

CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

ADDENDUM

TO THE

HOUSE CALENDAR

**Text of House Concurrent
Resolutions**

of

April 2, 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. 89.

House concurrent resolution congratulating Aliah Curry on her record breaking career on the Norwich University women's basketball team

Offered by: Representatives Hebert of Vernon, Donahue of Northfield, Lewis of Berlin, Grad of Moretown, Branagan of Georgia, Cupoli of Rutland City, Fiske of Enosburgh, Gamache of Swanton, and Juskiewicz of Cambridge

Offered by: Senators Collamore, Cummings, Doyle, McAllister, and Pollina

Whereas, from an early age, Norwich University senior and health sciences major Aliah Curry was destined for greatness on the basketball court, and

Whereas, Aliah Curry began playing organized basketball at eight years of age, and she later excelled in American Athletic Union competition, and

Whereas, while attending Wahconah Regional High School in Windsor, Massachusetts, she captained the basketball team for two years, leading her squad to several regional championships and a state semifinalist playoff appearance, and

Whereas, Aliah also twice captained her high school's soccer team, and

Whereas, throughout her years at Norwich, Aliah Curry's prowess on the hardwood floor was phenomenal and record setting, and

Whereas, starting as a freshman, she played on the varsity team and on three occasions was named the Great Northeast Athletic Conference (GNAC) Rookie-of-the-Week, and

Whereas, on February 2, 2013, in a game against Anna Maria College, Aliah Curry became the first GNAC woman's basketball player to reach the 1,000 point mark as a sophomore, and

Whereas, not surprisingly, Aliah Curry, based on her leadership and skill, was selected as a team captain in both her junior and senior years, and

Whereas, on January 6, 2015, in a game once again against Anna Maria College, Aliah Curry scored her 1,905th point, setting a record for a woman basketball player in the GNAC, and

Whereas, then on January 24, 2015, in a contest against Johnson and Wales University, Aliah Curry became the first Norwich or GNAC women's basketball player to score her 2,000th point, and

Whereas, she concluded her career with 2,267 points, the highest for either a male or female Norwich basketball player, and

Whereas, while breaking scoring records, Aliah Curry's classroom performance earned her repeated placement on the GNAC and New England Women's Basketball Association honor rolls, now therefore be it

Resolved by the Senate and House of Representatives:

That the General Assembly congratulates Aliah Curry on her record breaking career on the Norwich University women's basketball team and wishes her every future success, and be it further

Resolved: That the Secretary of State be directed to send a copy of this resolution to Aliah Curry and to the Norwich University Athletics Department.

H.C.R. 90.

House concurrent resolution recognizing the centennial anniversary of the Vermont Workers' Compensation Act

Offered by: Representatives Botzow of Pownal, Marcotte of Coventry, Kitzmiller of Montpelier, Baser of Bristol, Carr of Brandon, Dakin of Colchester, O'Sullivan of Burlington, Parent of St. Albans City, Scheuermann of Stowe, Sibilia of Dover, and Stuart of Brattleboro

Offered by: Senators Sirotkin, Baruth, MacDonald, and Mullin

Whereas, at the turn of the 20th century, the impact of work-related injuries was of great concern to labor and management, and

Whereas, other states had begun to adopt a Workers' Compensation system to address these difficulties, and

Whereas, in 1910, the Senate proposed to amend the Vermont Constitution to grant the General Assembly the authority "to pass laws compelling compensation for injuries received by employees in the course of their employment" that became effective in 1913 as Article 35 (Vt. Const. Ch. II, § 70), and

Whereas, in 1915, through a grand compromise between labor and management, a no fault insurance program of Workers' Compensation, 1915

Acts and Resolves No. 164 (the Act), was adopted, giving workers access to prompt medical attention and wage replacement for their work-related injuries, and, in exchange, employers were granted immunity from personal injury civil lawsuits, and

Whereas, the Act eliminated three common law barriers (fellow workman's rule, the doctrine of implied risk, and contributory negligence) to the ability of injured employees to receive prompt payment for their work-related injuries, and

Whereas, in exchange, for prompt payment without proof of negligence, employers avoided the expense of paying attorney's fees to defend personal injury lawsuits, and

