

CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

ADDENDUM

TO THE

HOUSE CALENDAR

**Text of House and Senate
Concurrent Resolutions**

of

January 15, 2015

Concurrent Resolutions for Adoption Under Joint Rule 16

The following concurrent resolutions will be adopted automatically unless a Representative requests floor consideration before the end of Friday's legislative session. Requests for floor consideration must be communicated to the House Clerk's office.

Resolutions

H.C.R. 1.

House concurrent resolution recognizing January 8, 2015, as Homelessness Awareness Day at the State House

Offered by: Representatives Krowinski of Burlington and Head of South Burlington

Whereas, being deprived of a permanent place to live is an indignity that far too many Vermont families continue to endure, and

Whereas, the severe early-life impediments homeless children encounter may result in long-term consequences, and

Whereas, among homeless families are persons who have suffered a personal trauma such as job loss or domestic abuse, and

Whereas, the National Center on Family Homelessness (NCFH) reports that 29 percent of adults in homeless families are working, and

Whereas, the NCFH also documented that, in comparison with their peers, children experiencing homelessness are sick four times more often and have three times the rate of emotional and behavioral problems, and

Whereas, both the financial and human costs of homelessness strain public services, including education and physical and mental health care, and

Whereas, the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention's 2011 Youth Risk Behavior Survey found that homeless youths have a higher risk of being in a gang, using heroin, feeling depressed, or attempting suicide, and

Whereas, the Vermont Coalition to End Homelessness and the Chittenden County Continuum of Care's 2014 Point-in-Time count of the homeless in Vermont showed homelessness increased by 9.27% compared to 2013, and

Whereas, the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development's Annual Homeless Assessment Report reveals a 51 percent rise in homelessness in Vermont since 2007, the fifth highest increase among the 50 states, and

Whereas, the Emergency Solutions Grants Vermont Annual Report for State Fiscal Year 2014 documented 3,934 persons sheltered, of which 891 were minors, and

Whereas, according to this report, the number of families staying in ESG-funded homeless shelters increased from 517 in fiscal year 2012 to 713 in fiscal year 2014, and the majority of the increase in child homelessness was due to domestic violence, and

Whereas, the General Assembly believes it is imperative that no one, especially no child, should be homeless, now therefore be it

Resolved by the Senate and House of Representatives:

That the General Assembly recognizes January 8, 2015, as Homelessness Awareness Day at the State House, and be it further

Resolved: That the Secretary of State be directed to send a copy of this resolution to the Vermont Coalition to End Homelessness and to the Vermont Affordable Housing Coalition.

H.C.R. 2.

House concurrent resolution in memory of former Representative Timothy Corcoran of Bennington

Offered by: All Members of the House

Offered by: All Members of the Senate

Whereas, Tim Corcoran was a life-long resident of Bennington and epitomized the political life of his hometown, and

Whereas, he was born in 1950 and graduated from both Bennington Catholic High School and Southern Vermont College, and

Whereas, Tim Corcoran served in the U.S. Army, and

Whereas, in March 1973, Tim Corcoran launched his public service career when he was elected to the Bennington Selectboard, and his tenure included terms as vice chair and chair, and

Whereas, in November 1980, the voters of his legislative district elected Tim Corcoran to his first of seven terms in the House of Representatives, and

Whereas, Representative Tim Corcoran's selectboard experience was drawn on during his service on the Municipal Corporations and Elections and Government Operations committees, and

Whereas, for several terms, he served on the important Appropriations Committee, and

Whereas, closer to home, Tim Corcoran was for many years the Bennington Assistant Town Clerk and in 1995 was elected Town Clerk, and

Whereas, Tim Corcoran was a dedicated town clerk as he devoted enormous amounts of time and energy to performing the office's duties to the best of his ability and, on a personal basis, touched the lives of so many, and

Whereas, despite his serious work responsibilities, Tim Corcoran maintained an active and vibrant sense of humor, and

Whereas, for many years, Tim Corcoran would organize memorable annual elementary school educational trips to the State House, and

