

**CONCURRENT RESOLUTION**

**ADDENDUM**

**TO THE**

**HOUSE CALENDAR**

**Text of House Concurrent  
Resolutions**

**of**

**April 30, 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. 140.**

House concurrent resolution congratulating Lucinda Storz on winning the 2015 Vermont State Spelling Bee

Offered by: Representatives Lawrence of Lyndon, Feltus of Lyndon, and Quimby of Concord

Offered by: Senators Benning and Kitchel

Whereas, since she was a first-grader, Lucy Storz has developed a proficiency for spelling unusual and seldom-used words, and

Whereas, each year, Lucy Storz dedicates five to six months to practicing her spelling skills, and

Whereas, her motivation to master the correct letter order of seldom-recited English language gems is to advance in the State Spelling Bee's standings and ultimately to represent Vermont at the National Spelling Bee in Washington, D.C., and

Whereas, Lucy Storz represented the Lyndon Town School as its school spelling champion as a first- and second-grader, certainly an unusual distinction in which she can take great pride, and

Whereas, on transferring to the Thaddeus Stevens School in third grade, she continued her reign as her school's spelling champion and, as a fifth-grader, she won the runner-up placement at the State Spelling Bee, and

Whereas, with this impressive history of spelling mastery, Lucy Storz was more than ready to meet the challenges of the 2015 State Spelling Bee, and

Whereas, when Vermont's best young spellers met at St. Michael's College for the 2015 State Spelling Bee, they were asked to spell words that many adults have never encountered, and

Whereas, among the more unusual of the 43 words Lucy spelled correctly were caballero, gymkhana, ipecac, kibe, kuchen, panzer, poltergeist, raita, topeng, and virgule, and

Whereas, Lucy Storz outlasted all of the other contestants, and the judges declared her the 2015 Vermont State Spelling Bee champion, and

Whereas, after a half-dozen years of perseverance and keeping her mind set on a special goal, Lucy Storz took home her long-cherished prize, and

Whereas, Lucy Storz is now anticipating her participation in the 2015 National Spelling Bee in Washington, D.C., now therefore be it

Resolved by the Senate and House of Representatives:

That the General Assembly congratulates Lucinda Storz on winning the 2015 Vermont State Spelling Bee and wishes her every success in the forthcoming 2015 National Spelling Bee, and be it further

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

#### **H.C.R. 141.**

House concurrent resolution commemorating the centennial anniversary of the legislative establishment of Vermont town forests

Offered by: All Members of the House

Offered by: All Members of the Senate

Whereas, in 1915, the General Assembly recognized that municipally owned forests (Vermont town forests) would both protect important natural resources and provide revenue for towns, and

Whereas, to meet these objectives, the General Assembly enacted 1915 Acts and Resolves No. 24, "An Act to Provide for School Endowment Forests," and

Whereas, Vermont town forests produce wood products, maintain wildlife habitat, protect water supplies, provide forest recreation, and are a resource for conservation education, and

Whereas, in 2015, 168 municipalities own town forests constituting 68,000 acres of land, and

Whereas, Vermont town forests may also be designated as watershed forests, community forests, school forests, town conservation areas, and town parks, and

Whereas, these woodland acres greatly enhance our communities and quality of life through their provision of social, ecological, and economic benefits, and

Whereas, town forests can drive economic and community development, and

Whereas, the Department of Forests, Parks and Recreation, and especially its county foresters, as well as regional and municipal planners, other forestry specialists, and local volunteers are the stewards and champions of Vermont town forests, and

Whereas, during the past century, town forest stewardship has created a culture and opportunity for Vermont's communities to create, manage, and enjoy these municipally owned woodlands, now therefore, be it

Resolved by the Senate and House of Representatives:

That the General Assembly commemorates the centennial anniversary of the legislative establishment of Vermont town forests. and be it further

Resolved: That the Secretary of State be directed to send a copy of this resolution to the members of the Vermont Town Forest Centennial Planning Committee; the Vermont League of Cities and Towns; the Vermont Association of Conservation Districts; the Green Mountain National Forest; the Secretary of Natural Resources; the Commissioner of Environmental Conservation; the Commissioner of Fish and Wildlife; and the Commissioner of Forests, Parks and Recreation.

