

**CONCURRENT RESOLUTION**

**ADDENDUM**

**TO THE**

**SENATE CALENDAR**

**Text of Senate  
Concurrent Resolutions**

**of**

**Thursday, March 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. 52.**

By Senate Committee on Transportation,

By House Committee on Transportation,

**S.C.R. 52.** Senate concurrent resolution expressing appreciation and gratitude to the Agency of Transportation Maintenance Section's employees for their 2013-2014 winter highway work.

*Whereas*, during the winter of 2013–2014, unusual highway clearance and maintenance challenges were presented to the men and women of the Agency of Transportation's Maintenance Section, and

*Whereas*, these challenges included a unique combination of significant freezing rain events, record low temperatures, snowfall, and ice storms, and

*Whereas*, these stellar State employees have adopted a service-beyond-self mentality, and they give their all to keep Vermont's roads open and safe, and

*Whereas*, their jobs require them to be called to work on nights, weekends, and holidays, resulting in long, continuous hours, and

*Whereas*, many of these employees, instead of spending the holiday with their families, were on the job Christmas Day, driving plow trucks on State highways with a chainsaw at the ready to clear felled trees as a result of the ice storm, and

*Whereas*, these State employees' level of dedication and commitment to maintaining the State's roads for the safety of the traveling public embodies a spirit and work ethic in which they, and all Vermonters, can take great pride, *now therefore be it*

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

That the General Assembly expresses appreciation and gratitude to the Agency of Transportation Maintenance Section's employees for their 2013–2014 winter highway work, *and be it further*

**Resolved:** That the Secretary of State be directed to send a copy of this resolution to each Agency of Transportation Maintenance Section garage and to the Secretary of Transportation.

**S.C.R. 53.**

By Senators Lyons, Ashe, Ayer, Baruth, Benning, Bray, Campbell, Collins, Cummings, Doyle, Flory, French, Galbraith, Hartwell, Kitchel, MacDonald, Mazza, McAllister, McCormack, Mullin, Nitka, Pollina, Rodgers, Sears, Sirotkin, Snelling, Starr, Westman, White, and Zuckerman,

By Representatives McCormack of Burlington, Ancel of Calais, Deen of Westminster, Emmons of Springfield, Grad of Moretown, Greshin of Warren, Helm of Fair Haven, Hoyt of Norwich, Johnson of Canaan, and Masland of Thetford,

**S.C.R. 53.** Senate concurrent resolution honoring Air Pollution Control Division Director Richard Valentinetti.

*Whereas*, the mission of the Department of Environmental Conservation's Division of Air Pollution Control (Division) is to maintain and improve the quality of the air Vermonters breathe, and

*Whereas*, for four decades, Richard Valentinetti has directed the Division in the implementation of its vital environmental protection responsibilities, and

*Whereas*, in this role, Richard Valentinetti has demonstrated an unwavering and enduring commitment to promoting increasingly cleaner air in Vermont, and

*Whereas*, Richard Valentinetti's leadership of the Division has resulted in the development of air quality improvement policies and projects benefiting Vermonters' health and quality of life, and

*Whereas*, he was a key contributor in building the technical foundation justifying the establishment of the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency's (EPA) acid rain initiative, and

*Whereas*, under his direction, the Division conducted a monitoring program documenting that mercury is transported for long distances, and

*Whereas*, Richard Valentinetti played a major role in the creation of the Regional Greenhouse Gas Initiative, "the first market-based regulatory program in the United States to reduce greenhouse gas emissions," and

*Whereas*, he has continued to invest Division resources in the development of reliable and respected air quality research leading to Vermont's reputation as a national leader in this complex scientific area, and

*Whereas*, Richard Valentinetti's leadership in air quality regulation, including the nation's first emission limits for outdoor wood-fired boilers and coordinating the regional adoption of California's vehicle emission standards, is a truly impressive model for other states, and

*Whereas*, as a leader in regional clean air regulatory organizations, Richard Valentinetti has brought his regulatory expertise to other jurisdictions, and

*Whereas*, this outstanding environmental pioneer, whose tenure as Vermont's senior air pollution control official is the longest of any state, is being honored this spring with the prestigious EPA Clean Air Excellence Award, a special recognition he richly deserves, *now therefore be it*

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

That the General Assembly honors Air Pollution Control Division Director Richard Valentinetti, *and be it further*

***Resolved:*** That the Secretary of State be directed to send a copy of this resolution to Richard Valentinetti.