CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

ADDENDUM

TO THE

SENATE CALENDAR

Text of Senate
Concurrent Resolutions

of

Thursday, January 24, 2013

CONSENT CALENDAR

Concurrent Resolutions for Notice under Joint Rule 16

The following joint concurrent resolutions have been introduced for approval by the Senate and House and will be adopted by the Senate unless a Senator requests floor consideration before the end of the session of the next legislative day. Requests for floor consideration should be communicated to the Secretary's Office.

S.C.R. 10.

By Senators Doyle, Cummings, and Pollina,

By Representatives Grad of Moretown and Greshin of Warren,

S.C.R. 10. Senate concurrent resolution commemorating the sestercentennial anniversary of the town of Moretown.

Whereas, on June 7, 1763, New Hampshire Royal Governor Benning Wentworth, as part of his ongoing process of issuing charters for new towns in the lands west of the Connecticut River, granted a charter for the town of Moretown, consisting of territory equaling six square miles and described as "Beginning at the North Easterly Corner of Duxbury on the southerly side of Onion or French River, from thence Easterly up said River & bounding on the same so far as to make it six Miles on a streight Line," and

Whereas, the charter directed "That every Grantee, his Heirs or Assigns shall plant and cultivate five Acres of Land within the Term of five Years for every fifty Acres contained in his or their Share or Proportion of Land in said Township," and

Whereas, it also directed the payment of "Rent of one Ear of Indian Corn only" from inhabitants annually, beginning on December 25, 1763, and

Whereas, on March 22, 1792, the first Moretown town meeting was held at the home of Joseph Haseltine at which the voters of the town elected Daniel Parcher as the first town moderator, and other elected officers included Seth Munson as town clerk and three selectmen, including Joseph Haseltine, Daniel Parcher, and John Heaton, and Philip Bartlett as treasurer, and

Whereas, the first member of the General Assembly elected from the town of Moretown was Luther Mosely who served from 1794–1806, and

Whereas, town meetings were held on Moretown Common, and

Whereas, in 1832, the voters of the town voted to relocate town meeting to the Moretown Hollow, and

Whereas, the town of Moretown has repeatedly survived and rebounded from severe floods, most recently in 2011 during Tropical Storm Irene, and

Whereas, the town of Moretown is marking its 250th anniversary in 2013, now therefore be it

Resolved by the Senate and House of Representatives:

That the General Assembly commemorates the sestercentennial anniversary of the town of Moretown, *and be it further*

Resolved: That the Secretary of State be directed to send a copy of this resolution to the Moretown Town Clerk.

S.C.R. 11.

By Senators Doyle, Cummings, and Pollina,

By Representatives Grad of Moretown, Greshin of Warren, Ellis of Waterbury, and Stevens of Waterbury,

S.C.R. 11. Senate concurrent resolution commemorating the sestercentennial anniversary of the Town of Duxbury.

Whereas, during the 1760s, New Hampshire Royal Governor Benning Wentworth issued charters for many new townships in the territory then known as the New Hampshire grants, and now the State of Vermont, and

Whereas, one of the towns created in accordance with a New Hampshire charter was Duxbury whose boundary description started "Beginning at the North Easterly Corner of New Huntington on the Souther Side of Onion or French River from thence running Easterly up Said River & bounding on the Same so far on a Strait Line as to make it Six Miles from the Said Corner of New Huntington," and

Whereas, as was standard in Wentworth-granted charters, the Governor reserved for himself a tract of land of 500 acres, and

Whereas, the charter further provided that "all white and other Pine Trees within the said Township, fit for Masting Our Royal Navy (British), be carefully preserved for that Use," and

Whereas, this charter provision was never implemented as the first settlers in Duxbury, Walter Avery and Stephen Tilde, did not arrive until 1786 after the conclusion of the American Revolution, and

Whereas, in March 1792, nearly 30 years after the granting of its charter, the Town of Duxbury held its organizational town meeting at the home of Walter Avery, and elected Benjamin Davis as its first legislative representative, and

Whereas, the largely wooded terrain played a central economic role in 19th-century Duxbury as seven water-powered sawmills were in operation by 1858, and

Whereas, although Duxbury is small, the town had as many as nine school districts to accommodate the travel limitations of the premotorized-vehicle transportation era, and

Whereas, Duxbury's icon is Camels Hump, the mountain that features Vermont's most distinctive profile, and which was depicted on the State's first commemorative quarter, and

Whereas, in 2013, the Town of Duxbury will mark the 250th anniversary of its charter being granted, *now therefore be it*

Resolved by the Senate and House of Representatives:

That the General Assembly commemorates the sestercentennial anniversary of the Town of Duxbury, *and be it further*

Resolved: That the Secretary of State be directed to send a copy of this resolution to the Duxbury Town Clerk.