

CONCURRENT RESOLUTIONS

ADDENDUM

TO THE

SENATE CALENDAR

**Text of Senate
Concurrent Resolutions**

of

Thursday, January 16, 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.

Note: S.C.R. 30 was read and adopted on the part of the Senate on Wednesday, January 15, 2014. The text is provided for informational purposes only.

S.C.R. 30.

By All Members of the Senate,

By All Members of the House,

S.C.R. 30. Senate concurrent resolution in memory of Senator and former Representative Sally Fox of South Burlington.

Whereas, Senator Sally Fox led an exemplary life dedicated to public service, including representing the citizens of Vermont in the General Assembly, and

Whereas, she was a native Nebraskan, graduated from the University of Wisconsin, earned a law degree at the State University of New York at Buffalo, and concluded her eastward journey when she settled in Vermont, and

Whereas, in 1986, Sally Fox's strong desire to engage in the public policy arena and work for a civil society that treated all Vermonters fairly and without prejudice inspired her to seek a seat in the House of Representatives, and

Whereas, for seven consecutive bienniums, Sally Fox was a House member from Essex, and strove to turn into legislation her deeply held beliefs in equity and social justice, and

Whereas, as a member of the House Committee on the Judiciary, Sally Fox played a leading role in the crafting and enactment of Act 220, establishing the Family Court, and she took great pride in witnessing this judicial innovation for addressing family-law-related matters, and

Whereas, as Chair of the House Committee on the Judiciary, Sally Fox focused her attention on improving the effectiveness and fairness of the State's criminal and juvenile justice systems, and she viewed her leadership in enacting Act 55 of 1991, which lowered the legal definition of an alcoholically

impaired driver from a blood alcohol content level of 0.10 to 0.08, as a major contribution to highway safety in Vermont, and

Whereas, as Chair of the House Committee on Appropriations, she sought to preserve the social safety net protecting Vermonters, while still addressing the State's fiscal requirements, and

Whereas, the members of the House Democratic Caucus respected Sally Fox's ingenuity, initiative, and leadership skills, electing her its Deputy Majority Leader for the 1997–1998 Biennium, and

Whereas, after concluding her House membership in 2000, Sally Fox endeavored to improve the lives of Vermonters as Director of Family Court Operations, as Policy Director of Vermont Businesses for Social Responsibility, as the Coordinator for the City of Burlington's Offender Reentry Program, and as the Government Affairs Director for the Vermont State Colleges, and

Whereas, in 2010, Sally Fox won a Senate seat representing Chittenden County, and her new legislative duties included sitting on the Committees on Health and Welfare and on Appropriations and service on several joint committees, including cochairing the Mental Health Oversight Committee, and

Whereas, she was an active participant in a number of community organizations, and

Whereas, after battling a rare form of sarcoma, Sally Fox died on January 10, 2014, at the age of 62, leaving her husband, Michael Sirotkin, sons, Jacob and Jesse, and many friends and admirers among her legislative colleagues and throughout Vermont, and

Whereas, her presence will be missed in the Vermont State House, and the large outpouring of mourners at her funeral was a moving tribute to Senator Sally Fox and her passionate commitment to assisting Vermont's most vulnerable citizens, *now therefore be it*

Resolved by the Senate and House of Representatives:

That the General Assembly mourns the passing of Senator Sally Fox of South Burlington and extends its sincere condolences to her family, *and be it further*

Resolved: That the Secretary of State be directed to send a copy of this resolution to her husband and each of her sons.

S.C.R. 31.

By All Members of the Senate,

By All Members of the House,

S.C.R. 31. Senate concurrent resolution in memory of former Representative Arthur Williams of Fayston.

Whereas, Representative Arthur Williams was a member of the General Assembly from Fayston, and

Whereas, during World War II, Arthur Williams served as an ambulance driver for the French Army, and later graduated from Bowdoin College as a double major in English and American History, and

Whereas, in 1958, Arthur Williams and his wife, Hanne, moved to the Mad River Valley, where he taught in one-room schoolhouses, and

Whereas, he was an original investor in the Sugarbush Ski Resort, an enthusiastic sailor, and an avid polo player, and

Whereas, in 1961, legislative service beckoned, and Arthur Williams was elected to the first of three consecutive terms as the member of the House from Fayston, and

Whereas, Arthur Williams was appointed chair of the State panel responsible for historic sites, and served as the first Executive Director of the Vermont Arts Council, and

Whereas, in performing State House curatorial work at the Vermont Arts Council, his true State House legacy began, even though he had cast his final legislative vote, and

Whereas, on retiring from the Council, Arthur Williams continued curatorial duties at the State House, a building for which he had great affection, and

Whereas, in an effort to develop an organization dedicated to State House restoration and long-term preservation, he established the Friends of the Vermont State House, which continues to support State House curatorial activities, and

Whereas, on a more local level, Arthur Williams founded the Community Fund, dedicated to helping Mad River Valley residents in need, and

Whereas, a State leader of many talents and interests, Arthur Williams died on December 28, 2013 at age 87, and his survivors include his children Astrid, John, and Nate, four grandchildren, his sister, Anne, and his sister-in-law, Ann, *now therefore be it*

Resolved by the Senate and House of Representatives:

That the General Assembly extends condolences to the family of former Representative Arthur Williams, *and be it further*

Resolved: That the Secretary of State be directed to send a copy of this resolution to members of the family of Arthur Williams and to the Friends of the Vermont State House.