

**CONCURRENT RESOLUTION**

**ADDENDUM**

**TO THE**

**SENATE CALENDAR**

**Text of Senate  
Concurrent Resolutions**

**of**

**Thursday, May 9, 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. 25.**

By Senators Collins and McAllister,

By Representative Consejo of Sheldon,

**S.C.R. 25.** Senate concurrent resolution designating May 7, 2013 as Senior Center Awareness Day.

*Whereas*, the State of Vermont includes over 144,000 citizens aged 60 and older, and

*Whereas*, the State of Vermont is committed to assisting seniors in their efforts to live independently, and

*Whereas*, nationally, every President since President Kennedy has issued a proclamation designating May as Older Americans Month, and in H.C.R. 139, the General Assembly designated May 2013 as Older Americans Month in Vermont, and

*Whereas*, the Older Americans Act recognizes and supports nutrition programs as part of a healthy approach to aging, and

*Whereas*, senior centers provide nutritious meals at both congregate sites and through the Meals on Wheels™ program, and

*Whereas*, senior centers also provide opportunities for seniors to socialize with their peers, and

*Whereas*, the facilities at senior centers are open to all regardless of ability to pay, *now therefore be it*

#### ***Resolved by the Senate and House of Representatives:***

That the General Assembly designates May 7, 2013 as Senior Center Awareness Day, *and be it further*

***Resolved:*** That the Secretary of State be directed to send a copy of this resolution to Jim Coutts, Director of the Vermont Association of Senior Centers.

**S.C.R. 26.**

By Senators Kitchel and Benning,

By Representatives Fay of St. Johnsbury, Feltus of Lyndon, Larocque of Barnet, Lawrence of Lyndon, Michelsen of Hardwick, Quimby of Concord, South of St. Johnsbury, and Toll of Danville,

**S.C.R. 26.** Senate concurrent resolution honoring Charles Browne for his extraordinary leadership of the Fairbanks Museum & Planetarium.

*Whereas*, Fairbanks Museum & Planetarium Executive Director Charlie Browne is a museum administrator and environmental educator who is respected both in Vermont and nationally, and

*Whereas*, he graduated from Harvard College as a government major, earned a master's degree in science teaching from Antioch College, and first arrived at the Fairbanks in 1978 as an eager graduate student intern, and

*Whereas*, the Fairbanks and Charlie Browne were an ideal pairing, as he has remained for the past 35 years, bringing new vitality and excitement to this venerable natural history institution which was established in 1889, and

*Whereas*, Charlie Browne supplemented his educational background by earning a certificate from the Getty Leadership Institute for Museum Management, and

*Whereas*, in 1992, the Board of Trustees selected Charlie Browne as the new Executive Director of the Fairbanks, inaugurating a 21-year tenure in this position, and

*Whereas*, under his leadership, the Fairbanks Museum has retained its historic ambience and continued as an important weather forecasting center while introducing exciting new exhibits, and

*Whereas*, one of the newest additions to the museum is the OmniGlobe, a 60-inch-diameter sphere that can display animations of the planet's natural and political trends, and

*Whereas*, Charlie Browne was instrumental in the major overhaul and modernization of the museum's astronomy exhibits, including the installation of the digitally sophisticated Kappa projection system in the Lyman Spitzer, Jr. Planetarium and the opening of the new Vinton Space Science Gallery, and

*Whereas*, he has held major leadership positions with the Vermont Museum and Gallery Alliance and the American Alliance of Museums, and

*Whereas*, after a remarkable career as an environmental educator and museum administrator, Charlie Browne will retire from his position as the

Fairbanks' Executive Director, leaving the museum set to continue its role as one of Vermont's leading educational institutions, *now therefore be it*

***Resolved by the Senate and House of Representatives:***

That the General Assembly honors Charles Browne for his extraordinary leadership of the Fairbanks Museum & Planetarium, *and be it further*

***Resolved:*** That the Secretary of State be directed to send a copy of this resolution to Charles Browne at the Fairbanks Museum & Planetarium in St. Johnsbury.

**S.C.R. 27.**

By Senators Rodgers and Starr,

By Representative Johnson of Canaan,

**S.C.R. 27.** Senate concurrent resolution honoring Hanford Biron for exemplary public service in the town of Norton.

*Whereas*, for over 40 years, Hanford (Jack) Biron has served the citizens of Norton as a dedicated public servant, and

*Whereas*, he began his municipal employment in 1970, working the dual positions of Agent to Defend Suits and Agent to sell Real Estate, and

*Whereas*, Jack Biron continued to serve in both jobs until 1978 when he worked exclusively as Agent to Defend Suits, and

*Whereas*, starting in 1979, he resumed his dual office duties and remained in both jobs for the next 21 years, and

*Whereas*, Jack Biron's days and nights became even busier in 1986 when he added Lister to his employment portfolio, and

*Whereas*, in 2001, he relinquished the role of Agent to sell Real Estate, and

*Whereas*, in 2003, at the age of 80, Jack Biron did not work for the town of Norton, but his absence from the town payroll was a mere respite and not retirement, and

*Whereas*, he returned to the town's workforce in 2004 and continued valuing the worth of Norton's real estate properties as Lister until 2011 when, with 41 years of public service in the town, he retired at the age of 88, and

*Whereas*, at lunch on Memorial Day weekend 2013, the citizens of Norton will pay tribute to Jack Biron for a job well done in each of his municipal occupations, *now therefore be it*

***Resolved by the Senate and House of Representatives:***

That the General Assembly honors Hanford Biron for exemplary public service in the town of Norton, *and be it further*

***Resolved:*** That the Secretary of State be directed to send a copy of this resolution to Jack Biron in Norton.