

CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

ADDENDUM

TO THE

HOUSE CALENDAR

**Text of House Concurrent
Resolutions**

of

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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. 81.

House concurrent resolution congratulating Carol Willey on being named the 2015 Vermont Mother of the Year

Offered by: Representatives Connor of Fairfield, Beyor of Highgate, Branagan of Georgia, Dickinson of St. Albans Town, Fiske of Enosburgh, Gamache of Swanton, Keenan of St. Albans City, Lenex of Shelburne, Murphy of Fairfax, Parent of St. Albans City, and Pearce of Richford

Offered by: Senators Degree and McAllister

Whereas, American Mothers, Inc. was established in 1935 and is "committed to valuing mothers through service and education," and

Whereas, annually, American Mothers, Inc., the official sponsor of Mother's Day, selects a National Mother of the Year, and

Whereas, each of the organization's state affiliates, including Vermont Mothers, Inc., selects a Mother of the Year for its respective state, and

Whereas, on March 1, 2015, Vermont Mothers, Inc. announced that Carol Willey of Bakersfield is the 2015 Vermont Mother of the Year, and

Whereas, she and her husband, Lyle Willey, a church pastor, are the proud parents of four children and grandparents of seven grandchildren, and

Whereas, the term homemaker is most applicable to Carol Willey, as she and her husband constructed their own home from the foundation up, and

Whereas, Carol Willey regularly helps her husband in church-related activities and serves on its board, and

Whereas, for 17 years, she has worked at Ave Maria Community Care Homes and now holds the dual roles of activity director and staff trainer, and

Whereas, Carol Willey has a passion for helping others, as her volunteer work at the Champlain Valley Agency on Aging exemplifies, and

Whereas, when not being a wonderful and loving mother and grandmother, working, helping at church, or volunteering, Carol Willey is busily engaged in one of her many hobbies, and

Whereas, among these activities are cooking from scratch, decorating, gardening, painting, sheet rocking, singing, and practicing Tai Chi, and

Whereas, as the 2015 Mother of the Year, an honor that is extremely meaningful and special for Carol Willey, she will represent Vermont at the Mom to Mom Conference to be held in April in our nation's capital, and

Whereas, in recognition of Carol Willey's wonderful family mentoring and enthusiastic service on behalf of her church and community, the personal attributes that make her an ideal candidate for this award, a formal celebratory reception will be held on April 11, 2015, at Our Lady of the Meadows in Richford, which is one of the Ava Maria Community Care Homes and is the organization that nominated her for this honor, now therefore be it

Resolved by the Senate and House of Representatives:

That the General Assembly congratulates Carol Willey on being named the 2015 Vermont Mother of the Year, and be it further

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

H.C.R. 82.

House concurrent resolution congratulating the 2015 Vermont Prudential Spirit of Community Award winners

Offered by: Representatives Dakin of Colchester, Brennan of Colchester, Clarkson of Woodstock, Condon of Colchester, Corcoran of Bennington, Ellis of Waterbury, Fields of Bennington, Morris of Bennington, Morrissey of Bennington, Purvis of Colchester, and Stevens of Waterbury

Whereas, annually, Prudential Financial, in collaboration with the National Association of Secondary School Principals, awards the Prudential Spirit of Community Awards to four students from every state and the District of Columbia who have engaged in significant volunteer service activities, and

Whereas, one high school and one middle school student is designated as a state honoree, and these students travel to Washington, D.C., to compete for designation as one of the 10 (five in each school category) top youth volunteers of 2015, and

Whereas, in Vermont, the high school state honoree is Alexina Federhen, a senior at Mt. Anthony Union High School, and

Whereas, Alexina creates custom jewelry with her mother and donates the proceeds to organizations that preserve the animal habitat; collects stuffed animals for distribution to disadvantaged children and to nursing homes; and has created a special PowerPoint for adults on youth bullying, and

Whereas, the Vermont middle school state honoree is Abigail Jacunski, an eighth grader at the Mater Christi School in Burlington, and

