

CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

ADDENDUM

TO THE

SENATE CALENDAR

**Text of Senate
Concurrent Resolutions**

of

Thursday, March 21, 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. 17.

By Senators Doyle, Cummings, and Pollina,

S.C.R. 17. Senate concurrent resolution congratulating the Beth Jacob Synagogue in Montpelier on its centennial anniversary.

Whereas, the presence of Jewish families in Montpelier was recorded as early as 1895, and

Whereas, as stated in a Yiddish language document displayed prominently at the Beth Jacob Synagogue, the congregation was established in 1913 as Chevra Bais Yaakov (Beth Jacob), and

Whereas, the name of the Synagogue was chosen in memory of 10-year-old Jacob Yett, a son of one of the congregation's founders, who had died in an accident, and

Whereas, this same document established a framework of officers and trustees for the Synagogue, authorized the payment of financial support from members of the Jewish community, and required Jewish residents residing in Barre and Montpelier to pray at the Synagogue on designated holy days, and

Whereas, according to a written history of the Beth Jacob Synagogue, on October 14, 1914, the three synagogue trustees Harris Yett, I. Hendelman, and E. L. Segel filed articles of association with the Secretary of State for "Congregation Base Yaucove," creating a legal framework for the Synagogue pursuant to the laws of the State of Vermont, and

Whereas, only a month later, on behalf of the Synagogue, the three trustees purchased a property on Harrison Avenue and created a Jewish house of worship, which also for many years served as the residence of the congregation's rabbi, and

Whereas, according to Myron Samuelson's book on the Jews of Burlington, a specially trained Jewish scribe or sopher at the Beth Jacob Synagogue, named Mr. Krozer, wrote the calligraphy and prepared the parchment for a sacred Torah scroll, and its completion represented an historic milestone for the Montpelier Jewish community, and

Whereas, according to the *Times-Argus*, the Beth Jacob community room was added in 1967, and

Whereas, in recent years, Beth Jacob's much-loved sanctuary was in need of rejuvenation, and the congregation opted to build a beautiful new sanctuary on the original sanctuary's footprint, and it was dedicated in 2010, and

Whereas, in 2013, the Beth Jacob Synagogue is celebrating its centennial anniversary with a series of commemorative events, *now therefore be it*

Resolved by the Senate and House of Representatives:

That the General Assembly congratulates the Beth Jacob Synagogue in Montpelier on its centennial anniversary, and be it further

Resolved: That the Secretary of State be directed to send a copy of this resolution to the Beth Jacob Synagogue.

S.C.R. 18.

By Senators French, Flory, and Mullin,

By Representatives Burditt of West Rutland, Canfield of Fair Haven, Carr of Brandon, Cupoli of Rutland City, Fagan of Rutland City, Gage of Rutland City, Gallivan of Chittenden, Helm of Fair Haven, Malcolm of Pawlet, Russell of Rutland City, Shaw of Pittsford, and Terenzini of Rutland Town,

S.C.R. 18. Senate concurrent resolution in memory of former Shrewsbury Selectboard Chair Donald Parrish.

Whereas, Don Parrish was born in Washington, D.C. and for many years resided in the Town of Shrewsbury, and

Whereas, he was a dedicated advocate for persons with disabilities and a distinguished local public servant, and

Whereas, during the early part of his working life, Don Parrish was a U.S. Postal Service employee, and

Whereas, Don Parrish began a new career at Vermont Legal Aid (VLA) in Rutland, serving as the chief advocate in the Client Assistance Program which is under the auspices of the VLA's Disability Law Project, and

Whereas, in 2004, Don Parrish earned a bachelor's degree in legal studies from Woodbury College, and

Whereas, Don Parrish represented his clients effectively, always keeping their best interests as his first priority, and

Whereas, his reputation as an exemplary advocate and his expertise regarding the administration of the Federal Rehabilitation Act of 1973, Pub. L.

No. 93-112, led the Governor to appoint him to several state panels related to the legal protection of persons with disabilities, and

Whereas, Don Parrish always advanced the principle that persons with disabilities are entitled to dignity and self-respect in their daily lives, and

Whereas, in the Town of Shrewsbury, Don Parrish served for many years as a member of the Selectboard, including as its recording secretary and chair, as town auditor, on the Boards of the local chamber music society and library, and he had also served as a volunteer firefighter, and

Whereas, in 1999, in recognition of his work for the State and the Town of Shrewsbury, Don Parrish was presented a Vermont Public Service Award, and

Whereas, Don Parrish lived and worked with energy, passion, dedication, and an unfailing sense of ethics directed toward the goal of social justice, and

Whereas, Don Parrish died on September 6, 2012 following a long and courageous battle against cancer, and his survivors include his father Spike, his wife Annette, children Nicholas, Brittany, Zeb, Jensen, and Timothy, granddaughter Zulie, sister Janet, and brothers Rick and Steve, *now therefore be it*

Resolved by the Senate and House of Representatives:

That the General Assembly extends its condolences to the family and many colleagues and friends of Donald Parrish, *and be it further*

Resolved: That the Secretary of State be directed to send a copy of this resolution to Annette Parrish, to Vermont Legal Aid in Rutland, and to the Shrewsbury Town Clerk.