#### **H.C.R. 142.**

House concurrent resolution congratulating the 2014 Richford High School Rockets Division III girls' championship softball team

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

Offered by: Senators Degree, McAllister, Rodgers, and Starr

Whereas, the Richford Rockets softball team has long aspired to a championship crown, having last brought home a State title in 1981, and

Whereas, the 2014 Rockets were among the most talented softball players in recent Richford High School athletic history, and

Whereas, with only two defeats during regular season play, the team's playoff prospects were encouraging, and

Whereas, having advanced through each playoff round, Richford earned a berth in the Division III championship game in Poultney against Green Mountain Union High School, and

Whereas, despite an early 2–0 Rocket deficit, a Richford runner crossed home plate three times in both the fourth and fifth innings as the team from Franklin County clinched the 2014 Division III championship with a 6–3 victory, and

Whereas, the delighted Rockets, who finished the 2014 season with an overall 16–2 record, were Sadie Fuller, Christina Stryker, Morgan McAllister, Allie O’Brien, Marijella Collins, Melanie Godin, Alexandria Benoit, Amanda Cunningham, Sarah Doe, Hannah Gleason, Cassie Sheltra, Melissa Hango, and Erika Snider, and

Whereas, coach Jennifer Gross, assistant coach Irissa Choquette, and bookkeeper Julie Gleason each made an important contribution to the season, now therefore be it

Resolved by the Senate and House of Representatives:

That the General Assembly congratulates the 2014 Richford Rockets Division III championship softball team, and be it further

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

#### **H.C.R. 143.**

House concurrent resolution congratulating the 2014 Richford Division IV girls’ track and field team

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

Offered by: Senators Degree, McAllister, Rodgers, and Starr

Whereas, having won its first Division IV title in 2013, the Richford High School girls’ track and field team was motivated to repeat this achievement in 2014, and

Whereas, when the team traveled south to Green Mountain Union High School for the Division IV meet, the Rockets faced 10 other teams equally determined to be crowned the 2014 Division IV champion, and

Whereas, Richford was well prepared for this multiple-event meet, as the Rockets earned eight first-place finishes, and

Whereas, a sample of the events that Richford athletes won were the 400-meter run, the 200 and 300 hurdles, and the 4x400 relay, and

Whereas, this catch of first places resulted in Richford easily surpassing second-place Northfield High School 140–106 and bringing home the Rockets’ second consecutive Division IV girls’ track and field championship, and

Whereas, these skilled athletes included Melissa Hango, Katie Gesser, Alexzandria McWilliams, Leah Russin, Rebekah Longley, Sierra Archambault, Krista Messier, Isaiah Lamos, Breana Kane, Emma Marchessault, Gabby Coons, Sabrina Young, Alexis Mayhew, Allie O’Brien, Marijella Collins, Stephanie Griffin, Vanessa Archambault, Taylor Paquette, Samantha Firth, Juliette Boone, and Bailey Brunelle, and

Whereas, coach Richard Flint and assistant coaches Tina Lamos and Lisa Hango inspired the team to excel throughout the 2014 track and field season, now therefore be it

Resolved by the Senate and House of Representatives:

That the General Assembly congratulates the 2014 Richford Division IV girls’ track and field team, and be it further

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

#### **H.C.R. 144.**

House concurrent resolution congratulating Jessica Diggins on winning a silver medal at the FIS (International Ski Federation) Nordic World Ski Championships 2015

Offered by: Representatives Jewett of Ripton and Olsen of Londonderry

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

Whereas, Jessie Diggins was born in Minnesota, but, as a skier, she has trained at Stratton Mountain, and she is a member of the Stratton Mountain School’s SMS T2 elite Nordic ski team, and

Whereas, as part of a duo-member team with Kikkan Randall, she won a gold medal at the FIS (International Ski Federation) Nordic World Ski Championships 2013, and

Whereas, Jessie Diggins was honored to be named to the 2014 U.S. Winter Olympics team and placed a respectable eighth in the 15-kilometer skiathlon, 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, Jessie Diggins won a silver medal in the 10-kilometer freestyle race, representing our nation and her sport with skill, speed, and grace, now therefore be it

Resolved by the Senate and House of Representatives:

That the General Assembly congratulates Jessica Diggins on winning a silver 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 Jessica Diggins and to the Stratton Mountain School.

