

**CONCURRENT RESOLUTION**

**ADDENDUM**

**TO THE**

**SENATE CALENDAR**

**Text of Senate  
Concurrent Resolutions**

**of**

**Thursday, May 8, 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. 57.**

By Senators Doyle, Cummings, and Pollina,

**S.C.R. 57.** Senate concurrent resolution congratulating the Capitol Plaza Hotel and Conference Center on providing 20 years of award-winning service to the Montpelier community.

*Whereas*, since 1826, when John Davis built the Montpelier House, a lodging establishment has stood in the center of Montpelier at 100 Main Street, and

*Whereas*, into the 20th century, it continued to welcome guests visiting Vermont's capital city, including legislators, and

*Whereas*, after surviving severe flooding in 1924, the hotel was reconstructed in the early 1930s, and

*Whereas*, in the early 1960s, the ballroom, the east wing, and the arcade shops were added, and

*Whereas*, on March 11, 1992, the devastating Montpelier flood shuttered the hotel, then known as the Tavern, for two years, leaving its future uncertain, and

*Whereas*, the Bashara family purchased and restored the building, reopening the hotel in 1994 as the Capitol Plaza Hotel and Conference Center, and

*Whereas*, since reopening under the Bashara family's ownership, the Capitol Plaza has expanded its accommodations from 29 to 65 rooms, featuring attractive decors and Internet access, and

*Whereas*, the number of employees has expanded from five to 75, and

*Whereas*, in 2006, the Vermont Hospitality Council recognized the excellent facilities and service offered at the Capitol Plaza Hotel and presented it with the organization's Innkeepers of the Year Award, and

*Whereas*, the Capitol Plaza's J. Morgans Steakhouse has been renovated on two occasions and won rave reviews from the readers of the *Times Argus* who

have voted the restaurant as the Best Steakhouse, Best Seafood, and Best Sunday Brunch restaurant, and

*Whereas*, over 400 weddings and many other special events have taken place in the Capitol Plaza's spacious ballroom and other conference facilities, and

*Whereas*, the Bashara family and the hotel's employees are marking 20 years of successfully operating the Capitol Plaza and look forward to the future, *now therefore be it*

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

That the General Assembly congratulates the Capitol Plaza Hotel and Conference Center on providing 20 years of award-winning service to the Montpelier community, *and be it further*

***Resolved:*** That the Secretary of State be directed to send a copy of this resolution to the Capitol Plaza Hotel and Conference Center.

**S.C.R. 58.**

By All Members of the Senate,

By All Members of the House,

**S.C.R. 58.** Senate concurrent resolution congratulating the Greenwood School and documentary filmmaker Ken Burns on the premiere of *The Address*.

*Whereas*, established by Thomas and Andrea Scheidler, the Greenwood School, in Putney, has a combined day and boarding student population consisting of boys in grades 6–12 who, though bright and academically talented, must cope with learning differences and disabilities, and

*Whereas*, patient and deeply caring teachers work with these extraordinary students, empowering them to achieve their true potential, and

*Whereas*, the joy and success these boys experience, under the guidance of Headmaster Stewart Miller, might be all but impossible in a more traditional educational setting, and

*Whereas*, a special challenge presented to Greenwood School students is to memorize and recite the Gettysburg Address, and the students are offered encouragement and attentive faculty support to achieve this ambitious goal, and

*Whereas*, although countless American school children memorize the entire Gettysburg Address, for a student with a learning difference or disability this assignment is perceived as insurmountable, and

*Whereas*, the Greenwood School’s remarkable confidence-building and scholastic exercise came to the attention of the famous documentary filmmaker Ken Burns who decided the entire nation should witness this inspiring and touching current-day recitation of American history, and

*Whereas*, Ken Burns and the Greenwood School collaborated on the production of a superb documentary film, appropriately titled *The Address*, that portrays the boys’ struggling and overcoming their apprehensions as they recite with pride this famous American speech, and

*Whereas*, *The Address* was premiered at the Latchis Theatre on April 2, 2014, before “a seriously sold out” and enthusiastic audience, and

*Whereas*, its broadcast premier occurred two weeks later, when the film was televised nationwide on PBS, and

*Whereas*, *The Address* documents this special Greenwood School event and highlights its important educational mission, *now therefore be it*

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

That the General Assembly congratulates the Greenwood School and documentary filmmaker Ken Burns on the premiere of *The Address*, *and be it further*

***Resolved:*** That the Secretary of State be directed to send a copy of this resolution to the Greenwood School and to Ken Burns.