Whereas, his fraternal organization memberships were numerous, and

Whereas, despite battling cancer, Tim Corcoran continued to serve as Bennington Town Clerk until his death on November 6, 2014, and

Whereas, his survivors include his wife, Linda; sons, David, Nathan, and Representative Tim Corcoran II; his granddaughter, Rylee; his father; three brothers; and a sister, now therefore be it

Resolved by the Senate and House of Representatives:

That the General Assembly extends its sincere condolences to the family of former Representative Timothy Corcoran of Bennington, and be it further

Resolved: That the General Assembly expresses its gratitude to former Representative Timothy Corcoran for his public service on behalf of the town of Bennington and the State of Vermont, and be it further

Resolved: That the Secretary of State be directed to send a copy of this resolution to the members of his family.

H.C.R. 3.

House concurrent resolution congratulating the Otter Valley Union High School Otters' 2014 Division II championship softball team

Offered by: Representatives Shaw of Pittsford and Carr of Brandon

Offered by: Senators Collamore, Flory, and Mullin

Whereas, the Otter Valley Union High School Otters persevered on the softball diamond throughout the 2014 season, exhibiting great skill as they compiled a strong 15–5 record, and

Whereas, a highlight of the Otters' past season was their success in playoff competition, and

Whereas, the fifth-seeded Otters eliminated first-seeded Lyndon Institute on the way to the Division II championship game, played in Poultney, against the second-seeded Vergennes Union High School Commodores, and

Whereas, although the Commodores were the first to score a run in the second inning, the Otters rallied to tie the game in the fourth, and rounded the bases once more in the seventh to defeat Vergennes 2–1 and earn the 2014 Division II softball championship, the team’s fourth State title, and

Whereas, the proud Otters included Megan Santell, Maggie Smith, Brittany Bushey, Courtney Bushey, Danielle Eddy, Megan McKeighan, Cortney Poljacik, Laura Beth Roberts, Amy Jones, Maia Edmunds, Olivia Bloomer, Taylor Aines, Kelli Jerome, Meghan Hallett, and Myliah McDonough, and their supportive Head Coach Pattie Candon, assistant coaches Kristen Shaeffer and Raymond Counter, and athletic trainer Tarryn Bolognani were equally thrilled, now therefore be it

Resolved by the Senate and House of Representatives:

That the General Assembly congratulates the Otter Valley Union High School Otters’ 2014 Division II championship softball team, and be it further

Resolved: That the Secretary of State be directed to send a copy of this resolution to Otter Valley Union High School.

H.C.R. 4.

House concurrent resolution congratulating Rico Babic on his 100th birthday

Offered by: Representatives Turner of Milton, Hooper of Montpelier, and Kitzmiller of Montpelier

Whereas, Rico Babic was born on January 20, 1915 in Barre, and

Whereas, he is the sole surviving graduate of the 29-member St. Michael’s High School class of 1933, and

Whereas, after five years of employment with the Montpelier A&P grocery store, Rico Babic began a long career with the State of Vermont starting at the Department of Employment Security, and

Whereas, during his four decades as a State employee, Rico Babic held numerous positions, and for over a decade he worked as a business manager, and

Whereas, during World War II, he served in the U.S. Army as a classification specialist, and

Whereas, Rico Babic held both the Vermont Chapter presidency and the international treasurer's position with the International Association of Employment Security (now known as the IAWP), and

Whereas, upon his retirement from the State of Vermont in 1977, Rico Babic joined the Vermont State Retired Employees Association serving 11 years as its treasurer and a year as president, and

Whereas, Rico Babic is a life member of several fraternal organizations including the Elks, the American Legion, and the Knights of Columbus, and

Whereas, while living in retirement in Sarasota, Florida, Rico Babic served on various organizations' boards, including as treasurer of the American Slavic Club, and

Whereas, family has always been of prime importance to Rico Babic, and he is the father of five children, 13 grandchildren, and eight great-grandchildren, and

Whereas, January 20, 2015 marks 100 years since Rico Babic's birth and will be a day of great celebration for four generations of the Babic family, now therefore be it

Resolved by the Senate and House of Representatives:

That the General Assembly congratulates Rico Babic on his 100th birthday, and be it further

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

H.C.R. 5.

