

CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

ADDENDUM

TO THE

SENATE CALENDAR

**Text of Senate
Concurrent Resolutions**

of

Thursday, February 27, 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. 43.

By Senators Doyle, Cummings, and Pollina,

By Representatives Grad of Moretown and Greshin of Warren,

S.C.R. 43. Senate concurrent resolution congratulating Mad River Glen ski area on its 65th anniversary.

Whereas, on December 11, 1948, the first skier accelerated down the slope at Mad River Glen in Fayston, opening a unique chapter in Vermont downhill skiing, and

Whereas, Mad River Glen's founder, Roland Palmedo, stated that "a ski area is not just a place of business . . . but a winter community dedicated to the enjoyment of the sport," and

Whereas, this iconic ski area began with a single chair lift that came to symbolize the Mad River Glen challenge and special experience skiers cherish, and

Whereas, in 1961, the Sunnyside double chair lift debuted, increasing the skier carrying capacity, and

Whereas, Truxton Pratt purchased Mad River Glen in 1972, and upon his death in 1975, his wife, Betsy Pratt, assumed ownership and managerial responsibilities, and

Whereas, for the next two decades, Betsy Pratt oversaw Mad River Glen, making improvements in trails and support facilities, but always kept the ski area's traditions her primary focus, and

Whereas, the emerging sport of snowboarding was welcomed briefly in the late 1980s, but it was decided that the Mad River Glen experience was best preserved as a skiing-only resort, and

Whereas, the Mad River Glen Cooperative was established on December 5, 1995, creating a new form of ownership, and

Whereas, the Mad River Glen Cooperative sold its 1,667th ownership share in April 1998, finalizing the stipulation for 100 percent skier ownership, and

Whereas, on April 8, 2007, the original chair lift was retired, with fond memories, but a modernized duplicate is now in operation, and

Whereas, the Mad River Glen ski area is listed on the National Register of Historic Places, and

Whereas, December 11, 2013 marked the 65th anniversary of the Mad River Glen ski area, *now therefore be it*

Resolved by the Senate and House of Representatives:

That the General Assembly congratulates the Mad River Glen ski area on its 65th anniversary, *and be it further*

Resolved: That the Secretary of State be directed to send a copy of this resolution to the Mad River Glen ski area.

S.C.R. 44.

By Senators Kitchel and Benning,

By Representative Copeland-Hanzas of Bradford,

S.C.R. 44. Senate concurrent resolution honoring Gary W. Moore for his accomplishments as an educator, environmentalist, and civic leader.

Whereas, Gary Moore graduated from Lyndon State College and earned graduate degrees from Dartmouth College and the University of Vermont, and

Whereas, for 22 years, he was an outstanding faculty member at St. Johnsbury Academy, including 16 years as assistant headmaster, and

Whereas, in 1991, Gary Moore was appointed a Vermont State Colleges Trustee, and, for the next 15 years, he worked actively to promote the best interests of the State college system, and

Whereas, in 2006, Governor Douglas appointed Gary Moore Chair of the Vermont State Colleges Board of Trustees, and

Whereas, he has fulfilled the important duties of this office diligently, effectively, and fairly, guiding the Board through major policy and personnel decisions, and

Whereas, Gary Moore has served in leading public policy roles related to the environment, including Commissioner of Fish and Game, Chair of the Northeast Association of Fish and Wildlife Agencies, Chair of the Water Resources Board, and service on the Fish and Game Board and several panels overseeing the stewardship of the Connecticut River, and

Whereas, Gary Moore's extensive knowledge of the outdoors was a great contribution to his service on the Vermont State Police Search and Rescue Team, and

Whereas, he has taught the class Weapons of Mass Destruction Incident Management around the nation for the Texas A&M University System and serves on the Vermont Hazardous Materials Response Team, and

Whereas, within his community, Gary Moore contributed to the protection of life and property as a 33-year member of the Bradford Fire Department, serving much of his tenure as either assistant chief or chief, and he has also served as the West Newbury Fire Chief, and

Whereas, Gary Moore has assumed leadership roles at several Vermont nonprofit civic and educational organizations, and

Whereas, this dynamic leader is concluding his 23 years of service as a Vermont State Colleges Trustee, *now therefore be it*

Resolved by the Senate and House of Representatives:

That the General Assembly honors Gary Moore for his accomplishments as an educator, environmentalist, and civic leader *and be it further*

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

S.C.R. 45.