Whereas, over the past 100 years, thousands of injured workers have received, pursuant to the Vermont Workers' Compensation Act, help in treating their injuries and assistance in returning to regular gainful employment, and

Whereas, the Act has evolved over the past century to reflect the changing nature of work in Vermont, and

Whereas, 2015 is the centennial anniversary of the Act, and this legal milestone will be recognized in the *Vermont Bar Journal*, outreach to local schools, and a celebratory event in Montpelier on September 15, 2015, now therefore be it

Resolved by the Senate and House of Representatives:

That the General Assembly recognizes the centennial anniversary of the Vermont Workers' Compensation Act, and be it further

Resolved: That the Secretary of State be directed to send a copy of this resolution to Commissioner of Labor Annie Noonan, to the Vermont State Labor Council, the AFL-CIO, and to the Associated Industries of Vermont.

H.C.R. 91.

House concurrent resolution congratulating Alexander (AJ) Ginnis on winning a bronze medal in the men's slalom at the 2015 Junior World Championships

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

Whereas, AJ Ginnis has lived an unusual life centered in large measure on alpine skiing, and

Whereas, he was born in Greece and grew up on Parnassos Mountain, where his father operated a ski school, and

Whereas, during the second winter of his life, his parents put him on skis, and his love of the sport was soon sealed, and

Whereas, as a teenager, his family relocated to Waitsfield, in order that AJ could attend the ski racing program at the Green Mountain Valley School, and

Whereas, after graduating, he was nominated to the U.S. Ski team, and

Whereas, AJ Ginnis is a member of the U.S. Men's Alpine team and the 2014–2015 Europa Cup Tech team, and

Whereas, the skiing experts have acknowledged AJ Ginnis's fantastic skiing skill as he is now ranked as the top under 21 years of age U.S. male slalom and giant slalom skier, and

Whereas, a memorable highlight of AJ Ginnis's current ski racing season was winning a bronze medal in the slalom at the 2015 Junior World Championships in Hafjell, Norway, and

Whereas, AJ Ginnis has also set high academic goals, having been admitted to Dartmouth College where he intends to study after a temporary deferral for skiing competition, now therefore be it

Resolved by the Senate and House of Representatives:

That the General Assembly congratulates Alexander (AJ) Ginnis on winning a bronze medal in the men's slalom at the 2015 Junior World Championships, and be it further

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

H.C.R. 92.

House concurrent resolution designating March as Women's History Month in Vermont

Offered by: Representatives Burke of Brattleboro, Batchelor of Derby, Krowinski of Burlington, Devereux of Mount Holly, Jerman of Essex, Berry of Manchester, Buxton of Tunbridge, Carr of Brandon, Chesnut-Tangerman of Middletown Springs, Clarkson of Woodstock, Dakin of Colchester, Dickinson of St. Albans Town, Eastman of Orwell, Evans of Essex, French of Randolph, Gonzalez of Winooski, Haas of Rochester, Johnson of South Hero, Lippert of Hinesburg, Long of Newfane, Lucke of Hartford, Manwaring of Wilmington, McFaun of Barre Town, Morrissey of Bennington, Potter of Clarendon, Pugh of South Burlington, Rachelson of Burlington, Russell of Rutland City, Savage

of Swanton, Sharpe of Bristol, Sibia of Dover, Stevens of Waterbury, Stuart of Brattleboro, Sweaney of Windsor, and Troiano of Stannard

Whereas, important Vermont women's history milestones have occurred at the State House, and

Whereas, in October 1852, Townshend native Clarina Howard Nichols, a journalist and prominent advocate for women's rights, addressed the General Assembly, proposing that women be granted greater citizenship rights, including school board suffrage, and

Whereas, although her pleading was not met with a positive response, Clarina Howard Nichols set the path for Chelsea resident Edna Beard's election in 1920 as Vermont's first female State representative, just three months following the adoption of the 19th Amendment to the U.S. Constitution, granting women the right to vote, and

Whereas, in 1953, the House elected Consuelo Bailey as its first woman Speaker, and Vermonters selected her as the nation's first woman Lieutenant Governor in 1954, and

Whereas, in 1984, the state's electorate took the next step, electing Madeleine Kunin as Vermont's first woman governor, and

Whereas, each of these pioneering political women inspired other women to seek public office or leadership roles in other fields, and