**S.C.R. 59.**

By Senators Doyle, Cummings, and Pollina,

**S.C.R. 59.** Senate concurrent resolution congratulating OUR House of Central Vermont on its 25th anniversary.

*Whereas*, OUR House of Central Vermont was established in 1989 as a nonprofit organization to help children believed to be victims of sexual abuse, and

*Whereas*, the OUR acronym stands for One Unified Response and OUR House was the first advocacy center in the State established to assist children presumed to have sustained sexual abuse, and

*Whereas*, in 2014, an organization with the same mission as OUR House exists in nearly every Vermont county, and

*Whereas*, the realization that advocating on behalf of sexually abused children is important is documented in the national expansion of similar support services, and

*Whereas*, OUR House works collaboratively with law enforcement, the Department for Children and Families (DCF), and assists in the provision of therapeutic services, and

*Whereas*, on average, OUR House handles 120 cases per year, and a Vermont State Police officer assigned to Washington County cases works with the organization once a week, and

*Whereas*, in cases where an investigation is warranted, OUR House works with law enforcement and DCF to make the process less intimidating for the child victim, and

*Whereas*, children may be questioned at OUR House instead of at a police station or school, and

*Whereas*, the OUR House staff consists of Executive Director Will Roberts, Case Manager Kerrie Greig, and part-time therapist Ulrike Wasmus, and

*Whereas*, OUR House's experience is that child sexual abuse does not know any demographic boundaries and can affect every strata of society, and

*Whereas*, during April, which was Sexual Violence Abuse Month, OUR House board chair Karen Lauzon promoted ways that child sexual abuse can be prevented, including speaking to children about healthy sexuality and personal safety, and

*Whereas*, OUR House is celebrating its 25th anniversary with a fundraising dinner and auction on May 10, 2014 at the Barre Elks Club, *now therefore be it*

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

That the General Assembly congratulates OUR House of Central Vermont on its 25th anniversary, *and be it further*

***Resolved:*** That the Secretary of State be directed to send a copy of this resolution to OUR House in Barre.

**S.C.R. 60.**

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 Webb of Shelburne, Beyor of Highgate, Christie of Hartford, Connor of Fairfield, Consejo of Sheldon, Deen of Westminster, Jewett of Ripton, Johnson of South Hero, Keenan of St. Albans City, Krebs of South Hero, McCarthy of St. Albans City, McCullough of Williston, Pearce of Richford, and Savage of Swanton.

**S.C.R. 60.** Senate concurrent resolution congratulating Pixley Tyler Hill and Ted Tyler on being named as U.S. Environmental Protection Agency's 2014 Environmental Merit Award winners.

*Whereas*, annually since 1970, the New England office of the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) has presented Merit Awards to organizations and to individuals, and

*Whereas*, in 2014, two Vermonters passionately dedicated to the well-being of Lake Champlain, siblings Pixley Tyler Hill and Ted Tyler, are among the individual winners of this award in recognition of their environmental advocacy and leadership, and

*Whereas*, Pixley Tyler Hill and Ted Tyler are co-owners of the Tyler Place Family Resort, a unique family vacation destination on the shores of Lake Champlain that has been associated with the Tyler and Hill families for five of the resort's six generations, and

*Whereas*, according to the EPA announcement, Pixley Tyler Hill and Ted Tyler are "well known as fierce and tenacious advocates for protecting Lake Champlain from nonpoint sources of pollution," and