By Senators Doyle, Cummings, and Pollina,

By Representatives Grad of Moretown and Greshin of Warren,

S.C.R. 45. Senate concurrent resolution in memory of former Waitsfield Fire Chief Delbert W. Palmer.

Whereas, Delbert Palmer resided in his native Waitsfield throughout his life, and

Whereas, he was born on August 22, 1934, and

Whereas, Delbert Palmer graduated from Waitsfield High School and earned a two-year degree in agricultural studies from Vermont Technical College, and

Whereas, his family's six-generation, award-winning Palmer Maple Products were a major part of his life, and from 1995 forward he assumed managerial responsibility, and

Whereas, Delbert Palmer worked for one-quarter century as a meat cutter, and he brought great skill to this trade, and

Whereas, since his youth, community service was of great importance to Delbert Palmer, and he joined the Waitsfield Fire Department at 17 years of age, beginning an association that endured for 62 years, and

Whereas, for 23 years, Delbert Palmer served as the respected Waitsfield Fire Chief, and

Whereas, when the alarm signaled a fire, he would rush to the scene of the blaze, even if sounding his vehicle's siren and flashing the red lights were required to assure his rapid speed, and

Whereas, he encouraged women to join the department, so his daughters, Shawn and Susan, and a granddaughter, Shannon, answered his call, and his grandson, Jared, also followed the path of his female relatives, and

Whereas, Delbert Palmer was extremely proud of his Waitsfield Fire Department colleagues, and

Whereas, for one-quarter of a century, the Mad River Valley Ambulance Service benefited from his service as a driver, and

Whereas, for 25 years, Delbert Palmer served as the town fire warden, and

Whereas, he loved to talk with his fellow Waitsfield residents, and

Whereas, Delbert Palmer died at 79 years of age, on January 25, 2014, leaving Sharlia, his wife of 55 years, his two daughters, five grandchildren, his sisters, Joyce and Lois, many nieces and nephews, and his friends of long standing in the town of Waitsfield, *now therefore be it*

Resolved by the Senate and House of Representatives:

That the General Assembly expresses its sincere condolences to the family of former Waitsfield Fire Chief Delbert Palmer, *and be it further*

Resolved: That the Secretary of State be directed to send a copy of this resolution to Sharlia Palmer in Waitsfield.

S.C.R. 46.

By Senators Doyle, Cummings, and Pollina,

By Representatives Koch of Barre Town, McFaun of Barre Town, Poirier of Barre City, and Taylor of Barre City,

S.C.R. 46. Senate concurrent resolution congratulating the People's Health and Wellness Clinic on its 20th anniversary.

Whereas, the People's Health and Wellness Clinic (PHWC) in Barre has a special role in the provision of health care for area residents who are either underinsured or uninsured, and

Whereas, although patients are not charged, individuals are asked to contribute a small donation, and

Whereas, the clinic screens patients to determine their eligibility for various health insurance and financial assistance programs, and

Whereas, dozens of health care professionals, including doctors, nurses, nurse practitioners, mental health providers, and body workers, volunteer their services and work in collaboration with a small paid staff, and

Whereas, aside from these dedicated and caring volunteers, the PHWC receives thousands of dollars of donated pharmaceuticals, medical supplies, and free diagnostic testing support, and

Whereas, through a new oral health care program, the clinic refers patients to volunteer dental professionals, and

Whereas, although it serves patients primarily from Washington County and several Orange county towns, in 2013, persons from 49 communities availed themselves of the PHWC's outstanding care, and

Whereas, the PHWC's women's clinic, conducted in collaboration with Central Vermont Medical Center, Susan G. Komen for the Cure, and Ladies First, offers breast exams, mammograms, and Pap tests, and

Whereas, the spring 2011 floods in Barre damaged the clinic's offices, but it was able to remain open through Central Vermont Medical Center's generous donation of temporary space, and

Whereas, although operating this free clinic is financially challenging, especially as a result of the costs related to the flooding, the People's Health and Wellness Clinic remains dedicated to its mission of providing health care in central Vermont for those with no alternative, and

Whereas, the People's Health and Wellness Clinic observed its 20th anniversary in March 2013, *now therefore be it*

Resolved by the Senate and House of Representatives:

That the General Assembly congratulates the People's Health and Wellness Clinic on its 20th anniversary, *and be it further*

Resolved: That the Secretary of State be directed to send a copy of this resolution to the People's Health and Wellness Clinic in Barre.

