and

Whereas, the U.S. Department of Energy's Office of Science's Office of Workforce Development for Teachers and Scientists manages the AEF Program, and

Whereas, only 14 educators are awarded this honor each year, and the extremely competitive selection process, including four days of interviews in Washington, D.C., started in September and culminated with the announcement of fellowship recipients in March, and

Whereas, one of the 2014 Albert Einstein Distinguished Educator Fellowship winners is Erica Wallstrom, a 9th-grade science teacher at Rutland Senior High School, and

Whereas, Erica Wallstrom and her husband, David, who has been an enthusiastic supporter of her successful quest for an AEF, will be relocating temporarily to Washington, D.C., and

Whereas, in the nation's capital, Erica Wallstrom will be working at federal agencies on National Science Foundation-supported research examining climatological effects on the permafrost in Greenland and possibly in Antarctica, and

Whereas, Erica Wallstrom is anticipating this unusual and exciting research adventure to encourage more persons, especially her students, to recognize the importance of the polar icecap on the world's environment, and

Whereas, she is an educator who cares passionately about her students and views her teaching role as one of great importance, and

Whereas, the awarding of an Albert Einstein Distinguished Educator Fellowship to Erica Wallstrom is both a singular personal achievement and a great honor for Rutland Senior High School, now therefore be it

Resolved by the Senate and House of Representatives:

That the General Assembly congratulates Erica Wallstrom on being awarded an Albert Einstein Distinguished Educator Fellowship, and be it further

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

H.C.R. 333.

House concurrent resolution congratulating Rutland Senior High School Principal William Olsen on being named the 2014 Vermont Principal of the Year

Offered by: Representatives Fagan of Rutland City, Burditt of West Rutland, Cupoli of Rutland City, Gage of Rutland City, Potter of Clarendon, Russell of Rutland City, and Terenzini of Rutland Town

Offered by: Senators Flory, French, and Mullin

Whereas, the students and teachers at Rutland Senior High School (RSHS) are fortunate that, since 2009, William Olsen has served as their innovative principal, and

Whereas, he began his scholastic career serving for six years as an RSHS teacher, and

Whereas, William Olsen's success in the classroom led to his appointment as the assistant principal at the Rutland Middle School, and

Whereas, he was given rave reviews for his leadership, and

Whereas, five years ago, the position of principal at Rutland Senior High School became vacant, and William Olsen was the obvious choice, and

Whereas, his reputation and credentials were such an ideal match that the district did not conduct any external advertising for the job, and

Whereas, Rutland City Superintendent Mary Moran has described William Olsen as "the teacher every parent wanted for their children, the middle school assistant principal whom countless students sought out for advice," and

Whereas, she has stated that his RSHS principalship has been transformative, making the school "more student-centered, rigorous, and relevant," and

Whereas, under his leadership, RSHS has adopted new approaches to instruction and assessment as well as new forms of intervention to keep struggling students from failing, and

Whereas, at a recent Global Issues Network conference, RSHS students gave presentations on a variety of topics, ranging from health to cyberbullying, alongside experts in these respective fields, and

Whereas, William Olsen described his work at RSHS as an effort to redesign the school, and

Whereas, through all of these developments, William Olsen has minimized his role, emphasizing the participation of the entire RSHS community, and

Whereas, despite this modesty, the Vermont Principals Association (VPA) recognized that William Olsen is an outstanding educational leader and has named him its 2014 Principal of the Year, and

Whereas, this well-deserved honor will be presented to William Olsen at the VPA's luncheon on April 30, now therefore be it

Resolved by the Senate and House of Representatives:

That the General Assembly congratulates Rutland Senior High School Principal William Olsen on being named the 2014 Vermont Principal of the Year, and be it further

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

H.C.R. 334.

House concurrent resolution commemorating the publication of *The Vermont Difference: Perspectives from the Green Mountain State*

Offered by: Representatives Marek of Newfane, Devereux of Mount Holly, Jerman of Essex, and Clarkson of Woodstock

Offered by: Senator Doyle

Whereas, the publication in 2014 of the gorgeously illustrated compendium *The Vermont Difference: Perspectives from the Green Mountain State* marks the entry of a major and stunning addition to the collection of books that relate the story of our State, and

Whereas, three distinguished historians, Woodstock Foundation President David A. Donath, former Vermont Historical Society Executive Director J. Kevin Graffagnino, and retired University of Vermont history professor H. Nicholas Muller III, and Kristin Peterson-Ishaq, the former Coordinator of the Center for Research on Vermont, collaborated as the editors of this publication, a joint endeavor of the Vermont Historical Society and the Woodstock Foundation, and

