

**CONCURRENT RESOLUTION**

**ADDENDUM**

**TO THE**

**HOUSE CALENDAR**

**Text of House Concurrent  
Resolutions**

**of**

**February 5, 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. 18.**

House concurrent resolution designating January 29, 2015, as Pharmacists Day in Vermont

Offered by: Representatives Clarkson of Woodstock and Till of Jericho

Whereas, pharmacists in Vermont's health care system work in partnership with physicians, health care clinics, hospitals, visiting nurses, hospice, and other individuals and organizations to reconcile patient medications, and

Whereas, an aging Vermont population requires that pharmacists apply their professional clinical skills to ensure that older patients are receiving medication counseling and the appropriate prescription and nonprescription drug dosages, and

Whereas, pharmacists provide Vermonters with easy access to immunizations, and

Whereas, due to increasingly complex health care and insurance systems, patients rely on pharmacists to make the connection between prescriber and patient to ensure timely dispensing of critical medicines, and

Whereas, pharmacists continue to be Vermont's most accessible health care professionals and play an essential role in the State's health care system, now therefore be it

Resolved by the Senate and House of Representatives:

That the General Assembly designates January 29, 2015, as Pharmacists Day in Vermont, and be it further

Resolved: That the Secretary of State be directed to send a copy of this resolution to the Vermont Pharmacists Association and to the Albany College of Pharmacy and Health Sciences' Vermont campus in Colchester.

#### **H.C.R. 19.**

House concurrent resolution honoring departing Rutland City Police Chief James Baker for his superb leadership in challenging circumstances

Offered by: Representatives Russell of Rutland City, Cupoli of Rutland City, Fagan of Rutland City, and Gage of Rutland City

Offered by: Senators Collamore, Flory, and Mullin

Whereas, departing Rutland City Police Chief James Baker was concluding his distinguished tenure as a Vermont State Police Colonel and the State force's director, as the city of Rutland was experiencing a sharp rise in the amount of opiate addiction and a disturbing increase in crime, and

Whereas, simultaneously, a number of Rutland City police officers' extremely unprofessional conduct was embarrassing the department and lowering its morale, and

Whereas, in search of a person to overhaul the department, and to address the city's intertwined drug and law enforcement dilemmas, the city of Rutland persuaded Colonel Baker to accept this challenge, and

Whereas, unlike as a State Police Colonel, Chief Baker discovered the need for his direct involvement in many community and departmental issues, and

Whereas, for the department, he rewrote mission statements, core values, and policy manuals, and

Whereas, with respect to the city, Chief Baker endeavored to reestablish the department's credibility and effectiveness, and

Whereas, he had to engage directly with angry city residents who were upset with the city's crime problems, and

Whereas, on examining the city's situation, Chief Baker's views on the city's drug epidemic evolved to include supporting a methadone clinic for opiate addiction and assisting the addicted while still holding them legally accountable for their actions, and

Whereas, perhaps his most important initiative was devising a community intervention program that became Project Vision, encompassing nonprofit organizations, social service groups, and individuals, and

Whereas, as a first step, Chief Baker needed to serve a collaborative role to bring together organizations that were not necessarily on speaking terms, and

Whereas, although Chief Baker, who has recently accepted a senior position with the International Association of Chiefs of Police, assigned most of the credit for Project Vision's positive impact to others, he has stated that treating people with dignity and respect was essential, now therefore be it

Resolved by the Senate and House of Representatives:

That the General Assembly honors departing Rutland City Police Chief James Baker for his superb leadership in challenging circumstances, and be it further

Resolved: That the Secretary of State be directed to send a copy of this resolution to James Baker and the Rutland City Police Department.