#### **H.C.R. 145.**

House concurrent resolution in memory of *Hardwick Gazette* sports editor Dave Morse

Offered by: Representatives Troiano of Stannard, Batchelor of Derby, Beck of St. Johnsbury, Berry of Manchester, French of Randolph, Haas of Rochester, Lefebvre of Newark, Martel of Waterford, Strong of Albany, Toll of Danville, Walz of Barre City, Willhoit of St. Johnsbury, and Zagar of Barnard

Whereas, a sports reporter is typically an objective chronicler of athletic competition and not a boaster of the athletes the writer is covering, and

Whereas, for the late Dave Morse, the beloved sports editor of the *Hardwick Gazette*, this professional mantra was modified, and

Whereas, his printed and digital prose reflected the highest standards of sports journalism, but his caring, nurturing, and parental or, more accurately, grandfatherly concern for the Hazen Union students was endearing, and

Whereas, the young athletes returned the affection and admiration, and many enduring friendships ensued, some lasting many years after an athlete had graduated, and

Whereas, Dave Morse was born in Morrisville and decided as a camper at Camp Abnaki that he was a sports writer, a prescient decision, and

Whereas, he polished his reportorial skills covering athletic events at Waterbury High School and relaying scores to the local media, and

Whereas, after attending Burdett Business College in Boston, Dave Morse returned home, accepting a sportswriter's post at the Barre *Times-Argus*, and then serving as the sports editor first at the *Springfield Reporter* and then at the *Rutland Herald*, and

Whereas, although high school sports was a primary beat, he traveled to the 1968 Winter Olympics in Grenoble, France, for the *Rutland Herald*, and

Whereas, Dave Morse had a big-city experience as a public relations specialist in New York before the *Hardwick Gazette* lured him home in 1994 to become its sports editor, a match that was ideal, and

Whereas, aside from covering the high school sports scene, Dave Morse regularly reported on Thunder Road and the Vermont Mountaineers, and

Whereas, Dave Morse won numerous local and regional honors, but no recognition was more important to him than the dedication of the 2006 Hazen Union yearbook in his honor and the school's 2014 Dave Morse night, and

Whereas, in a memorial remembrance, the *Hardwick Gazette* featured a sports page filled with tributes from former Hazen Union students and veteran Vermont journalist Mike Donoghue, now therefore be it

Resolved by the Senate and House of Representatives:

That the General Assembly extends its sincere condolences to the family and many friends of Dave Morse, and be it further

Resolved: That the Secretary of State be directed to send a copy of this resolution to Dave Morse's sister, brother, the *Hardwick Gazette*, and Hazen Union High School.

**H.C.R. 146.**

House concurrent resolution welcoming the North East Food and Drug Officials Association to Vermont for its 104th annual meeting

Offered by: Representative Macaig of Williston

Whereas, the New England Food and Drug Officials Association (NEFDOA) was established in 1911, and

Whereas, NEFDOA's mission is "To protect and provide for the public health through education, training, promotion of current public health principles, and through uniformity in the promulgation and enforcement of food and drug laws and regulations," and

Whereas, the original New England states membership was expanded in 1991 to include the Canadian provinces of New Brunswick, Newfoundland, Nova Scotia, Prince Edward Island, and Quebec, resulting in the substitution of North East for New England in the organization's name, and, more recently, New York and Ontario were added to the organization's membership, and



Whereas, NEFDOA is one of six regional affiliates of the Association of Food and Drug Officials, a national organization with a similar public health mission, and

Whereas, in 2011, NEFDOA celebrated its centennial anniversary, and

Whereas, in 2015, NEFDOA will convene its 104th annual meeting in Burlington on May 6–8, 2015, at the Sheraton Burlington Hotel and Conference Center, and

Whereas, NEFDOA's current officers are Lisa Roy of Maine (president), Elisabeth Wirsing of Vermont (president-elect), Michael Moore of Massachusetts (vice president), Joyce Welch of New Hampshire (past president), and Mary Yebba of Massachusetts (secretary), and

Whereas, in addition to the organization's officers, NEFDOA's board of directors includes Ron Rose of Connecticut and Gene Blake of New Hampshire (as representatives-at-large); the directors of state and provincial drug programs in the member jurisdictions; the heads of federal departments charged with enforcement of food, drug, cosmetic devices, or product safety laws; Darby Greco of New York (regional affiliate director); and Nicole Bouchard-Steeves (representing the Canadian Food Inspection Agency) and Darren Leyte (representing Health Canada), and

Whereas, Patricia Kaczynski of Connecticut is NEFDOA's executive director, having succeeded Gene Blake, now therefore be it

Resolved by the Senate and House of Representatives:

That the General Assembly welcomes the North East Food and Drug Officials Association to Vermont for its 104th annual meeting, and be it further

Resolved: That the Secretary of State be directed to send a copy of this resolution to the North East Food and Drug Officials Association.