*Whereas*, Pixley Tyler Hill founded the Friends of Northern Lake Champlain, previously known as the Friends of Missisquoi Bay, a nonprofit organization "that acts to clean the waters of northern Lake Champlain and its watershed by working collaboratively with citizens, businesses, farmers and government in order to reduce land-use pollution," and

*Whereas*, both Pixley Tyler Hill and Ted Tyler are involved in efforts to protect the entire lake and not only its northern section, and

*Whereas*, each of them is a veteran member of the Lake Champlain Committee, "the only bi-state organization solely dedicated to protecting Lake Champlain's health and accessibility" and that bases its positions on sound science and a whole-lake perspective, and

*Whereas*, for nearly a decade, Ted Tyler served on the gubernatorially appointed Vermont Citizens Advisory Committee on the Future of Lake Champlain that develops annual policy recommendations on the Lake, and his sister succeeded him on the Committee, and

*Whereas*, each of the honorees is truly a protector of Lake Champlain for future generations, *now therefore be it*

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

That the General Assembly congratulates Pixley Tyler Hill and Ted Tyler on being named as U.S. Environmental Protection Agency's 2014 Environmental Merit Award winners, and *be it further*

**Resolved:** That the Secretary of State be directed to send a copy of this resolution to Pixley Tyler Hill and to Ted Tyler.

**S.C.R. 61.**

By Senators McAllister, Collins, French, Pollina, Rodgers, and White,

By Representatives Beyor of Highgate, Brennan of Colchester, Connor of Fairfield, Consejo of Sheldon, Dickinson of St. Albans Town, Keenan of St. Albans City, McCarthy of St. Albans City, Mitchell of Fairfax, Pearce of Richford, Savage of Swanton, and Weed of Enosburgh,

**S.C.R. 61.** Senate concurrent resolution honoring Franklin County Deputy Sheriff Corporal Brendan McKenney and Enosburgh Ambulance Officer Dean Scott for their heroic rescue efforts in Montgomery.

*Whereas*, on April 15, 2014, flood waters were raging on Longley Bridge Road in Montgomery, and this sudden surge trapped a woman in her truck, threatening her life, and

*Whereas*, due to the weather, local fire and rescue crews were blocked from quickly getting to the scene, and

*Whereas*, Corporal Brendan McKenney, an eight-year Franklin County Deputy Sheriff, was the first emergency responder on the scene, and

*Whereas*, after several valiant attempts, and with the flood waters posing a rapidly increasing threat, Corporal McKenney jumped from the tractor a local resident brought to the scene onto the truck's roof, and

*Whereas*, from this perilous location, Corporal McKenney was able to break the window on the driver's side of the truck, and

*Whereas*, he pulled the woman, who was dazed from being in the cold water for over an hour, onto the bed of the truck and tied the rope around her, connecting the two of them, and

*Whereas*, they headed for the tractor, but were swept off their feet by the strong current, and

*Whereas*, Dean Scott, of the Enosburgh Ambulance Service, had arrived on the scene, and, without a second thought, jumped into the water to assist Corporal McKenney, and

*Whereas*, as a result of Corporal McKenney's and Officer Scott's willingness to place their own lives in great danger, the woman was saved, and



*Whereas*, both of these brave first responders were honored at a press event held the next day at the Franklin County Sheriff's headquarters, *now therefore be it*

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

That the General Assembly honors Franklin County Deputy Sheriff Corporal Brendan McKenney and Enosburgh Ambulance Officer Dean Scott for their heroic rescue efforts in Montgomery, *and be it further*

***Resolved:*** That the Secretary of State be directed to send a copy of this resolution to each of the emergency responders honored in this resolution.