#### **H.C.R. 20.**

House concurrent resolution honoring Peter Gregory for one-quarter of a century of exemplary leadership and professionalism on the staff of the Two Rivers-Ottawaquechee Regional Commission

Offered by: Representatives French of Randolph, Bartholomew of Hartland, Berry of Manchester, Botzow of Pownal, Briglin of Thetford, Buxton of Tunbridge, Christie of Hartford, Clarkson of Woodstock, Conquest of Newbury, Copeland-Hanzas of Bradford, Davis of Washington, Deen of Westminster, Emmons of Springfield, Forguites of Springfield, Graham of Williamstown, Haas of Rochester, Jerman of Essex, Jewett of Ripton, Lucke of Hartford, Masland of Thetford, McCullough of Williston, Ryerson of Randolph, Sweaney of Windsor, Tate of Mendon, and Zagar of Barnard

Offered by: Senators Ashe, Ayer, Balint, Baruth, Benning, Bray, Campbell, Champion, Collamore, Cummings, Degree, Doyle, Flory, Kitchel, Lyons, MacDonald, Mazza, McAllister, McCormack, Mullin, Nitka, Pollina, Rodgers, Sears, Sirotkin, Snelling, Starr, Westman, White, and Zuckerman

Whereas, the Two Rivers-Ottawaquechee Regional Commission (TRORC) provides technical and advocacy support for 30 towns in the east-central part of Vermont and is headquartered in Woodstock, and

Whereas, the scope of TRORC's policy focus includes all-hazard planning, economic development, energy, environmental planning, GIS mapping, historic preservation, housing, land use planning, and transportation as they impact its region, and

Whereas, Peter Gregory joined the staff of TRORC in 1989 as a planner whose portfolio now encompasses Act 250 reviews, including local land use issues and economic development, and

Whereas, in 2003, the TRORC board of directors recognized Peter Gregory's leadership potential and named him as the organization's executive director, and

Whereas, in his role as TRORC executive director, Peter Gregory supervises the commission's staff, serves as the organization's liaison with all levels of government, and is its leading public voice, and

Whereas, he currently serves as chair of the Vermont State Infrastructure Bank Program, and

Whereas, Peter Gregory is a past president of the Vermont Association of Planning and Development Agencies and was the 2013–2014 president of the National Association of Development Organizations, and

Whereas, in 2003, the New England Association of Regional Councils presented Peter Gregory its regional leadership award, and in 2012, the Vermont Planners Association honored him with its Mark Blucher Professional Planner of the Year Award, and

Whereas, Peter Gregory's leadership at TRORC preserving historic downtowns prompted the Preservation Trust of Vermont to present its 2014 Preservation Award to the commission, now therefore be it

Resolved by the Senate and House of Representatives:

That the General Assembly honors Peter Gregory for one-quarter of a century of exemplary leadership and professionalism on the staff of the Two Rivers-Ottawaquechee Regional Commission, and be it further

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

#### **H.C.R. 21.**

House concurrent resolution congratulating Rutland High School's alternative education program at the Howe Center Campus on a quarter century of academic achievement

Offered by: Representatives Fagan of Rutland City, Cupoli of Rutland City, Gage of Rutland City, and Russell of Rutland City

Offered by: Senators Collamore, Flory, and Mullin

Whereas, Rutland High School's alternative education program at the Howe Center Campus, established in 1989, is committed to reengaging students experiencing difficulty in the traditional academic setting and placing them on a path toward graduation, and

Whereas, the Howe Center Campus offers an educational alternative for the student who academically, socially, or behaviorally needs another way to succeed in high school, and

Whereas, the faculty at the Howe Center Campus give students intensive academic and social support to help them overcome classroom challenges, and

Whereas, among the services the Howe Center Campus provides to students are school-to-work and job shadowing opportunities, and

Whereas, a vital part of the Howe Center Campus' curriculum is the community service component, and

Whereas, the Howe Center Campus continues to be a positive and productive pathway for Rutland High School students to earn their diplomas, and

Whereas, through the tireless efforts of Howe Center Campus's faculty, more than 550 students have earned their high school diplomas, improving Rutland High School's graduation rate and better preparing young people for colleges and careers, now therefore be it