Whereas, Abigail Jacunski has participated in fasts to support the World Vision organization and persons who lack sufficient food; a service mission trip to address several local needs; a sleep-out to provide mosquito nets for Africa; and a project to make bicycles available in third-world countries, and

Whereas, in each state, two students are designated as distinguished finalists, and

Whereas, one of the Vermont distinguished finalists is Harwood Union High School senior Abby Miles, who volunteers at a local food shelf packaging food bags and delivering them to senior citizens, and

Whereas, also named a distinguished finalist is Woodstock Union High School junior Peter Wilson who, working through Change the World Kids, raised funds to purchase supplies for a solar-powered, steam-fed drip irrigation system for a community garden benefiting a local food shelf, now therefore be it

Resolved by the Senate and House of Representatives:

That the General Assembly congratulates the 2015 Vermont Prudential Spirit of Community Award winners, and be it further

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

H.C.R. 83.

House concurrent resolution congratulating the Pownal Historical Society on its 20th anniversary

Offered by: Representatives Botzow of Pownal, Berry of Manchester, Browning of Arlington, Chesnut-Tangerman of Middletown Springs, Corcoran of Bennington, Fields of Bennington, Komline of Dorset, Miller of Shaftsbury, Morris of Bennington, Morrissey of Bennington, Olsen of Londonderry, and Sibia of Dover

Offered by: Senators Campion and Sears

Whereas, on January 28, 1760, New Hampshire Royal Governor Benning Wentworth granted a charter for the town of Pownal and named the community in honor of Massachusetts Royal Governor Thomas Pownall, and

Whereas, local historical societies preserve and teach the history of their communities, and

Whereas, through the leadership and foresight of Margaret Lillie, the Pownal Historical Society (PHS) was established in March 1994, and

Whereas, the PHS's original 13-member board of directors included Helen Renner (President), David Grusendorf (Vice President), Joseph Parks (Secretary), and Kara Lozier (Treasurer), and

Whereas, in its early years, the society hosted rose garden socials featuring presentations from the Vermont Humanities Council, and

Whereas, the PHS has represented Pownal at the Vermont History Expo, and

Whereas, in commemoration of Pownal's 250th anniversary, the society sponsored a birthday party, established a historical district, and erected a historical marker, and

Whereas, the PHS presents a curriculum on Pownal's history to the town's fourth graders and then guides the students in writing a book on what they have learned, and

Whereas, the society established a history center at the Solomon Wright Public Library, and

Whereas, in the spring of 2010, the PHS was pleased to issue a photo-filled volume in Arcadia Publishing's series *Images of America*, and

Whereas, the society's website is a comprehensive electronic compendium featuring the town's organizational charter; local maps; numerous listings including town officials, churches, and civil war veterans; and material on Pownal's association with the Green Mountain Boys, and

Whereas, genealogists have praised the PHS website as a valuable research resource, now therefore be it

Resolved by the Senate and House of Representatives:

That the General Assembly congratulates the Pownal Historical Society on its 20th anniversary, and be it further

Resolved: That the Secretary of State be directed to send a copy of this resolution to the Pownal Historical Society.

H.C.R. 84.

House concurrent resolution congratulating the record-breaking 2015 Mt. Anthony Union High School Patriots State and New England championship wrestling team

Offered by: Representatives Morrissey of Bennington, Botzow of Pownal, Corcoran of Bennington, Fields of Bennington, Miller of Shaftsbury, and Morris of Bennington

Offered by: Senators Campion and Sears

Whereas, the 2014–2015 Mt. Anthony Union High School wrestling team’s first championship of the season was winning the Marble Valley League title, and

Whereas, at the State championship meet in Middlebury, the skilled and strong Patriots scored 10 individual wins as they captured the team’s 27th consecutive State championship (a national record) defeating second-place St. Johnsbury 319.5 points (a State championship record) to 202.5, and

Whereas, subsequently, in North Andover, Massachusetts, the Patriots clinched their third consecutive, and ninth overall, New England wrestling championship with 122.5 points, concluding a 32–0 undefeated season, and