House concurrent resolution honoring former Grafton volunteer fire chiefs Ed McWilliam and Eric Stevens for their outstanding community service

Offered by: Representatives Partridge of Windham and Trieber of Rockingham

Offered by: Senators Balint and White

Whereas, volunteer firefighters, and especially their chiefs, are among Vermont's unsung heroes and deserve special recognition for their round-the-clock availability to perform potentially dangerous but critical public safety duties, and

Whereas, during the past half century, two of Grafton's well-respected volunteer fire chiefs have been Ed McWilliam and Eric Stevens, whose combined firefighting service exceeds 90 years, and

Whereas, Ed McWilliam became a Grafton volunteer firefighter in 1955 and served as the department's chief from 1969–1984, and

Whereas, after concluding his tenure as chief, Ed McWilliam was president of the fire department's governing organization, the Grafton Firefighters Association, and

Whereas, Ed McWilliam is a founding member of the FAST/Rescue Squad and has served as a town lister, and

Whereas, he is a long-time member of the Grafton Church Council, and

Whereas, Eric Stevens began his illustrious Grafton volunteer firefighting career in 1982, rising through the ranks and serving for eight years as chief, and

Whereas, his public safety work has also included service as a FAST/Rescue Squad EMT, and he remains a responder, and

Whereas, in another community role, Eric Stevens is a veteran member of the Grafton Planning Commission, and

Whereas, in a musical context, Eric Stevens displays his instrumental talents as a member of the Grafton Cornet Band and other ensembles, and

Whereas, the firefighters of the Grafton Volunteer Fire Department will honor Ed McWilliam and Eric Stevens at a community dinner to take place on Saturday, January 24, 2015, at the Grafton Elementary School, in recognition of their stalwart leadership, now therefore be it

Resolved by the Senate and House of Representatives:

That the General Assembly honors former Grafton volunteer fire chiefs Ed McWilliam and Eric Stevens for their outstanding community service, and be it further

Resolved: That the Secretary of State be directed to send a copy of this resolution to Ed McWilliam and to Eric Stevens.

H.C.R. 6.

House concurrent resolution congratulating Norwich University's Sullivan Museum and History Center on being designated as Vermont's first Smithsonian affiliate

Offered by: Representatives Grad of Moretown, Donahue of Northfield, and Lewis of Berlin

Whereas, in 1819, Captain Alden Partridge founded the American Literary, Scientific and Military Academy, now Norwich University, the nation's first private military college, and

Whereas, in 1902, Norwich University formally began collecting artifacts reflecting its history; in 2006–2007, The Sullivan Museum was created; and the collection is now housed in a state-of-the-art exhibition facility known as The Sullivan Museum and History Center, and

Whereas, the permanent collection includes over 11,000 items divided into several broad categories, including artwork, objects, and textiles, and

Whereas, complementing the permanent collection are outstanding special exhibits, including the recently concluded *1864: Some Suffer So Much*, telling the story of Norwich University alumni who have served as military surgeons from the Civil War to the present, and

Whereas, the Smithsonian, consisting of 19 diverse and distinctive national museums, the National Zoo, and nine research facilities, has a strong tie to Norwich University as alumnus George Colvocoresses participated in the Wilkes Expedition that gathered artifacts resulting in the establishment of the Smithsonian Institution and the core collection for its first museum known as the National Museum of Natural History, and

Whereas, the affiliates program of the Smithsonian enables local museums across the country to develop collaborative relationships with both the Smithsonian and the 196 affiliated museums and cultural institutions, and

Whereas, until 2014, no Vermont museum or other cultural organization had been awarded Smithsonian affiliation, and

Whereas, on September 2, 2014, Norwich University's Sullivan Museum and History Center was welcomed as Vermont's first Smithsonian affiliate at a festive ceremony featuring Harold Closter, the director of Smithsonian affiliations; U.S. Senator Leahy; Norwich University President Richard Schneider; and the Sullivan's Director and Norwich University Associate Professor Sarah E. Henrich, now therefore be it

Resolved by the Senate and House of Representatives:

That the General Assembly congratulates Norwich University's Sullivan Museum and History Center on being designated as Vermont's first Smithsonian affiliate, and be it further

Resolved: That the Secretary of State be directed to send a copy of this resolution to The Sullivan Museum and History Center at Norwich University.