Resolved by the House of Representatives:

That the General Assembly recognizes Rutland High School's alternative education program at the Howe Center Campus for a quarter-century of academic achievement, and be it further

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

#### **H.C.R. 22.**

House concurrent resolution honoring Bruce Johnson for his dynamic leadership of Springfield Area Public Access Television

Offered by: Representatives Emmons of Springfield, Forguites of Springfield, Dakin of Chester, and Huntley of Cavendish

Whereas, Springfield Area Public Access Television (SAPA-TV), headquartered at a broadcast center located in Springfield High School and serving viewers primarily in Springfield, Chester, and Weathersfield, has transmitted municipal government deliberations and a diverse schedule of public affairs, educational, entertainment, and religious programs on a two-station system, and

Whereas, from October 2001 until January 2014, Bruce Johnson served as the talented SAPA-TV Executive Director under whose leadership the organization evolved into a television service that is a central element of local civic life and facilitates the viewing of many interesting events ranging from yoga classes to high school sports to fascinating travelogues, and

Whereas, Bruce Johnson viewed SAPA-TV as a local asset that "could bring the community to people's living rooms," and

Whereas, at SAPA-TV's 2014 annual meeting, Jared Gunnell, the new Executive Director, presented his former boss with a lifetime achievement award in recognition of his predecessor's extraordinary service and dedication to the success of SAPA-TV, and

Whereas, presenting this award to Bruce Johnson was an emotional experience for Jared Gunnell, whom Bruce Johnson hired in 2008 as a production manager, and

Whereas, SAPA-TV has completed a number of technical improvements and hopes to inaugurate Internet streaming in the near future, and

Whereas, the Johnson family remains actively involved at SAPA-TV as Bruce Johnson's wife, Marita, now serves as its board's vice president, and

Whereas, greater Springfield greatly appreciates Bruce Johnson's contribution to improving access to community events and broadening the personal horizons of SAPA-TV's viewers, now therefore be it

Resolved by the Senate and House of Representatives:

That the General Assembly honors Bruce Johnson for his dynamic leadership of Springfield Area Public Access Television, and be it further

Resolved: That the Secretary of State be directed to send a copy of this resolution to Bruce Johnson in Springfield and to Springfield Area Public Access Television.

### **H.C.R. 23.**

House concurrent resolution honoring nonprofit organizations and Common Good Vermont

Offered by: Representatives Rachelson of Burlington, Briglin of Thetford, Burke of Brattleboro, Chesnut-Tangerman of Middletown Springs, Christie of Hartford, Conquest of Newbury, Dakin of Chester, Donovan of Burlington, Ellis of Waterbury, Fields of Bennington, Frank of Underhill, French of Randolph, Gonzalez of Winooski, Jerman of Essex, Krowinski of Burlington, LaLonde of South Burlington, Lenex of Shelburne, Lippert of Hinesburg, Macaig of Williston, Manwaring of Wilmington, Martin of Wolcott, Masland of Thetford, McCullough of Williston, Patt of Worcester, Ram of Burlington, Russell of Rutland City, Sheldon of Middlebury, Sullivan of Burlington, Sweaney of Windsor, Till of Jericho, Toll of Danville, Townsend of South Burlington, Viens of Newport City, Walz of Barre City, and Yantachka of Charlotte

Offered by: Senator Baruth

Whereas, nonprofit organizations help build and sustain healthy and vibrant communities throughout Vermont and contribute significantly to making the State a special place, and

Whereas, Vermonters enhance the well-being of their communities through contributions of volunteer time and commitment of financial resources to nonprofit organizations, and

Whereas, daily, the nonprofit sector helps millions of individuals and families in the United States sustain their bodies and spirits in many ways, and

Whereas, nonprofit services include animal welfare; the arts; children's and senior citizens' support programs; land conservation and environmental protection; energy efficiency; food security; health education, prevention and care; and many other important services, and