#### **H.C.R. 147.**

House concurrent resolution honoring retired Winooski Police Chief Stephen J. McQueen for his exemplary law enforcement leadership

Offered by: Representatives Bissonnette of Winooski, Gonzalez of Winooski, Evans of Essex, Jerman of Essex, Lippert of Hinesburg, and Myers of Essex

Whereas, Stephen McQueen's first law enforcement employment was as a St. Johnsbury police officer, and

Whereas, after completing an associate's degree at Lyndon State College, he attended a police personnel management course at Iona College and, in 2006, earned a bachelor's degree from Champlain College, and

Whereas, for several years, Stephen McQueen served at the Lamoille County Sheriff's Department, rising to the rank of Chief Deputy Sheriff, and

Whereas, in January 1984, Stephen McQueen began a 30-year association with the City of Winooski's police department and, while a sergeant, served as acting chief, and

Whereas, in January 1992, he was promoted to the position of lieutenant, making him the number two police officer in the department, and

Whereas, in February 1996, the City of Winooski recognized Stephen McQueen's proven professional record and history of effective leadership and selected him for the combined posts of Police Chief and Director of Public Safety, and

Whereas, Stephen McQueen has been a leader in the Vermont law enforcement community, serving as president of the Vermont Association of Chiefs of Police, a trustee of the Vermont Police Association, and a member of the Vermont Criminal Justice Training Council, and

Whereas, among his innovations in Winooski were the establishment of the State's first school resource officer and the creation of the first police-based community justice center, and

Whereas, Stephen McQueen was associated as an expert with Project Harmony, as a Vermont host and as a traveler to the Republic of Georgia, and

Whereas, in his hometown of Essex, Stephen McQueen held civic leadership positions, including town moderator and justice of the peace, and

Whereas, Stephen McQueen retired as Winooski City Police Chief in September of 2014, but he has remained associated with the city as a special revisor of the city's municipal code of ordinances, now therefore be it

Resolved by the Senate and House of Representatives:

That the General Assembly honors retired Winooski Police Chief Stephen J. McQueen for his exemplary law enforcement leadership, and be it further

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

### **H.C.R. 148.**

House concurrent resolution honoring the culinary contribution to Rutland City of Three Tomatoes Trattoria and the community focus of its owner, Allen Frey

Offered by: Representatives Russell of Rutland City, Chesnut-Tangerman of Middletown Springs, Cupoli of Rutland City, Fagan of Rutland City, Shaw of Pittsford, and Terenzini of Rutland Town

Offered by: Senators Mullin, Collamore, and Flory

Whereas, in 1997, Three Tomatoes Trattoria, a delightful Italian restaurant, opened in the Asa Bloomer Building on Merchants Row in Rutland, and

Whereas, the term “trattoria” refers to an eating establishment found in Italian villages, serving fresh, simply prepared, and tasty food, and where the atmosphere is casual and a strong sense of community is present, and

Whereas, the restaurant’s colorful logo, featuring prominently the friendly “CIAO” greeting, and the accompanying “salute e buon appetito,” wishing the customer a wonderful meal, symbolize Three Tomatoes Trattoria’s welcoming atmosphere, and

Whereas, owner Allen Frey has offered delicious Italian specialties, including garlic-rubbed bruschetta and chicken fra diavolo, and

Whereas, Three Tomatoes Trattoria arrived in downtown Rutland at the start of the commercial hub’s revitalization in the late 1990s, and

Whereas, Allen Frey has purchased food from local farmers and producers whenever possible, and

Whereas, he has demonstrated a special concern for needy Rutlanders, raising \$750,000 for the Rutland Community Cupboard food shelf, a worthy and impressive accomplishment, and

Whereas, after 18 successful years, Three Tomatoes Trattoria will serve its final meals on April 30, 2015, and

Whereas, in a published advertisement announcing the restaurant’s closing, the ownership expressed sincere appreciation for the loyalty of its many customers and to the community of Rutland, and

Whereas, Rutlanders will miss the high quality food and warm hospitality of Three Tomatoes Trattoria, but will have fond memories of wonderful dining experiences, now therefore be it

Resolved by the Senate and House of Representatives:

That the General Assembly honors the culinary contribution to Rutland City of Three Tomatoes Trattoria and the community focus of its owner, Allen Frey, and be it further

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