Whereas, these amazing Patriot wrestlers included Ashdin Schaefer, Calvin Call, Noble Shaler, Tyler Raetz, Troy Gassaway, Dylan LaFountain, Tyler Burgess, Darren Ruiz-Sauer, Jacob Woodside, Vince Pagan, Ezra Caron, Tyler Mattison, Jack Luciano, and Damon Young, and

Whereas, the team’s success owes much to the leadership of head coach Scott Legacy, varsity assistant coach Brian Coon, head junior varsity coach Frank Gaudette, and assistant coaches D.J. Schaefer, Wayne Call, James Zupko, Bucky Noyes, Dan Pierce, and Steve Forrest, and the strong support of statisticians Mariah Sauer-Yerke, Brittany Loftus, Mackenzie Glanovsky, and Anna Jacobs, and managers Nikolas Todd and Drew Peltier, now therefore be it

Resolved by the Senate and House of Representatives:

That the General Assembly congratulates the record-breaking 2015 Mt. Anthony Union High School Patriots State and New England championship wrestling team, and be it further

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

H.C.R. 85.

House concurrent resolution congratulating Caitlin C. Gregg on winning a bronze medal at the FIS (International Ski Federation) Nordic World Ski Championships 2015

Offered by: Representatives Jewett of Ripton, Grad of Moretown, and Greshin of Warren

Whereas, prior to 2015, an American woman had never won a medal at a major international Nordic ski race, and

Whereas, Caitlin Gregg started her role as a Nordic skier as a sophomore at Harwood Union High School, and

Whereas, since 2001, she has competed in Nordic skiing events on the national and international levels, and

Whereas, Caitlin Gregg was honored to be named to the 2010 U.S. Winter Olympics team and placed a respectable sixth overall in the team sprint with Kikkan Randall, and

Whereas, at the FIS Nordic World Ski Championships 2015 held in Falun, Sweden, she wrote a new page in the history of American women's international Nordic skiing competition, and

Whereas, Caitlin Gregg won a bronze medal in the 10-kilometer freestyle race, establishing a new milestone for American women Nordic skiers, now therefore be it

Resolved by the Senate and House of Representatives:

That the General Assembly congratulates Caitlin Gregg on winning a bronze medal at the FIS (International Ski Federation) Nordic World Ski Championships 2015, and be it further

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

H.C.R. 86.

House concurrent resolution commemorating the 100th anniversary of the start of the Armenian Genocide

Offered by: Representatives Lenos of Shelburne and Greshin of Warren

Offered by: Senators Sears, Baruth, Balint, Benning, Campion, Collamore, Cummings, Flory, McCormack, Mullin, Pollina, Snelling, White, and Zuckerman

Whereas, from 1915 to 1923, the government of the Ottoman Empire persecuted and executed systematically an estimated 1.5 million Armenians, and

Whereas, this brutal mistreatment became known as the Armenian Genocide and, by 1923, it had resulted in the elimination of the Armenian population in Asia Minor and historic West Armenia, and

Whereas, the Armenian Genocide began on the night of April 24, 1915, when the Turkish government arrested more than 200 Armenian community leaders in Constantinople, the Ottoman Empire's capital city, and

Whereas, most of the prominent public figures of the Armenian community were summarily executed, and

Whereas, large numbers of Armenian civilians were forcibly deported to the Syrian desert, and many died either en route, at the hands of government-aligned gangs, or from dehydration and starvation in the desert, and

Whereas, in May 1915, the Allied Powers of France, Great Britain, and Russia issued a joint statement charging the government in Constantinople with committing crimes "against humanity and civilization," the first time a government-to-government charge of this type was issued, and

Whereas, it is estimated that, by 1918, the Ottoman Empire's brutal treatment of Armenians had resulted in the deaths of one million persons and made hundreds of thousands of others homeless and stateless refugees, and

Whereas, Raphael Lemkin, the initial drafter of the United Nations Convention on the Prevention and Punishment of the Crime of Genocide and the originator of the term "genocide," recognized the Armenian Genocide as the type of crime the United Nations should prevent through the establishment of international standards, and

Whereas, historians cite the Armenian Genocide as a forerunner of later human massacres, including the Holocaust, the Cambodian Killing Fields, Bosnia, Rwanda, and Darfur, and

Whereas, on April 24, 2004, Governor James Douglas issued a proclamation recognizing the Armenian Genocide on the 89th anniversary of its initiation, now therefore be it

Resolved by the Senate and House of Representatives:

That the General Assembly commemorates the 100th anniversary of the start of the Armenian Genocide, and be it further

Resolved: That the Secretary of State be directed to send a copy of this resolution to the Armenian National Committee of Vermont.

