

CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

ADDENDUM

TO THE

HOUSE CALENDAR

**Text of House Concurrent
Resolutions**

of

January 21, 2016

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. 206.

House concurrent resolution congratulating the 2015 Rutland High School Raiders Division I championship football team

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

Offered by: Senators Collamore, Flory, and Mullin

Whereas, at the 2015 Division I championship football game in Rutland, the top-seeded Rutland High School Raiders faced an extremely formidable opponent, the second-seeded Middlebury Union High School Tigers, the championship team in 2013 and 2014 and the proud owner of a 32-game winning streak, and

Whereas, the Raiders were neither deterred nor intimidated as they compiled a strong 21-0 halftime lead and a 35-7 game victory, clinching the 2015 Division I championship, and

Whereas, all the Raiders, including Hunter Hubbard, Jimmy Mee, Patrick Heaton, Trajan McGee, Bailey Peters, Jared Miglorie, Darin Boyle, Andrew Kenosh, Caleb White, Cam Slade, Kyle Cassarino, John Gatto, Max Pockette, Dawson Cole, Jeron Richardson, Dillon Spooner, Brett Novak, Damion Baker, Joe Torres, Benjamin Davine, Jared Moore, Ryan Bartenstein, Brian Ferrell, Noah Smith, Avery Billings, Stephen Ell, Bobby Bergen, Jacob Gladding, Michael Marro, Nicholas Markowski, Benjamin Howard, Dylan Moore, Jack Ligon, Lucas Brown, Max Lozier, Jaxon Smith, Brendan Crossman, Austin O'Gorman, and Aidan Reilly were proud of their athletic accomplishment, and

Whereas, Head Coach Mike Norman, assistant coaches Micky Caliguiri, Pat Abatiell, Nick Maniery, Tim Pockette, Jerry Gorruso, and Dan Alcorn, director of football operations Jonathan Dikeman, equipment manager Ernie Sule, and student manager Kaeleigh Broyles all contributed to the team's success, now therefore be it

Resolved by the Senate and House of Representatives:

That the General Assembly congratulates the 2015 Rutland High School Raiders Division I championship football team, 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. 207.

House concurrent resolution honoring Tracy Penfield and her pioneering therapeutic work at SafeArt

Offered by: Representatives Davis of Washington, Graham of Williamstown, Copeland-Hanzas of Bradford, and French of Randolph

Offered by: Senators Benning, Kitchel, and MacDonald

Whereas, Tracy Penfield's entrée into the dance world started unconventionally, in her own living room in 1980, with a solo performance she entitled "Between Two Points," and

Whereas, from this humble beginning, Tracy Penfield broadened her familiarity with the expressive arts to include the spoken word, especially storytelling, and music, and

Whereas, she has fulfilled a number of instructional roles in dance education, and

Whereas, in 2000, Tracy Penfield, a survivor of a 15-year abusive relationship, established SafeArt in Chelsea as an organization dedicated to bringing the healing and therapeutic benefits of the expressive arts to abused women, as an educational tool to help avert potentially abusive relationships, and it now also offers classes in personal growth for women in yoga, weaving, and bookmaking, and

Whereas, through SafeArt, Tracy Penfield, and others she has trained, empower women to create confidence in their relationship choices, based on lessons learned through storytelling, interpretive movement, and music, and

Whereas, the empowerment derived from these expressive art forms is directed at enhancing a woman's understanding of dating violence, domestic violence, and sexual assault, and

Whereas, SafeArt's curriculum is customized and conducted in different settings, including secondary school and college residencies, and

Whereas, the Canaday Family Foundation awarded SafeArt a three-year grant in recognition of the organization's vital and pioneering work, and

Whereas, Tracy Penfield is completing a book, *A Curriculum of Courage: Making SafeArt*, part memoir and part methodology guide, chronicling SafeArt's instructional system, now therefore be it

Resolved by the Senate and House of Representatives:

That the General Assembly honors Tracy Penfield and her violence prevention artistry at SafeArt, and be it further

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

H.C.R. 208.