Whereas, Governor Peter Shumlin writes in the foreword that the book explores "the balance and tension between our heritage and modern culture," and

Whereas, this informative montage of history, commentary, and opinion is dedicated to former U.S. Senator George Aiken, his esteemed partner in politics and life, Lola Pierotti Aiken, and the late University of Vermont

historian Samuel Hand, and features cover comments from U.S. Senator Patrick Leahy and Northeast Kingdom author Howard Frank Mosher, and

Whereas, the book's four topical divisions and authoritative authorship include Government & Politics: Frank Bryan, former Governor James Douglas, Sam Hemingway, and former Governor Madeleine Kunin; Economy & Environment: Ben Rose, Gil Livingston, Jan Albers, Paul Costello, Michael Levine, Roberta MacDonald, and Roger Allbee; Heritage & History: J. Kevin Graffagnino, David Donath, Art Cohn, and Paul Bruhn; and Education, Culture & Society: Peter Gilbert, Ellen McCulloch-Lovell, former Governor Thomas Salmon, and Tom Slayton, and

Whereas, many celebratory events heralding this exciting new volume will be held this spring, now therefore be it

Resolved by the Senate and House of Representatives:

That the General Assembly commemorates the publication of *The Vermont Difference: Perspectives from the Green Mountain State*, and be it further

Resolved: That the Secretary of State be directed to send a copy of this resolution to the Vermont Historical Society and the Woodstock Foundation, and to each of the four editors of *The Vermont Difference: Perspectives from the Green Mountain State*.

H.C.R. 335.

House concurrent resolution in memory of former Representative Lawrence Powers

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

Offered by: Senators Sears and Hartwell

Whereas, Larry Powers earned the nickname Mr. North Bennington as a tribute to his exemplary leadership in the civic life of his village, and

Whereas, he graduated from North Bennington High School and St. Joseph Business College, and

Whereas, during World War II, Larry Powers served initially in the Belgian Congo, then graduated as a second lieutenant from the Aviation Cadet Center in San Antonio, Texas before flying combat missions in Europe, and many years later, in 1964, he retired as a U.S. Air Force Reserve major, and

Whereas, he married his wife, Bernice, in 1945, and was associated with his family's business M.F. Powers's & Sons, and

Whereas, Larry Powers's public service included every aspect of village governance including the North Bennington Village Board of Trustees, School Board, and Water Board, and

Whereas, although he served on the Town of Bennington Board of Listers and Board of Civil Authority, Larry Powers always remained a strong advocate for the continued political independence of the Village of North Bennington, and

Whereas, Larry Powers's nonprofit leadership included the boards of the Park-McCullough House, the John C. McCullough Library, the Bennington Museum, Southern Vermont College, serving as president of Parans Recreation, the NorShaft Lions Club, and the Vermont Veterans Home, and being a charter member of the NorShaft Little League, and

Whereas, starting in 1974, the local electorate chose Larry Powers to serve three consecutive terms in the House of Representatives, and for two of those three terms, he chaired the House Committee on Commerce, and

Whereas, Larry Powers wrote two books of stories about North Bennington, and

Whereas, on February 7, 2014, at 93 years of age, Larry Powers died, and his survivors include his children, Timothy and Christine, and a granddaughter, Margaret, now therefore be it

Resolved by the Senate and House of Representatives:

That the General Assembly extends condolences to the family of former Representative Larry Powers, and be it further

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

H.C.R. 336.

House concurrent resolution honoring Vermont National Guard State Command Sergeant Major Forest T. Glodgett on his distinguished military career

Offered by: Committee on General, Housing and Military Affairs

Whereas, Forest Glodgett enlisted in the Vermont Army National Guard in 1977 and rose through the enlisted ranks, serving in positions of increased responsibility in different units, and

Whereas, over the course of his career, Command Sergeant Major Forest Glodgett served six winter training periods in Canada, three rotations with the Italian Alpini Brigade, and was sent twice to the Combat Maneuver Center in Germany, and

Whereas, on two occasions he was deployed to Afghanistan, the first from October 2003 to September 2004, when he assisted in the establishment of Afghan Army bases, and again from February to December 2010, and

Whereas, between his two Afghan assignments, Command Sergeant Major Forest Glodgett served in leadership posts with the 124th Regiment and the 86th Infantry Brigade Combat Team (Mountain), and

Whereas, the culmination of Forest Glodgett's military career occurred on February 7, 2011 when he was appointed the Vermont National Guard's top noncommissioned officer, State Command Sergeant Major, and

Whereas, in this senior role, he advises the Vermont Adjutant and Inspector General on all matters related to Vermont Army and Air National Guard enlisted personnel and is responsible for their participation in the Vermont National Guard's partnerships with Macedonia and Senegal, and