Whereas, according to the Vermont Community Foundation, nonprofit organizations comprise 19.8 percent of Vermont's annual Gross State Product, and Vermonters donate millions of hours a year at these organizations, and

Whereas, the U.S. Department of Labor reported that in 2012 (the most recent data available), the nonprofit sector in Vermont included 44,131 employees with an average wage of \$44,882, and

Whereas, nonprofit organizations serve a vital role in facilitating charitable giving and social action, and

Whereas, Common Good Vermont helps these organizations to be more effective and efficient, through its delivery of online resources, training opportunities, partnerships, and signature events, and

Whereas, on February 5, 2015, under the auspices of Common Good Vermont, nonprofit organizations will gather in the State House to educate legislators concerning the activities of the nonprofit sector, now therefore be it

Resolved by the Senate and House of Representatives:

That the General Assembly honors nonprofit organizations and Common Good Vermont, and be it further

Resolved: That the Secretary of State be directed to send a copy of this resolution to Common Good Vermont.

#### **H.C.R. 24.**

House concurrent resolution in memory of former Representative and Winooski Mayor Dominique Casavant

Offered by: Representatives Bissonnette of Winooski and Gonzalez of Winooski

Whereas, former Representative Dominique Casavant was a native of Lewiston, Maine, graduated from Bates College with a degree in physics, and served in the U.S. Army, and



Whereas, Dom Casavant earned a master's degree from St. Michael's College and a second masters, and ultimately a Ph.D., at the University of Vermont, and

Whereas, for a remarkable 45 years, Dom Casavant was a respected faculty member at St. Michael's College where he taught physics, and

Whereas, the classroom and physics lab were not his only venue at St. Michael's College, as he enjoyed accompanying students to the snowy trails as the coach of the Nordic ski team, and

Whereas, Dom Casavant's interest in civic service led to his holding a number of positions in the Winooski city government, and

Whereas, his municipal roles included terms on the Winooski Development Committee, the Winooski Development Corporation, the Winooski Zoning Board, and the Winooski City Council, and

Whereas, the depth of experience he acquired while serving on different municipal panels persuaded the local voters to elect Dom Casavant to the Winooski mayoralty, an office he held with great pride from 1971–1975, and

Whereas, prior to the 1978 Adjourned Session of the General Assembly, Governor Snelling appointed Dom Casavant to a seat in the House of Representatives, he was elected in his own right for the 1979-1980 Biennium, and his wife, Lucille, served subsequently as a state legislator, and

Whereas, Domonique Casavant's physics expertise was called upon during his tenure on the Vermont State Nuclear Advisory Panel, and

Whereas, after retiring from the St. Michael's faculty, the Casavants returned to Maine, where Dom taught statistics at Central Maine Community College until May 2014, and

Whereas, former Representative Dom Casavant died on January 16, 2015, and survivors include his wife, their four children, Catherine, Thomas, Jay, and Andre, and the Casavant grandchildren, now therefore be it

Resolved by the Senate and House of Representatives:

That the General Assembly extends its condolences to the family of former Representative Dominique Casavant, and be it further

Resolved: That the Secretary of State be directed to send a copy of this resolution to former Representative Lucille Casavant and to each of their children.

### **H.C.R. 25.**

House concurrent resolution honoring Elise McKenna for her leadership in advancing the Blueprint for Health in Lamoille County

Offered by: Representatives Martin of Wolcott, Juskiewicz of Cambridge, Patt of Worcester, Scheuermann of Stowe, and Woodward of Johnson

Whereas, the State's Blueprint for Health is charged with guiding a process resulting in sustainable health care delivery reform, and

Whereas, the Blueprint has worked with stakeholders in each of Vermont's Health Service Areas (HSAs) to implement a new health services model, and

Whereas, Elise McKenna has served as the Blueprint for Health project manager at the Community Health Services of Lamoille Valley, a Blueprint program grantee, and