S.C.R. 1.

Senate concurrent resolution congratulating the 2014 10- and 11-year-old Little League All-Star Vermont championship baseball team.

Whereas, baseball Little Leagues establish All-Star teams for different age groups, and these squads compete in postseason competition, and

Whereas, in 2014, the Mad River Valley Little League assembled a talented team of ten and eleven year olds whose well-practiced baseball skills challenged their peers from other Vermont communities, and

Whereas, Mad River defeated All-Star teams from Essex and Colchester to earn a berth in the championship round against Brattleboro, and

Whereas, because Mad River was the sole remaining undefeated team, Brattleboro was required to tally two consecutive victories in order to win the State championship, and

Whereas, although Mad River lost the first championship game, based on a walk-off hit, it bounced back to defeat Brattleboro 12–2 in the second game and was declared the 2014 Vermont Little League 10- and 11-year-old championship baseball team, the first State championship in 54 years of Mad River Little League competition, and

Whereas, the winning players included Cary Bond-Bardes, Angelo Cimminello, Clyden Heyward, Caleb Kingsbury, Gus Mosle, Anthony Pierce, Skylar Platt, Charlie Reilly, Vincent Spina, and Ethan Vierling, and Team Manager John Zimmerman and coaches Doug Mosle and Logan Cooke each contributed to the team's success, *now therefore be it*

Resolved by the Senate and House of Representatives:

That the General Assembly congratulates the 2014 Mad River Valley 10- and 11-year-old Little League All-Star Vermont championship baseball team, *and be it further*

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

S.C.R. 2.

Senate concurrent resolution congratulating the Canadian Club Inc. of Barre on its 75th anniversary

Whereas, in the 1930s, the French Canadian community in Barre saw the need for a social organization to promote and retain the French Canadian culture in Barre, and

Whereas, to meet this objective, in 1939 a group of individuals gathered in Barre and created the French Canadian Club, and

Whereas, the Club began with 21 French Canadians, and its programs and administrative affairs were conducted in French, and

Whereas, the first officers were President Lucien Beaudoin, Vice President Raoul Maurice, Secretary Wilfred Langevin, and Auditor Antonio Pinard, and they had the assistance of Reverends Cray and Maloney, and

Whereas, some members sought to affiliate with other French Canadian clubs, but those wishing to remain independent prevailed, and

Whereas, in November 1940, the Club moved to larger space in the Blanchard Block that could accommodate social functions for 150 people, and

Whereas, on May 10, 1954, the Club was incorporated, and in 1955 it moved to temporary headquarters in the Paramount Theater Building, and

Whereas, in 1957 the now Canadian Club purchased the former Vermont Veterans Cooperative Workshop on East Montpelier Road and refurbished the facility as its permanent home, and

Whereas, the Club eventually opened its membership rolls to the broader public, beyond French speakers, although this was not an easy transition, and

Whereas, although a fire destroyed the building in January 1968, in just nine months a new structure was dedicated, and

Whereas, today the Canadian Club offers academic scholarships, social events, and a host of enjoyable activities, and

Whereas, the organization now has a membership of 1,200 and commemorated its 75th anniversary on September 27, 2014, *now therefore be it*

Resolved by the Senate and House of Representatives:

That the General Assembly congratulates the Canadian Club on its 75th anniversary, *and be it further*

Resolved: That the Secretary of State be directed to send a copy of this resolution to the Canadian Club in Barre.