Whereas, Command Sergeant Major Forest Glodgett is the recipient of numerous military honors, including the Legion of Merit, the Bronze Star Medal (with one oak leaf cluster), and the Meritorious Service Medal, and

Whereas, the Brownington native and Jericho resident is married to Kara Glodgett, and they are the parents of Travis, Shannon, Wyatt, and Kade, and the grandparents of Jaylynne, and

Whereas, Command Sergeant Major Forest Glodgett will conclude his 37 years of extraordinary military service on September 30, 2014, now therefore be it

Resolved by the Senate and House of Representatives:

That the General Assembly honors Vermont National Guard State Command Sergeant Major Forest T. Glodgett on his distinguished military career, and be it further

Resolved: That the Secretary of State be directed to send a copy of this resolution to Command Sergeant Major Forest T. Glodgett.

H.C.R. 337.

House concurrent resolution recognizing all Vermont firefighters, police officers, and emergency medical service (EMS) personnel for the professional level of service they provide to their communities

Offered by: Representatives Turner of Milton, Savage of Swanton, Shaw of Pittsford, and Marek of Newfane

Whereas, all volunteer firefighters, paid-on-call firefighters, full-time firefighters, part-time and full-time police officers, and EMS personnel perform their duties in a professional manner, and

Whereas, firefighters, police officers, and EMS personnel are outstanding public servants who are committed to protecting life, property, and the environment in their communities and throughout the State of Vermont, and

Whereas, successful recruiting, retaining, and protecting of all firefighters, police officers, and EMS personnel are essential to the long-term well-being of the communities they serve, and

Whereas, Vermonters respect and deeply appreciate the efforts and sacrifices of firefighters, police officers, EMS personnel, and their families, now therefore be it

Resolved by the Senate and House of Representatives:

That the General Assembly recognizes the outstanding work of firefighters, police officers, and EMS personnel who work to protect life, property, and the environment throughout the State of Vermont, and be it further

Resolved: That the Secretary of State be directed to send a copy of this resolution to the Vermont State Firefighters Association, to the Vermont League of Cities and Towns, to the Professional Firefighters of Vermont, to the Chiefs of Police Association of Vermont, and to the Vermont Ambulance Association.

H.C.R. 338.

House concurrent resolution honoring Wayne Hunter for his public service as a U.S. Postal Service employee in Northfield

Offered by: Representatives Lewis of Berlin and Donahue of Northfield

Whereas, for 31 years, Wayne Hunter greeted customers at the Northfield Post Office as they sent or picked up mail and purchased stamps and other postal necessities, and

Whereas, transacting business with this cheerful postal employee was a regular part of many local residents' daily routine, and

Whereas, Wayne Hunter always performed his U.S. Postal Service duties courteously, professionally, and with a smile, and

Whereas, he was always ready to assist a patron who presented an unusual mailing inquiry, and

Whereas, Wayne Hunter's career at the Northfield Post Office started in 1983 on a part-time basis, working as a clerk and substitute carrier, and

Whereas, his conscientious work habits and excellent on-the-job performance resulted in Wayne Hunter's securing full-time employment as a postal clerk, and

Whereas, the Northfield Post Office has a special role each business day, gathering the large amount of mail addressed to recipients at Norwich University, and

Whereas, in recent years, automation has altered the process of sorting incoming mail, and

Whereas, the local cancellation stamp is gone, as all mail, even mail sent between two Northfield postal patrons, is sent first to the regional processing center in Essex, and

Whereas, the prevalence of First-Class Mail declined sharply as e-mail assumed a predominant role in personal correspondence, and

Whereas, the sale of Forever stamps has grown, as they can be used for their original purpose notwithstanding changing postal rates, and

Whereas, despite these changes in postal practices, Wayne Hunter remained a steady presence at the Northfield Post Office for over three decades, and

Whereas, on April 2, 2014, Wayne Hunter concluded his exemplary public service as a U.S. Postal Service employee and now looks forward to spending more time gardening at home in Riverton, on the golf course, and with his wife, Jeanette, their two daughters, and three grandchildren, now therefore be it

Resolved by the Senate and House of Representatives:

That the General Assembly honors Wayne Hunter for his public service as a U.S. Postal Service employee in Northfield, and be it further

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

H.C.R. 339.

