

CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

ADDENDUM

TO THE

SENATE CALENDAR

**Text of Senate
Concurrent Resolutions**

of

Thursday, January 9, 2014

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. 28.

By Senator White,

S.C.R. 28. Senate concurrent resolution congratulating the Yankee Male Chorus on its 60th anniversary.

Whereas, the Yankee Male Chorus (YMC) is a unique vocal ensemble that assembles each August for musical camaraderie in Northern New England, and

Whereas, the choristers, consisting of approximately 90 singers from glee clubs in the New England and Middle Atlantic states, gather for a brief, but always memorable, schedule of a single rehearsal and four concerts, and

Whereas, this wonderful tradition of choral music-making began in 1953, when the first YMC concerts were performed as part of a Massachusetts town's municipal celebration and in Grafton, VT which was observing its bicentennial, and

Whereas, since the inaugural Vermont concert, the White Church in Grafton has served as the home base for the YMC's musical activities, and

Whereas, Rolland E. Heermance, the founder of the Catskill Glee Club, led the YMC as its first regular conductor until his death in 1960, and other principal conductors have included Clifford Ormsby, Lawrence Coulter, Bruce J. Wagner, J. Brian Steeves, Nelson G. Burhans, David Lance, and most recently, Michael Wright of the Albany Mendelssohn Club, and

Whereas, other musicians associated with the YMC have included visiting accompanists, soloists, and composer Stephanie Gelfan, a native of Grafton, and

Whereas, prominent Vermont poet William Mundell, librarians C. Fred Seeger, William Yates, and William Murray, managers Nelson Burhans and Arnold Jones Jr., and staff assistants Pete Harrison and John Souza have contributed to the organization's continuing success, and

Whereas, in 2013, the YMC celebrated six decades of glorious choral music with performances at the First Baptist Church in Chester, St. James Episcopal

Church in Keene, New Hampshire, Kurn Hattin Homes in Westminster, and culminating with its special concert at the White Church in Grafton, *now therefore be it*

Resolved by the Senate and House of Representatives:

That the General Assembly congratulates the Yankee Male Chorus on its 60th anniversary, *and be it further*

Resolved: That the Secretary of State be directed to send a copy of this resolution to the Yankee Male Chorus.

S.C.R. 29.

By Senator Kitchel,

By Representative Toll of Danville,

S.C.R. 29. Senate concurrent resolution congratulating Hastings Store on its centennial anniversary and Jane and Garey Larrabee on 40 years as the store's proprietors.

Whereas, near Joe's Pond in West Danville stands Hastings Store, and

Whereas, Jane Larrabee, and her husband Garey Larrabee, have served as the Hastings Store's proprietors since 1974, and

Whereas, in 1913, Jane Larrabee's paternal grandparents, Jennie and Gilbert Hastings, purchased the long-existing store on learning from Jennie's parents that it was for sale, and

Whereas, Jennie and Gilbert Hastings operated the Hastings Store while raising their family in the building's residential quarters, as did their son and daughter-in-law, Ralph and Mabel Hastings, and

Whereas, Jane Hastings graduated as an art education major from Skidmore College, and had no plans to devote her full-time career to the store, and

Whereas, her life's course was altered when U.S. Navy veteran Garey Larrabee walked into her life, and 1,050 days later they were married, and

Whereas, Garey Larrabee still jokes that their joint entrepreneurial adventure was the biggest mistake of their lives, and

Whereas, in the small post office located in the store, Ralph Hastings served as the West Danville postmaster, a job Garey Larrabee now performs, and

Whereas, the store's history has included sausage-making, and cutting and storing ice blocks from Joe's Pond, and

Whereas, despite their many responsibilities in the store and post office, the Larrabees are active community members, having assisted with the famous Joe's Pond Ice Out Contest, served on civic boards, cared for their church's property, and helped neighbors in need, and

Whereas, the Larrabee's commemorated Hastings Store's centennial with a special celebration on October 13, 2013, and

Whereas, including Jane Larrabee's great-grandparents, children, and grandchildren, six generations of the Hastings' family have been associated with this local landmark, *now therefore be it*

Resolved by the Senate and House of Representatives:

That the General Assembly congratulates Hastings Store on its centennial anniversary and Jane and Garey Larrabee on 40 years as the store's proprietors, *and be it further*

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