S.C.R. 47.

By Senators Lyons, Ayer, Baruth, Cummings, MacDonald, Mazza, and Nitka,

S.C.R. 47. Senate concurrent resolution in memory of Sister Miriam Ward.

Whereas, Sister Miriam Ward devoted her life to her religious order, the Sisters of Mercy, religious education, and to the pursuit of international peace and justice, and

Whereas, at 17 years of age, Dorothea Irene Ward entered the Sisters of Mercy and professed her final vows as Sister Miriam Ward on August 18, 1945, and

Whereas, her higher education began as an undergraduate English major at Trinity College, then continued with a master's degree in theology from Providence College, and ultimately a Ph.D. in religion from the University of Ottawa, and

Whereas, she worked as a religious education instructor, both at elementary and secondary schools where her order served as faculty and in local Vermont Roman Catholic parishes, and

Whereas, Sister Miriam returned to Trinity College where she was a professor of religious studies, chaired the Religious Studies Department, and established, and then for 24 years directed, Trinity College's annual Biblical Institute, and

Whereas, as a writer and activist, Sister Miriam devoted considerable attention to issues of peace and justice in El Salvador, the Middle East, and South Africa, and

Whereas, she had recently completed a book for publication, *Behind the Wall: Palestinians Under Occupation*, and

Whereas, Sister Miriam was the founder of Vermonters for Middle East Peace, and

Whereas, the Association of Arab-American University Graduates and the Palestine Human Rights Committee had honored her, and

Whereas, she had been a member of the Vermont Human Rights Delegation to El Salvador and Honduras, and

Whereas, in recognition of her many efforts in the cause of peace, Paxi Christi in Burlington presented her its Janet Rogan Peace Award, and

Whereas, Sister Miriam Ward died in Burlington on January 14, 2014, and her survivors include her sisters, Ruth and Dolores and her sisters in religion at the Sisters of Mercy, *now therefore be it*

Resolved by the Senate and House of Representatives:

That the General Assembly extends its condolences to the family and religious colleagues of Sister Miriam Ward, *and be it further*

Resolved: That the Secretary of State be directed to send a copy of this resolution to each of her sisters and to the Sisters of Mercy Northeast Community in Burlington.

S.C.R. 48.

By Senators Kitchel and Benning,

By Representative Conquest of Newbury,

S.C.R. 48. Senate concurrent resolution congratulating Marilyn Fuller on her selection as the 2013 Cohase Chamber of Commerce Citizen of the Year.

Whereas, on January 13, 2014, the Cohase Chamber of Commerce presented its 2013 Citizen of the Year award to Marilyn Fuller of Newbury, and

Whereas, Marilyn Fuller has devoted 64 years of service as a 4-H leader in Vermont, and more recently in New Hampshire, helping “youth and adults to learn, grow, and work together,” and

Whereas, through the Grafton County Coop Extension’s 4-H program, Marilyn Fuller was responsible for volunteer recruitment, the teen milk booth at the New Hampshire Fair, the annual golf tournament, and turkey supper fundraisers, and she served as a 4-H teen chaperone, and

Whereas, from 1974 through 2004, Marilyn Fuller coordinated 4-H activities for Vermont and the New England Center at the Eastern States Exposition in West Springfield, Massachusetts, and

Whereas, Marilyn Fuller earned her master gardener certification and volunteers a minimum of 40 hours annually at the Bath School’s 4th grade plant and science class, and

Whereas, her cake baking skills are a local legend, and she has created delicious confectionary delights for many community occasions, including the coordination of extraordinary quilt cakes, and

Whereas, Marilyn Fuller’s civic roles have consisted of service as a Newbury poll worker, membership on the town’s 200th and 250th anniversary committees, and as president of the Newbury Center Town House Cemetery Association, and

Whereas, knitting booties and bonnets for intensive care unit newborns at the Dartmouth Hitchcock Medical Center and making party favors for RSVP volunteer organization’s holiday events enable her to help others, and

Whereas, Marilyn Fuller’s philosophy of life is encapsulated in a saying of the British statesman Winston Churchill, “We make a living by what we get. We make a life by what we give,” and

Whereas, this generous community leader and volunteer is an ideal choice for the 2013 Cohase Citizen of the Year, *now therefore be it*

Resolved by the Senate and House of Representatives:

That the General Assembly congratulates Marilyn Fuller on her selection as the 2013 Cohase Chamber of Commerce Citizen of the Year, *and be it further*

Resolved: That the Secretary of State be directed to send a copy of this resolution to Marilyn Fuller in Newbury.