**S.C.R. 62.**

By Senators Doyle, Cummings, and Pollina,

**S.C.R. 62.** Senate concurrent resolution congratulating the Vermont State Nurses' Association on its centennial.

*Whereas*, the Civil War coincided with the transformation of nursing into a modern health care profession, and

*Whereas*, in 1872, Dr. Marie Zakrewska established the nation's first nursing school in Boston, and

*Whereas*, the General Assembly enacted 1910 Acts and Resolves No. 219 "An Act to provide for the registration of nurses," beginning Vermont's oversight and regulation of the nursing profession, and

*Whereas*, in 1914, registered nurses in Vermont recognized the need for an organization to assist, promote, and represent the nursing profession, and they established the Vermont State Nurses' Association (VSNA), and

*Whereas*, the purposes of the VSNA include working for the improvement of health standards, fostering high standards of care for nursing, stimulating and promoting the professional development of nurses, and serving as the Vermont affiliate of the American Nurses Association, and

*Whereas*, the VSNA's associated Vermont State Nurses' Foundation develops public awareness about nursing, provides scholarships for nursing education, and supports professional research activities, and

*Whereas*, in the past century, the nursing profession has evolved to include nurse practitioners, nurse anesthetists, licensed practical nurses, licensed nursing assistants, and advanced practice nurses, and today all are part of the VSNA, and

*Whereas*, on May 12, 2014, the VSNA is celebrating its centennial with a gala dinner in South Burlington at which a number of nurses will be

recognized for their professional achievements and service to the nursing profession, and

*Whereas*, the VSNA is proud of the nursing profession's role in the provision of health care in Vermont and looks forward to its second century, now therefore be it

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

That the General Assembly congratulates the Vermont State Nurses' Association on its centennial, *and be it further*

***Resolved:*** That the Secretary of State be directed to send a copy of this resolution to the Vermont State Nurses' Association.

**S.C.R. 63.**

By Senators Doyle, Cummings, and Pollina,

**S.C.R. 63.** Senate concurrent resolution commemorates the U.S. Army's 10th Mountain Division, our nation's alpine soldiers.

*Whereas*, in 1939, skiing Finnish troops defeated two tank divisions of invading Soviet forces, and

*Whereas*, this unique military victory persuaded National Ski Patrol President Charles Dole that U.S. troops needed specialized alpine training for mountain warfare, and

*Whereas*, Army Chief of Staff George C. Marshall agreed, and in December 1941, the 87th Mountain Infantry Battalion, subsequently redesignated the 10th Mountain Division, was established, and

*Whereas*, in 1945, during the closing months of World War II, the 10th Mountain Division fought bravely in the Apennine Mountains of Italy, and although the Division lost 999 men in combat, it helped capture German-held territory that other Allied units had not been able to claim, and

*Whereas*, the 10th Mountain Division was deactivated in 1958, reactivated in 1985, and is now headquartered at Fort Drum, New York, and

*Whereas*, the reactivated 10th Mountain Division has been deployed in Iraq, Bosnia, and Somalia, and was the first, and will probably be the last, American military unit in Afghanistan, and

*Whereas*, on the weekend of January 25–26, 2014, the 10th Mountain Division Descendants Inc. held its first Eastern Gathering at Sugarbush Resort's Mt. Ellen Lodge, in Fayston, and

*Whereas*, the event was dedicated to Jared C. Monti, a 10th Mountain Division member, who was killed in 2006 on an 8,000-foot mountain as he remained with an injured fellow soldier despite enemy fire, and

*Whereas*, in 2009, posthumously, he was awarded the Medal of Honor, and

*Whereas*, the weekend also included the showing of Warren Miller's film *Climb to Glory*, relating the 10th Mountain Division's impact on the early days of the skiing industry, and

*Whereas*, this film is especially pertinent as Jack Murphy, a cofounder of the Sugarbush Resort, was a 10th Mountain Division veteran, *now therefore be it*,

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

That the General Assembly commemorates the U.S. Army's 10th Mountain Division, our nation's alpine soldiers, *and be it further*

***Resolved:*** That the Secretary of State be directed to send a copy of this resolution to the 10th Mountain Division at Fort Drum, New York, to the 10th Mountain Division Descendants Inc., and to the Sugarbush Resort.