H.C.R. 87.

House concurrent resolution congratulating the 2015 Williamstown Blue Devils Division III championship boys' basketball team

Offered by: Representatives Graham of Williamstown, Davis of Washington, Condon of Colchester, Gage of Rutland City, and Hubert of Milton

Offered by: Senator MacDonald

Whereas, having won the Division III championship in four of the last five years, Williamstown was a strong contender to capture the title in 2015, and

Whereas, the Blue Devils played consistently high-caliber basketball throughout the regular season, meriting a No. 3 seed for playoff competition, and

Whereas, Williamstown defeated each of its playoff opponents, gaining entry to the Division III championship game in Barre against the No. 4 seated Rivendell Academy Raptors, a Williamstown playoff opponent for each of the prior three years, and

Whereas, although early in the contest the lead bounced back and forth, by the end of the third quarter, the Blue Devils were on top 54–45 and maintained the lead to win the game 76–65, bringing home a fourth consecutive Division III championship and completing a great 20–4 season, and

Whereas, the skilled Blue Devils were Dylan Hartman, Brandon Carrier, Jared Dwinell, Eric Hulbert, Ethan Sweet, Cody Waite, DJ Stone, Garret Poulin, Jason Premont, Hunter McLaughlin, Nathan Poulin, Connor Gerrish, Jordan Ashe, and Curtis Gauthier, and

Whereas, coach Jack Carrier, assistant coaches Jordan Bergeron and Adam Wheatley, and team managers Konnor Dexter, Evin Badore, Meghan Rafferty, and Riley Flowers were all critical personnel for the team, now therefore be it

Resolved by the Senate and House of Representatives:

That the General Assembly congratulates the 2015 Williamstown Blue Devils Division III championship boys' basketball team, and be it further

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

H.C.R. 88.

House concurrent resolution honoring Sandy Ware of Brattleboro for her creative leadership as a nursing home activities director

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

Whereas, recreational leadership has been central to Sandy Ware's life, starting from her teenage years as a Brattleboro Parks and Recreation employee, and

Whereas, Sandy Ware earned a degree in recreational therapy at Greenfield Community College, and

Whereas, her first professional position was at the former Brandon Training School, and she later worked at the Beverly Manor Convalescent Center in Rutland, and

Whereas, Sandy Ware returned to Brattleboro to begin 28 years of employment at Linden Lodge, the Brattleboro Retreat's nursing home, and

Whereas, although she at times directed volunteers and managed the gift shop, Sandy Ware's primary role and true passion was organizing activities for Linden Lodge residents, and

Whereas, her ideas for residents' activities could range from the bold, allowing experimenting with marijuana, which was rejected; the audacious, facilitating balloon rides, a proposal that won management's reluctant approval; and the personally risky, renting a pinball machine from the Mafia, a project for which Sandy Ware took full responsibility, and

Whereas, for the last eight years, Sandy Ware has served as activities director at the Thompson House in Brattleboro, where the desire to live an interesting life, even as a nursing home resident, was her paramount concern, and

Whereas, with this goal in mind, she established the "Dreams Happen" program, in which residents engaged in an activity they wished to experience before they died, such as hanging from a circus trapeze or riding a horse, and

Whereas, among the many group activities Sandy Ware organized were trips to fairs, camping excursions, the Taste of Brattleboro, and staging a small scale version of Strolling of the Heifers, and

Whereas, after a career devoted to making the lives of nursing home residents happier, Sandy Ware has now retired, now therefore be it

Resolved by the Senate and House of Representatives:

That the General Assembly honors Sandy Ware of Brattleboro for her creative leadership as a nursing home activities director, and be it further

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

S.C.R. 13.