S.C.R. 49.

By Senators Cummings, Doyle, Pollina, and McCormack,

By Representatives Ancel of Calais and Klein of East Montpelier,

S.C.R. 49. Senate concurrent resolution in memory of former Legislative Council Operations Director Claudette Marinelli.

Whereas, Claudette Marinelli of Montpelier was a mainstay in the General Assembly during a 36-year career on the staff of the Legislative Council, and

Whereas, the office evolved organizationally and technologically during her tenure as the legislative drafting process and administrative procedures assumed greater complexity, and

Whereas, at the time of her hiring in 1966, the Legislative Council was headquartered in the former Vermont Supreme Court chamber, now the legislative lounge, and

Whereas, Claudette Marinelli participated in the Legislative Council's first experiment with automation when large IBM document-processing machines were introduced, and

Whereas, although typewriters were soon back in full force, Claudette Marinelli would later oversee the support staff's transition to modern word processing, e-mail, and the General Assembly's original website, and

Whereas, Claudette Marinelli's job duties covered all aspects of the Legislative Council's support functions, and

Whereas, in the middle 1980s, Claudette Marinelli was promoted to the position of Legislative Council Operations Director and continued in this role until her retirement in 2002, and

Whereas, Claudette Marinelli was the first point of contact at the Legislative Council and worked well with legislators, attorneys, and the public, bringing consistent courtesy, nonpartisanship, and professionalism to the workplace, and

Whereas, her family was of great importance and the focus of her life, and

Whereas, Claudette Marinelli, most recently a resident of the Gary Home in Montpelier, died on February 8, 2014 at 78 years of age, and

Whereas, her survivors include her children, Lisa, Beth, Michael, Kevin, and Steven, nine grandchildren, three great-grandchildren, and her sisters, Joan and Johanne, *now therefore be it*

Resolved by the Senate and House of Representatives:

That the General Assembly expresses its sincere condolences to the family of former Legislative Council Operations Director Claudette Marinelli, *and be it further*

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

S.C.R. 50.

By Senator MacDonald,

By Representatives French of Randolph and Ryerson of Randolph,

S.C.R. 50. Senate concurrent resolution honoring S. John Osha.

Whereas, John Osha was born on April 7, 1941 on his parents' East Brookfield dairy farm, and

Whereas, as a youth, John Osha rode calves in local Brookfield parades and later worked as a horse riding instructor at the Green Trails Inn, and

Whereas, he graduated from Spaulding High School and Rutgers University before serving in the U.S. Army, and

Whereas, John Osha began his business career as an underwriter at the Glens Falls Insurance Company in New York, before becoming a special agent at the Mutual Insurance Company of Burlington, and

Whereas, in 1968, he married Gail Aprilliano, and they are the parents of Adam and Amy, and

Whereas, from 1969 to 1993, John Osha worked at his family's Holden Insurance Agency in Randolph, and

Whereas, because of his unique business and community knowledge, in 1973 John Osha became a director and stockholder of the Randolph National Bank and from 1986 to 2013 served as its chair, and

Whereas, during his service at the bank, its assets increased ninefold, and

Whereas, missing dairying, in 1978 John Osha purchased a 240-acre, 130-cow dairy farm in Randolph, and

Whereas, in 1992, John Osha was named Vermont Dairy Farmer of the Year, and

Whereas, he was a director of Montpelier's Union Mutual Fire Insurance Company from 1996 until 2014, serving as board chair for the last nine years, and

Whereas, during his 18-year tenure at Union Mutual, direct written premiums increased threefold, and

Whereas, his business and agricultural achievements in the Green Mountain State merit special recognition, *now therefore be it*

Resolved by the Senate and House of Representatives:

That the General Assembly honors S. John Osha for his many business and agricultural accomplishments, *and be it further*

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