House concurrent resolution congratulating Sandra Baird on her most-deserved receipt of the 2014 Vermont Bar Association's Pro Bono Service Award

Offered by: Representatives Ram of Burlington, Ancel of Calais, Bissonnette of Winooski, Buxton of Tunbridge, Cole of Burlington, Connor of Fairfield, Cross of Winooski, Deen of Westminster, Donovan of Burlington, Ellis of Waterbury, Head of South Burlington, Keenan of St. Albans City,

Krowinski of Burlington, Kupersmith of South Burlington, Masland of Thetford, McCormack of Burlington, Miller of Shaftsbury, Nuovo of Middlebury, O'Brien of Richmond, O'Sullivan of Burlington, Pearson of Burlington, Pugh of South Burlington, Rachelson of Burlington, Townsend of South Burlington, Webb of Shelburne, Wizowaty of Burlington, Wright of Burlington, and Yantachka of Charlotte

Whereas, Sandy Baird grew up as a first-generation American in Springfield, Massachusetts, and this childhood experience sparked her concern for the underprivileged, and

Whereas, she graduated from the University of Massachusetts and earned a graduate degree at the University of Wisconsin, before reading the law at Vermont Legal Aid as a Vista Volunteer and earning admission to the Vermont Bar, and

Whereas, Sandy Baird served as a prosecutor before establishing a private law practice focusing on representing low-income clients, and

Whereas, as a Burlington College faculty member, Sandy Baird chairs the Legal and Justice Studies Department, the Cuba Overseas Study Program, and the Institute for Civic Engagement, and works with paralegal studies, and

Whereas, for two terms, Sandy Baird represented a Burlington legislative district in the House of Representatives, and

Whereas, the Vermont Bar Association's Pro Bono Service Award honors an attorney who has provided extraordinary legal advice and support to disadvantaged Vermonters in need of legal assistance, and

Whereas, for the 2014 award, several members of the Vermont legal community, including Angele Court of the Vermont Volunteers Lawyers Project and Chittenden County Probate Judge Susan Fowler, nominated Sandy Baird for this honor, and

Whereas, Sandy Baird's history of pro bono representation impressed the selection panel, and she was presented this special award in recognition of her volunteer work as a private attorney accepting nonpaying clients from the Vermont Volunteer Lawyers Project and the Burlington College Pro Se Legal Clinic, and

Whereas, Sandy Baird continues her work as a tireless advocate on behalf of those whose need for her legal representation is often dire, now therefore be it

Resolved by the Senate and House of Representatives:

That the General Assembly congratulates Sandra Baird on her most-deserved receipt of the 2014 Vermont Bar Association's Pro Bono Service Award, and be it further

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

H.C.R. 340.

House concurrent resolution honoring the Southwest Vermont Supervisory Union teachers and staff concluding their careers in 2014

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

Offered by: Senators Hartwell and Sears

Whereas, at Molly Stark School, Dawn Rogers has worked tirelessly to get books in the hands of children through her Reading is Fundamental program, Scholastic Book Fairs, and summer reading programs, and

Whereas, Diane Morrissey is an exceptional educator at Molly Stark School, her "home away from home," and is always eager to learn something new, and

Whereas, in the Pownal Elementary School, Laura Muir is a team player who always works professionally and is kind and caring to her students, and

Whereas, Marcia Partenope is a kindergarten paraprofessional at Pownal School always willing to help out where needed, and

Whereas, Mary Natalizia is the art teacher at Pownal Elementary School who displays an enthusiastic love of learning through art, and

Whereas, Rich Vallee is the maintenance and building manager at Pownal School and is always flexible when asked to assist with projects, and

Whereas, Marianne Stevens Schwarz's compassion for children and her expertise in the field of teaching will be missed at Shaftsbury Elementary, and

Whereas, Jay Burnell's students at Mt. Anthony Middle School appreciate his guidance, quality of teaching, positive encouragement, and humor, and

Whereas, Meg Seff has served the Southwest Vermont Supervisory Union in a wide variety of roles and has adapted well to each new assignment, and

Whereas, John Cossa, a Mt. Anthony Middle School math teacher, has a joyful and energetic love of children and a fascination for learning, and

Whereas, Theodore Rice, a custodian for Mt. Anthony Middle School, has a great sense of humor, and works well with the staff and students, and

Whereas, Kathleen Quinn, a math teacher at Mt. Anthony High School, has a gentle and quiet approach to teaching that encourages students to learn, and

Whereas, Robert Marine has been the coordinating director of the Southwest Vermont Supervisory Union Mosaic after-school and summer programs, creating and sustaining positive community connections, and

Whereas, all of these outstanding faculty and staff in the Southwest Supervisory Union will be concluding their careers at the end of the 2013–2014 school year and will be missed, now therefore be it

Resolved by the Senate and House of Representatives:

That the General Assembly honors the Southwest Vermont Supervisory Union teachers and staff concluding their careers in 2014, and be it further

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