Senate concurrent resolution congratulating Maple Grove Farms on its centennial anniversary

Whereas, for Vermonters and visitors alike, a favorite embodiment of Vermont is Maple Grove Farms in St. Johnsbury, the purveyor of maple products of all types, and

Whereas, in 1915, Helen Gray, a home economics student at Columbia University, was back in St. Johnsbury on summer break, and

Whereas, following the advice of her professors to try out at home the things they were learning in the classroom, Helen, with the assistance of her mother, Katherine, and a friend, Ethel McLaren, experimented with maple sugar and, using their own recipes, they developed a delicious maple candy, and

Whereas, their first customer was Mrs. Henry Fairbanks of the famous St. Johnsbury family, and the candy's popularity led to the conversion of a shed on the Gray property into a maple kitchen, and

Whereas, within four years, this home business had been transformed into a corporation, and Katherine Gray purchased an old mansion, converting it into a factory for making candy and other maple products, and

Whereas, Katherine Gray also operated a maple-themed restaurant and retail store in New York City, and

Whereas, the Portland Street factory building, now home to Maple Grove Farms, was constructed in 1926 as a facility to manufacture block maple to flavor cigars, and

Whereas, the headquarters complex features a sugar house museum and the popular red-roofed Cabin Gift Shop, and

Whereas, the hard-working employees of Maple Grove Farms produce tens of millions of dollars' worth of food products each year, and

Whereas, Maple Grove Farms is now proud to be the nation's largest packer of pure maple syrup, one of the largest producers of maple candies, and a national producer of gourmet salad dressings, and

Whereas, in 2015, Maple Grove Farms is observing 100 years since three St. Johnsbury women's maple candy experiment launched a successful, and still thriving, Northeast Kingdom business icon, *now therefore be it*

Resolved by the Senate and House of Representatives:

That the General Assembly congratulates Maple Grove Farms on its centennial anniversary, and be it further

Resolved: That the Secretary of State be directed to send a copy of this resolution to Maple Grove Farms.

S.C.R. 14.

Senate concurrent resolution congratulating Matt Lorman on his selection as 2015 Down Under Sports cross country runner.

Whereas, competitive cross country runners dedicate innumerable hours, regardless of the weather conditions, to pounding the roadways and trails in pursuit of a quicker pace and greater endurance, and

Whereas, Rutland High School sophomore Matt Lorman is an exciting runner on the high school cross country scene, and

Whereas, six years ago, Matt Lorman, then ten years of age, wearing untied high-top sneakers, entered his first race, covering a 10k (6.2 mile) course from Proctor to Rutland, and

Whereas, this novice and extremely young runner started the race with no expectation of a great result and, in fact, his parents, Jackie and Keith Lorman, riding in their car, shadowed him along the entire way, and

Whereas, perhaps to his amazement, Matt Lorman set a record that day, and the sport of running assumed a central place in his life, and

Whereas, since that eventful day, he has won many medals and ribbons and continues to set records, and

Whereas, although Matt Lorman did play football, he soon hung up his cleats, recognizing that running was his passion and that he desired to devote all of his athletic talent and strength to improving his status as a competitive runner, and

Whereas, news of his consistently speedy finishes on race courses has spread far beyond Vermont to the Down Under Sports organization in Utah

that organizes groups of American athletes to compete in Australia, Hawaii, and New Zealand, and

Whereas, Down Under Sports has selected Matt Lorman as one of 200 young American runners to compete on its USA Cross Country team in July of 2015 in Australia, and

Whereas, Matt Lorman is now engaged in a vigorous regimen of physical training and a restricted diet, as well as fundraising in anticipation of traveling to Australia this July, *now therefore be it*

Resolved by the Senate and House of Representatives:

That the General Assembly congratulates Matt Lorman on his selection as a 2015 Down Under Sports cross country runner, *and be it further*

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