Whereas, she has led the successful collaboration of the Lamoille County HSA's community health teams in acquiring certification from the National Committee for Quality Assurance for six primary care practices, and

Whereas, Elise McKenna has provided leadership to the new medically assisted therapy teams in support of the State's hub and spoke initiative, and

Whereas, her guidance was critical in the Lamoille County HSA's achieving the lowest Medicare cost per patient in Vermont, a laudable accomplishment, now therefore be it

Resolved by the Senate and House of Representatives:

That the General Assembly honors Elise McKenna for her leadership in advancing the Blueprint for Health in Lamoille County, and be it further

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

### **H.C.R. 26.**

House concurrent resolution recognizing The Manor for its collaborative efforts in Lamoille County to improve the quality of oral health care for its residents

Offered by: Representatives Martin of Wolcott, Juskiewicz of Cambridge, Patt of Worcester, Scheuermann of Stowe, and Woodward of Johnson

Whereas, the State of Vermont strives to provide all of its citizens lifetime quality healthcare, regardless of their economic status, in an effective manner utilizing existing resources and infrastructure, and

Whereas, a federally qualified health center (FQHC) serves an underserved area or population, is federally supported, and its services include comprehensive oral health care, and

Whereas, Community Health Services of Lamoille Valley (CHSLV) serves as the FQHC in Lamoille County, and

Whereas, The Manor is a nonprofit residential nursing home in Morrisville providing long-term and respite care, as well as short-term rehabilitation services, for those individuals no longer able to live independently or who need post-surgery rehabilitation, and

Whereas, State and federal government agencies have recognized The Manor for the excellent quality of its health care services, and

Whereas, Lamoille County, CHSLV, and The Manor are engaged in a pioneering collaboration to offer quality, on-site, oral health care services to the residents of The Manor, and

Whereas, The Manor strives to ensure that every resident is given the individual attention, care, and respect he or she desires, now therefore be it

Resolved by the Senate and House of Representatives:

That the General Assembly recognizes The Manor for its collaborative efforts in Lamoille County to improve the quality of oral health care for its residents, and be it further

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

#### **H.C.R. 27.**

House concurrent resolution congratulating Vera Harrington of Brattleboro on her 103rd birthday

Offered by: Representatives Burke of Brattleboro, Stuart of Brattleboro, and Toleno of Brattleboro

Whereas, birthdays are special occasions for personal and family celebrations, and a limited number of individuals have the good fortune of commemorating a 100th birthday, and

Whereas, those persons in an even more elite group continue to observe birthdays into a second century, and

Whereas, Vera (Rink) Harrington was born at home in Mt. Olive, Illinois on October 8, 1911, and

Whereas, when Vera was 16, her father, a coal miner who aspired to become a chicken farmer, moved the family to Brookline, Vermont, and the family's furniture was hauled from Brattleboro to Newfane via the notorious narrow gauge West River Railroad, and

Whereas, Vera married, and in the ensuing years, she became a homemaker and the mother of four children, and

Whereas, she is an artistically talented individual who in her fifties indulged in a new passion as a quilt-maker, and

Whereas, her quilt-making was hardly ordinary as she produced beautiful quilts that have sold across the country, and

Whereas, in 2014, Vera Harrington is the proud mother of four children, eight grandchildren, 18 great-grandchildren, and one great-great-grandchild, and

Whereas, she is a highly independent woman who resided independently until the age of 101 and now lives at the Thompson House Nursing Home in Brattleboro, and

Whereas, in offering advice to others, she has stated, "The one most important word . . . in life is patience. You have to learn to have patience and love no matter what," and

Whereas, October 8, 2014 marked Vera Harrington's 103rd birthday, now therefore be it

Resolved by the Senate and House of Representatives:

That the General Assembly is delighted to congratulate Vera Harrington of Brattleboro on her 103rd birthday, and be it further

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