Whereas, understanding the work, passion, and brilliance of these women preserves the legacy they established, and

Whereas, in 2004, the Vermont Commission on Women established the Vermont Women's History Project that is now under the auspices of the Vermont Historical Society, and

Whereas, on March 11, 2015, in observance of Women's History Month, the Vermont Historical Society and the Vermont Commission on Women held a forum at which the provocative question was posed, "Do we still need women's history?", and

Whereas, at this forum, three esteemed historians discussed the evolving perception of women's history during the past half century, now therefore be it

Resolved by the Senate and House of Representatives:

That the General Assembly designates March as Women's History Month in Vermont, and be it further

Resolved: That the Secretary of State be directed to send a copy of this resolution to the Vermont Historical Society and the Vermont Commission on Women.

H.C.R. 93.

House concurrent resolution designating April 2015 as the Month of the Military Child in Vermont

Offered by: Representatives Head of South Burlington, Gonzalez of Winooski, Lucke of Hartford, Morrissey of Bennington, Savage of Swanton, Stevens of Waterbury, Tate of Mendon, and Walz of Barre City

Whereas, in a state like Vermont, where there are no military bases to connect them, military children and youth can be invisible to coaches, teachers, and the community, and

Whereas, military personnel are relocated frequently, and moving can result in both academic and social challenges for the children of military personnel, and

Whereas, regardless of their grade, military children entering a new school system must adjust to different and possibly incompatible curriculums, become acquainted with new surroundings, and form new friendships, and

Whereas, Vermont is one of the states that has ratified the Interstate Compact on Educational Opportunity for Military Children to address the academic aspects of military children's continuous relocations, and

Whereas, nationwide, Operation Military Kids (OMK), which in Vermont is administered through the University of Vermont Extension and its 4-H program, helps these kids adjust to situations that other children do not experience, and

Whereas, for 2014, the Vermont OMK office reported that 119 volunteers contributed 770 hours working with OMK youngsters and that 33 support programs reached 437 military children, and

Whereas, OMK is also an information service for the broader community, offering "Ready, Set, Go" trainings about the effect on children of parental deployments and general information sessions on OMK programs, and

Whereas, military parents whose children participate in OMK have responded

favorably to the program's impact on their children's lives, and

Whereas, local OMK children, along with Vermont OMK Coordinator staff at the University of Vermont Extension, are visiting the State House today, March 31, 2015, and

Whereas, nationally, April marks the nation's "Month of the Military Child," a time to honor those youth military deployment has affected, now therefore be it

Resolved by the Senate and House of Representatives:

That the General Assembly designates April 2015 as the month of the military child in Vermont, and be it further

Resolved: That the Secretary of State be directed to send a copy of this resolution to Operation Military Kids at the University of Vermont Extension.

H.C.R. 94.

House concurrent resolution congratulating the 2014 Proctor High School Phantoms Division IV championship girls' soccer team

Offered by: Representatives Potter of Clarendon, Burditt of West Rutland, Canfield of Fair Haven, Carr of Brandon, Chesnut-Tangerman of Middletown Springs, Cupoli of Rutland City, Devereux of Mount Holly, Eastman of Orwell, Fagan of Rutland City, Gage of Rutland City, Haas of Rochester, Helm of Fair Haven, McCoy of Poultney, Russell of Rutland City, Shaw of Pittsford, Tate of Mendon, and Terenzini of Rutland Town

Whereas, prior to the fall of 2014, the Proctor High School Phantoms girls' soccer team had won two Division IV championships in the previous three years, and

Whereas, this past fall's squad was once again determined to bring home a divisional title, and

Whereas, No. 3-seeded Proctor played skillfully on offense and defense all season long and in the playoffs, as it once again earned a coveted spot in the championship game held at Whitcomb High School in Bethel, where the challenging Arlington Eagles were the opponent, and

Whereas, the game began with Arlington scoring the first goal, a deficit the Phantoms soon remedied, and although a second half two-all tie was on the scoreboard briefly, Proctor then took command, winning the game 4-2 and the 2014 Division IV championship, and

Whereas, these talented girls' soccer Phantoms included Hannah Ashby, Megan Elrick, Mackenzie Hickey, Maddison French, Brittany Gates, Morgan Anderson, Abby McKearin, Olivia Valerio, Courtney Currier, Alexis Bride, Reilly Duggan, Erin Flanders, Lucy George, Gwyneth Jackson, Elisabeth Tate,