House concurrent resolution congratulating Sophie Caldwell of Peru on her first World Cup skiing victory

Offered by: Representatives Jewett of Ripton, Komline of Dorset, McCullough of Williston, and Olsen of Londonderry

Whereas, Sophie Caldwell is descended from a distinguished skiing lineage, and

Whereas, her grandfather, John Caldwell, was an Olympic Nordic skier and wrote *The Cross Country Ski Book*, the first authoritative volume on the sport, and

Whereas, her father, Sverre Caldwell, Stratton Mountain School's Nordic Ski Program Director, was named the U.S. Ski and Snowboard Association's 2015 Cross Country Domestic Coach of the Year, and

Whereas, Sophie Caldwell, a graduate of Stratton Mountain School and Dartmouth College, is extending her family's skiing notoriety, and

Whereas, as a member of the 2014 U.S. Olympic ski team, she finished a respectable sixth in the skate sprint competition, and

Whereas, during the 2014–2015 World Cup Nordic skiing season, Sophie Caldwell earned her first podium placement by finishing third in the skate sprint race skied in Lahti, Finland, and concluded the season ranked eighth worldwide in the sprinting category, and

Whereas, these laudable achievements on Nordic ski courses were surpassed on January 5, 2016 in the World Cup's 1.2 kilometer classic sprint race held in Obertsdorf, Germany, and

Whereas, after placing third in the qualifying competition, Sophie Caldwell won the opening heat and placed second in the semifinals, and

Whereas, in the dramatic final round, Sophie Caldwell worked gradually to the front, executed a picture-perfect lunge at the finish line, and won, with an incredibly close 0.10-second margin over a Norwegian racer, and

Whereas, Sophie Caldwell's triumph was only the second U.S. woman's victory in a World Cup skiing race, and the first for an American skier in a classic sprint, and

Whereas, this win elevated her to third place in the Tour de Ski women's sprint standings and placed the U.S. women fourth overall, and

Whereas, Sophie Caldwell will long remember, with great pride, her historic World Cup win on January 5, 2016, now therefore be it

Resolved by the Senate and House of Representatives:

That the General Assembly congratulates Sophie Caldwell of Peru on her first World Cup skiing victory, and be it further

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

H.C.R. 209.

House concurrent resolution congratulating the Champlain Cable Corporation of Colchester on winning the 2014 Deane C. Davis Outstanding Business Award and on the corporation's 60th anniversary

Offered by: Representatives Dakin of Colchester, Brennan of Colchester, Condon of Colchester, and Purvis of Colchester

Offered by: Senator Mazza

Whereas, the Champlain Cable Corporation of Colchester (Champlain Cable) was established in 1955, and its manufacturing focus was on cable-related products for the aerospace industry and the military, and

Whereas, over the ensuing 60 years, Champlain Cable has expanded its scope to include products for the industrial, telecommunication, automotive, and commercial vehicle markets, and

Whereas, Champlain Cable's corporate principles include providing unparalleled service, quality, and engineering support; efficient utilization of all its resources; focusing on quality; and offering reliable high-speed data and signal transmission solutions, and

Whereas, during the past decade, Champlain Cable has doubled its workforce and transitioned from a national to an international business, and

Whereas, its employees are well compensated, and

Whereas, the corporation maintains an extensive outreach for both charitable donations and volunteer community services, and

Whereas, annually, the Vermont Chamber of Commerce and *Vermont Business Magazine* present the Deane C. Davis Outstanding Business Award to a business “that has met the highest standards of excellence over the past year,” and

Whereas, the award’s recipient must demonstrate continued growth, creation of a positive work environment, and a commitment to community improvement, and

Whereas, Champlain Cable met the award’s criteria with flying colors, and on May 21, 2015, the two sponsoring organizations presented to Champlain Cable, the 2014 Deane C. Davis Outstanding Business Award, and

Whereas, Champlain Cable could not have envisioned a more welcome recognition as it observed its 60th anniversary, now therefore be it

Resolved by the Senate and House of Representatives:

That the General Assembly congratulates the Champlain Cable Corporation of Colchester on winning the 2014 Deane C. Davis Outstanding Business Award and on the company’s 60th anniversary, and be it further

Resolved: That the Secretary of State be directed to send a copy of this resolution to the Champlain Cable Corporation in Colchester.

H.C.R. 210.

