

CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

ADDENDUM

TO THE

HOUSE CALENDAR

**Text of House Concurrent
Resolutions**

of

January 29, 2015

Concurrent Resolutions for Adoption Under Joint Rule 16

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

Resolutions

H.C.R. 15.

House concurrent resolution honoring Frank A. Silfies

Offered by: Representatives Huntley of Cavendish and Sweaney of Windsor

Whereas, first responders encounter persons in physically painful and emotionally stressful conditions, but their own emotional needs are often overlooked, and

Whereas, Frank Silfies' complementary roles as a professional counselor and mental health crisis team supervisor at Health Care & Rehabilitation Services, and as a volunteer Ascutney firefighter, gave him a unique perspective on the stress that first responders may experience, and

Whereas, during his career, Frank Silfies' public safety duties also included several years of part-time service as a Weathersfield police officer and eight years as an EMT with the Weathersfield Ambulance Service, which he directed for two years, and

Whereas, in 1992 Frank Silfies recognized the urgent need for a mental health support network for first responders and cofounded Green Mountain Critical Incident Stress Management (GMCISM), and

Whereas, Frank Silfies was an active and dedicated volunteer counselor at GMCISM, and the first responder community deeply appreciated his personal support, and

Whereas, since being diagnosed four years ago with terminal cancer, his health has deteriorated and took a turn for the worse with the discovery that he had sustained a brain hemorrhage, and

Whereas, seeking to honor and bring joy to a man who had done so much to lift the spirits of the first responder community, Jennifer King and her husband, Tom, the assistant chief of the Corinth Volunteer Fire Department, initiated a plan to create a quilt for Frank Silfies containing tee shirts representing as many regional emergency response teams as possible, and

Whereas, the overwhelming response of his colleagues and strangers who provided major creative and technical assistance at no charge, enabled the dream to become a reality in just weeks, and Jennifer King presented the quilt to Frank Silfies and his wife, SallyAnn, during services at the Greater Hartford United Church of Christ on Sunday, December 28, 2014, now therefore be it

Resolved by the Senate and House of Representatives:

That the General Assembly honors Frank Silfies for his extraordinary devotion to improving the lives of his fellow first responders and expresses its best wishes to SallyAnn and Frank Silfies on their 51st wedding anniversary, and be it further

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

H.C.R. 16.

House concurrent resolution congratulating the Rutland Senior High School students whose petition persuaded Apple to remove the After School iPhone App from its iTunes Store

Offered by: Representatives Cupoli of Rutland City, Fagan of Rutland City, Gage of Rutland City, Russell of Rutland City, Tate of Mendon, and Terenzini of Rutland Town

Offered by: Senators Collamore, Flory, and Mullin

Whereas, the Apple iTunes Store described the After School iPhone App as a virtual bulletin board for posting “funny, anonymous school news,” and

Whereas, despite this rather benign description, After School features many cruel and disparaging comments that high school students post, and

Whereas, according to the Rutland Herald, “many [Rutland Senior High School] students ended up crying in their guidance counselors’ offices,” because of the cyberbullying they experienced from After School’s postings, and

Whereas, faculty, staff, and most importantly the students at Rutland Senior High School (RSHS) took direct action to negate the impact of After School, and

Whereas, senior Catherine DiPalma and approximately 25 other students appeared on the school’s video announcements to request that their peers delete the After School App from their phones, and

Whereas, as a second and broader step, the RSHS student group Cyber You, under the effective leadership of sophomore Molly Engles, posted a petition on

the online activism platform Change.org, urging Apple to remove this iPhone app from its iTunes Store, and

Whereas, Cyber You's faculty advisor, guidance counselor Kate Herlihy assisted in circulating the petition in the school's lunchroom, and

Whereas, Governor Shumlin tweeted and posted a message on Facebook in support of the petition, and among the signatories were Vermont Secretary of Education Rebecca Holcombe, Rutland City Police Chief James Baker, and Vermont Superintendents Association Executive Director Jeff Francis, and

Whereas, more than 1,000 responses to the petition far exceeded Cyber You's expectations and persuaded Apple to remove the After School App from its iTunes Store, now therefore be it

Resolved by the Senate and House of Representatives:

That the General Assembly congratulates the Rutland Senior High School students whose petition persuaded Apple to remove the After School iPhone App from its iTunes Store, and be it further

Resolved: That the Secretary of State be directed to send a copy of this resolution to Cyber You at Rutland Senior High School and to each of the students named in this resolution.

H.C.R. 17.

House concurrent resolution designating the week of January 21–25 as National Nurse Anesthetists Week in Vermont

Offered by: Representatives Keenan of St. Albans City, Dakin of Chester, Fagan of Rutland City, Feltus of Lyndon, Hooper of Montpelier, Johnson of South Hero, Lanpher of Vergennes, O'Brien of Richmond, Pearce of Richford, Toll of Danville, and Trieber of Rockingham

Whereas, nurse anesthetists were the first professional group to provide anesthesia in the United States and are the oldest recognized group of advanced practice registered nurse specialists, and

Whereas, Certified Registered Nurse Anesthetists (CRNAs) complete graduate-level education in one of the nationally accredited programs of nurse anesthesia, pass the National Board on Certification and Recertification of Nurse Anesthetists' exam, and recertify biennially, and

Whereas, CRNAs practice in every setting in which anesthesia is delivered, including traditional hospital surgical suites; obstetrical delivery rooms; critical access hospitals; ambulatory surgical centers; the offices of dentists, podiatrists, ophthalmologists, plastic surgeons, and pain management

specialists; and in healthcare facilities operated by the U.S. military, the Public Health Services, and the Department of Veterans Affairs, and

Whereas, nurse anesthetists have been the main providers of anesthesia in all wars involving American soldiers, sailors, and the air corps since the Civil War, and

Whereas, CRNAs are the primary providers of anesthesia care in rural America, enabling healthcare facilities in these medically underserved areas to offer obstetrical, surgical, and trauma stabilization services, and in some states function as the sole providers in nearly 100 percent of the rural hospitals, and

Whereas, CRNAs serve Vermonters by providing needed anesthesia care in many medical facilities, including the Vermont Veteran's Affairs Medical Center and physician's offices, and to Vermont's military members serving in Iraq and Afghanistan, and

Whereas, 40,000 CRNAs across the United States, including 45 active CRNAs in Vermont, are part of the economic solution to Healthcare Reform, and

Whereas, the week of January 25–31, 2015, has been designated as National Nurse Anesthetists Week, now therefore be it

Resolved by the Senate and House of Representatives:

That the General Assembly designates the week of January 21–25 as National Nurse Anesthetists Week in Vermont, and be it further

Resolved: That the Secretary of State be directed to send a copy of this resolution to the Vermont Association of Nurse Anesthetists.