Maxine Tilden, Sierra Thornton, Alexandra Lear, Erica May, Arielle Oechsle, Meredith Parker, Emma Shaw, Grace Tate, and Isabel Valerio, and

Whereas, coach Albert Abdelnour, assistant coach Scott French, and manager Kayla Eugair each was a great supporter of the team, now therefore be it

Resolved by the Senate and House of Representatives:

That the General Assembly congratulates the 2014 Proctor High School Phantoms Division IV girls' soccer team, and be it further

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

H.C.R. 95.

House concurrent resolution congratulating the Cabot School on winning the Teach for the Planet Innovation Challenge

Offered by: Representative Toll of Danville

Offered by: Senators Cummings, Doyle, and Pollina

Whereas, the importance of science education in this era of constantly advancing technology is undeniable, and

Whereas, energy efficiency is intended to conserve limited resources, and

Whereas, despite its small size, the Cabot School offers its students a variety of academic enrichment opportunities, and

Whereas, an example of this specialized course menu is the school's Advanced Placement (AP) Environmental Science class, and

Whereas, Michael Hendrix, the course instructor, submitted an energy efficiency class project proposal to DonorsChoose.org to design the lighting for the joint Twinfield Union High School–Cabot School production of *Lillian: A Folk Opera (Lillian)*, and

Whereas, through DonorsChoose.org, the class secured material to examine energy use, electricity, and efficiency, and

Whereas, the outstanding AP Environmental Studies students who participated in this exciting project included Tyler Abbott, Seth W. Herrick-Trombley, Brittany Houghton, Ian X. Lewis, Caleb Maxfield, Galadriel Morse, Madeline Morse, John Ian Nally, William Nally, Clementine O'Connor, Mark Schumacher, and Lyrica S. Stelle, and

Whereas, following its examination, the class created light sculptures for placement on the set of *Lillian*, reducing the show's electric power needs, and

Whereas, several middle school students, Ben Carpenter, Mia Preston, Mason Ecklund-Gustavson, Billie O'Connor, and Isabel Maine-Torres, as part of the *Lillian* technical crew, installed and operated the sculptures, and

Whereas, although this endeavor was a great educational experience for the participating students, their hard work was rewarded in a totally unexpected way, and

Whereas, DonorsChoose.org selected the Cabot School's energy efficiency project as one of three national finalists for the organization's Teach for the Planet Innovation Challenge, and

Whereas, based on a popular vote, the Cabot School was declared the winner, and the prize was a \$10,000 grant to purchase new science equipment for the school that will greatly enhance the school's science curriculum, now therefore be it

Resolved by the Senate and House of Representatives:

That the General Assembly congratulates the Cabot School on winning the Teach for the Planet Innovation Challenge, and be it further

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

H.C.R. 96.

House concurrent resolution congratulating the 2015 Proctor High School Phantoms Division IV championship boys' basketball team

Offered by: Representatives Potter of Clarendon, Burditt of West Rutland, Canfield of Fair Haven, Carr of Brandon, Chesnut-Tangerman of Middletown Springs, Cupoli of Rutland City, Devereux of Mount Holly, Eastman of Orwell, Fagan of Rutland City, Gage of Rutland City, Haas of Rochester, Helm of Fair Haven, McCoy of Poultney, Russell of Rutland City, Shaw of Pittsford, Tate of Mendon, and Terenzini of Rutland Town

Whereas, the 2014–2015 Proctor boys' basketball team will be remembered for its resiliency and willingness to pursue a victory until the last possible moment, and perhaps even a little bit longer, and

Whereas, the Phantoms took to the basketball court this season with a strong squad that proved one of Division IV's most capable, and

Whereas, Proctor demonstrated its worth during each succeeding playoff round as it dribbled and shot its way into the 2015 Division IV championship game at the Barre Auditorium, where its opponent was The Sharon Academy, and

Whereas, the Phantoms were behind 55–49 with 1:26 in regulation play, tied the score just before the final buzzer, and then, despite trailing 66–61 late in the overtime period, bounced back to win the game 70–66 and bring home the 2015 Division IV boys’ basketball championship, and