House concurrent resolution commemorating the 50th anniversary of the historic 1965 reapportionment of the Vermont General Assembly

Offered by: Representatives Devereux of Mount Holly, Branagan of Georgia, and Jerman of Essex

Whereas, historically, every organized Vermont municipality elected one State representative and each county elected at least one State senator, and

Whereas, on March 26, 1962, pursuant to the equal protection clause of the U.S. Constitution’s 14th Amendment, the U.S. Supreme Court, in *Baker v. Carr*, 369 U.S. 169 (1962), ruled state legislative districts must be apportioned with a minimal deviation, and

Whereas, later that year, based on the 1960 U.S. Census, the Vermont Supreme Court in *Mikell v. Rousseau*, 123 Vt. 139 (Vt. 1962), decided the Vermont Senate was not apportioned constitutionally, but the Court deferred to the Legislative Branch to devise a solution, and

Whereas, on August 3, 1964, a three-judge federal judicial panel in *Buckley v. Hoff*, 234 F. Supp. 191 (D. Vt. 1964), held neither the Vermont House nor Senate's apportionment satisfied constitutional equal protection requirements, and new legislative elections should be delayed until constitutionally compliant reapportionment had been adopted or an at-large election conducted, and

Whereas, however, the court, recognizing the need for more time, allowed the 1964 legislative elections to proceed, subject to the 1965 General Assembly's session expiring on March 31, 1965, and limiting legislative authority to devising a new constitutionally compliant apportionment scheme, and

Whereas, on January 12, 1965, the U.S. Supreme Court, in *Parsons v. Buckley*, 379 U.S. 359 (1965), approved an alternative order, permitting the General Assembly to conduct all regular legislative business until July 1, 1965, requiring new reapportionment laws or a constitutional amendment, warning alternatively of a court-imposed reapportionment and requiring the election of a newly reapportioned General Assembly ready to sit in January 1966, and

Whereas, following heart-wrenching deliberations, the 1965 General Assembly adopted Act 96, reapportioning the Senate, ending each county's guarantee of at least one senator, and Act 98, reapportioning the House of Representatives, reducing the larger chamber from 246 to 150 members and ending each organized municipality's guarantee of a representative in the House, and

Whereas, these acts changed, fundamentally, the composition of the General Assembly, inaugurating a new era in its history, now therefore be it

Resolved by the Senate and House of Representatives:

That the General Assembly commemorates the 50th anniversary of its historic 1965 reapportionment, and be it further

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

H.C.R. 211.

House concurrent resolution commemorating the 125th anniversary of the Bennington Battle Monument

Offered by: Representatives Devereux of Mount Holly, Branagan of Georgia, Corcoran of Bennington, Fields of Bennington, Jerman of Essex, Morris of Bennington, and Morrissey of Bennington

Whereas, the Revolutionary War's Battle of Bennington is closely associated with Vermont, even though the battle was fought across the border in Walloomsac Heights, New York, and

Whereas, in the summer of 1777, two brigades of British forces, under the command of British General John Burgoyne, were seeking to isolate New England militarily from the rest of the United States, and

Whereas, Burgoyne's forces, having suffered a tactical loss to American forces at the Battle of Hubbardton, were marching southbound toward Saratoga, New York, and a decisive defeat to come in October, 1777, and

Whereas, more immediately, in need of military stores and general supplies, the British, who had support from German mercenaries, Indians, and loyalists, learned of a supply depot in Bennington and headed in that direction, and

Whereas, the Council of Safety of the newly established Republic of Vermont sought to halt this British advance and solicited military support from the State of New Hampshire, and

Whereas, the independence forces appointed former Continental Army Colonel John Stark as a Brigadier General directed to lead local independence forces in this effort, and

Whereas, on August 16, 1777, General Stark led a combined contingent of soldiers from Vermont, Massachusetts, and New Hampshire that twice defeated the British, the second time with the welcomed assistance of Vermonters Seth Warner and the Green Mountain Boys, and

Whereas, in August 1887, the cornerstone was laid for the Bennington Monument, an imposing obelisk towering over Bennington, situated at the site of the elusive 1777 military stores and intended to commemorate the great Vermont victory at the Battle of Bennington, and

Whereas, the capstone was set in place in November of 1889, and

Whereas, in 1891, the over-306-foot-high Bennington Monument, the tallest structure in Vermont, containing 412 steps, was dedicated, and

Whereas, numerous visitors have marveled at the magnificent view from the observation platform at the top of the monument, and

Whereas, 2016 marks the Bennington Monument's 125th anniversary, and it is being celebrated with the installation of a much-needed new elevator to transport visitors to the platform, now therefore be it

Resolved by the Senate and House of Representatives:

That the General Assembly commemorates the 125th anniversary of the Bennington Battle Monument, and be it further

Resolved: That the Secretary of State be directed to send two copies of this resolution to the Vermont Division for Historic Preservation.