Whereas, the Proctor boys who kept on rebounding from seemingly certain defeat were Reid Farley, Tyler Goodhue, Curtis Tomlinson, Nick Swane, Kyle Miles, Braedon Fox, Gannon McKearin, Nick Ojala, Logan Landon, Joe Parker, Andre Greb, Derek Almond, and Matt Okerman, and

Whereas, coach Jake Eaton and assistant coach Rick Eaton encouraged the team to play its best, now therefore be it

Resolved by the Senate and House of Representatives:

That the General Assembly congratulates the 2015 Proctor High School Phantoms Division IV championship boys’ basketball team, and be it further

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

H.C.R. 97.

House concurrent resolution congratulating the 2015 Woodstock Union High School Wasps Division II championship boys’ basketball team

Offered by: Representatives Clarkson of Woodstock, Tate of Mendon, and Zagar of Barnard

Offered by: Senators Campbell, McCormack, and Nitka

Whereas, as recently as 2011–2012, the Woodstock Wasps were only 7–14, but during the following two seasons, they showed marked improvement, breaking the critical 50 percent barrier with an 11–10 record in 2012–2013, and playing even better in 2013–2014 finishing 16–7, and reaching the semifinal playoff round, and

Whereas, the 2014–2015 Wasps remained undefeated throughout the regular season, and, as the No. 1 seed, continued triumphantly into the Division II championship game against Enosburg Falls High School, and

Whereas, at the decisive game in Barre, the Wasps fell behind by a score of 5–12 early on but quickly surmounted that shortfall, and despite a slight 56–54 lead with only 2:03 remaining of regulation play, the Wasps ignited for a final surge to win the game 65–56 and clinch the Division II championship, and

Whereas, this first Woodstock divisional championship boys’ basketball squad since 1999, and the first undefeated in half a century, included Hunter McDonough, Dylan McDonough, Riley Powers, Nehemiah Wood, Mason

Thompson, Kurt Ryder, Jack Arthur, Alex Crompton, Patrick Dugan, Curran MacDonald, Teo Simpson, Chris Townley, Connor Fegard, Ray Kurek, and Lucas Godfrey, and

Whereas, coach Jeff Thomas, junior varsity coach Tom Avellino, assistant coach Dave Doubleday, statistician-scorekeeper Andy Cole, clock monitor Terry Harlow, and team manager Ryan McLiverty all contributed to the Wasps' perfect season, now therefore be it

Resolved by the Senate and House of Representatives:

That the General Assembly congratulates the 2015 Woodstock Union High School Wasps Division II championship boys' basketball team, and be it further

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

H.C.R. 98.

House concurrent resolution recognizing the American Traffic Safety Services Association and its Foundation for their outstanding public awareness, education, and training programs with respect to safety in highway work zones and designating March 30–April 3, 2015, as Vermont Work Zone Awareness Week

Offered by: House Committee on Transportation

Offered by: Senate Committee on Transportation

Whereas, every day, workers maintaining and repairing our nation's roads and bridges are exposed to possible injury and death, and

Whereas, in 2013, over 32,000 people were killed on our nation's highways, and 579 of those killed, died while working in highway work zones, and

Whereas, the Vermont comparable highway casualties in 2013 were 43 killed, and one of these persons died while working in a highway work zone, and

Whereas, the Foundation of the American Traffic Safety Services Association (ATSSA) in Fredericksburg, Virginia, has created a traveling National Wall of Remembrance for Roadway Workers to heighten the public's awareness that too many highway workers die in the performance of their duties, and

Whereas, sadly, the wall currently lists 610 names of highway workers who perished while on duty, and every year more names are added, and

Whereas, the ATSSA, several local contractors, and the Associated General Contractors of Vermont have arranged for the wall's visit to Vermont this week, now therefore be it

Resolved by the Senate and House of Representatives:

That the General Assembly recognizes the American Traffic Safety Services Association and its Foundation for its outstanding public awareness, education, and training programs with respect to safety in highway work, and be it further

Resolved: That the General Assembly designates the week of March 30–April 3, 2015, as Vermont zones Work Zone Awareness Week, and be it further

Resolved: That the Secretary of State be directed to send a copy of this resolution to the American Traffic Safety Services Association and to the Secretary of Transportation, Sue Minter.