

**CONCURRENT RESOLUTION**

**ADDENDUM**

**TO THE**

**HOUSE CALENDAR**

**Text of House Concurrent  
Resolutions**

**of**

**February 4, 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. 225.**

House concurrent resolution designating January 24–30, 2016 as National Nurse Anesthetists Week in Vermont

Offered by: Representatives Keenan of St. Albans City, Fagan of Rutland City, and Helm of Fair Haven

Whereas, nurse anesthetists were the first medical professionals to administer anesthesia in the United States, and they are the oldest recognized group of advance practice registered nurses, and

Whereas, nurse anesthetists complete a nationally accredited nurse anesthesia graduate program, qualifying them to take the National Board of Certification and Recertification for Nurse Anesthetists' Certified Registered Nurse Anesthetist (CRNA) exam, and

Whereas, recertification occurs every two years, and

Whereas, CRNAs practice in every setting in which anesthesia is delivered, including hospital surgical suites, obstetrical delivery rooms, critical care facilities, ambulatory surgical centers, individual dental and medical practitioners' offices, and U.S. military, the U.S. Public Health Service, and the Department of Veterans Affairs healthcare facilities, and

Whereas, since the Civil War, CRNAs have served as the primary wartime anesthesiology providers for U.S military personnel, and

Whereas, CRNAs are the primary providers of anesthesia in rural America, enabling healthcare facilities in these medically underserved areas to offer obstetrical, surgical, and trauma stabilization services, and

Whereas, in some states, CRNAs are the sole providers in nearly 100 percent of the rural hospitals, and

Whereas, in Vermont, CRNAs provide anesthesia services in hospitals, medical facilities, including the White River Junction VA Medical Center, physician's offices, and to Vermont's active duty military personnel, and

Whereas, nine of the 13 Vermont hospitals offering surgical services rely on the professional support of CRNAs, and

Whereas, 47,000 CRNAs across the United States, including 45 in Vermont, are part of the economic solution to healthcare reform, and

Whereas, nationwide, the week of January 24–30, 2016 is being observed as National Nurse Anesthetics Week, now therefore be it

Resolved by the Senate and House of Representatives:

That the General Assembly designates the week of January 24–30 as National Nurse Anesthetists Week in Vermont, and be it further

Resolved: That the Secretary of State be directed to send a copy of this resolution to the Vermont Association of Nurse Anesthetists.

#### **H.C.R. 226.**

House concurrent resolution honoring Marvin Locke for his exemplary civic service in Lamoille County

Offered by: Representatives Martin of Wolcott, Higley of Lowell, and Woodward of Johnson

Offered by: Senator Westman

Whereas, Marvin Locke graduated from the former Lamoille Central Academy and is a U.S. Army veteran, and

Whereas, as a young man, he served on the Eden selectboard, and

Whereas, in 1970, he purchased a dairy farm in North Hyde Park that he owned until 1998, but farming never deterred his civic involvement, and

Whereas, in 1971, Marvin Locke joined the Village of North Hyde Park Volunteer Fire Department, remaining on the force for 36 years, and

Whereas, his willingness to respond to departmental calls, mastery of firefighting skills, and demonstrated leadership potential were all factors in his 1976 election as the Village of North Hyde Park Fire Chief, and

Whereas, during his tenure as chief, Marvin Locke excelled at fundraising for constructing the department's current headquarters; purchasing equipment, including vehicles; and securing training services for his colleagues, and

Whereas, Marvin Locke convinced the Eden Fire Department that merging would improve area firefighting efficiencies, and he also established a junior firefighting program, and

Whereas, recognizing the need for improved regional interdepartmental coordination, he became a founder of the Lamoille County Mutual Aid System, and

Whereas, Marvin Locke raised the North Hyde Park Fire Department to modern operational standards, and

Whereas, since 1999, Marvin Locke has served as a water commissioner for Hyde Park Fire District #1 and was active in the recent water system upgrade to introduce fire hydrants for rural fire protection, and

Whereas, for 30 years, until retiring at the end of 2015, Marvin Locke was the Town of Hyde Park Tax Collector, and

Whereas, the Town of Eden dedicated its town report in his honor in 2006 and the Town of Hyde Park bestowed a similar recognition in 2008, now therefore be it

Resolved by the Senate and House of Representatives:

That the General Assembly honors Marvin Locke for his exemplary civic service in Lamoille County, and be it further

Resolved: That the Secretary of State be directed to send a copy of this resolution to Marvin Locke

#### **H.C.R. 227.**

House concurrent resolution congratulating Cynthia Rugg on her receipt of the 2015 Oren J. Lane Community Service Award

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

Offered by: Senator Degree

Whereas, Cynthia Rugg is a pioneer in the promotion and implementation of home health care in Vermont, and

Whereas, in the late 1960s, recognizing that some of Franklin County's hospital patients could complete their recoveries at home, she encouraged others to establish the Franklin County Home Health Agency (FCHHA), and

Whereas, in 1969, due in part to Cynthia Rugg's involvement, FCHHA was incorporated and Medicare certified, and

Whereas, the original FCHHA six-person staff has now expanded to over 200 employees, who annually serve nearly 2,000 Franklin County residents, and

Whereas, Cynthia Rugg's involvement and interest in the provision of home health care in Franklin County has continued into the 21st century, and

Whereas, in 2014 she proposed to the FCHHA Board of Directors that a staff development fund be established, and

Whereas, this proposal became the Rugg Johnson Fund, which has the goal of guaranteeing staff opportunities for scholarship, advance training, and access to state-of-the-art equipment, and

Whereas, in October 2015, FCHHA presented the Oren J. Lane Community Service Award to Cynthia Rugg, and

Whereas, the award is presented annually to an individual or organization that has gone above and beyond to serve others, has given gifts from the heart, and for whom the community is not merely a place to live, and

Whereas, Cynthia Rugg's dedication to the quality and continuity of home health care in Franklin County exemplifies precisely the award's purpose, and

Whereas, Franklin County is most fortunate that Cynthia Rugg has continued to work enthusiastically to improve the quality of home health care, now therefore be it

Resolved by the Senate and House of Representatives:

That the General Assembly congratulates Cynthia Rugg on her receipt of the 2015 Oren J. Lane Community Service Award, and be it further

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

**H.C.R. 228.**

House concurrent resolution honoring James Cooke for his memorable and historically informative theatrical portrayal of President Calvin Coolidge

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

Whereas, Jim Cooke is a character actor of extraordinary talent with an insightful knowledge of Calvin Coolidge, who was a Plymouth Notch native and our nation's 30th president, and

Whereas, the actor was born in Montpelier, earned a bachelor's degree in English from the University of New Hampshire and a master's degree in theater from Emerson College, and

Whereas, Jim Cooke taught at several colleges, and

Whereas, theatrical life is his true calling, and he performed in summer stock and Boston area ensemble companies, and

Whereas, the seeds of Jim Cooke's career as a solo historical character performer were sown in 1975 when he appeared as Calvin Coolidge in a new production entitled *The Calvin Coolidge Follies*, and

Whereas, Calvin Coolidge reentered Jim Cooke's theatrical repertoire on July 4, 1985 (Coolidge's birthday), when Jim Cooke premiered his solo dramatization, *Calvin Coolidge: More Than Two Words*, at the Calvin Coolidge State Historic Site, located at the former president's Plymouth Notch birthplace, and

Whereas, Jim Cooke's Coolidge script is derived from the former President's 1930 autobiography and letters Coolidge wrote to his father, and

Whereas, Jim Cooke subsequently premiered distinctive solo productions, in which he appeared as John Quincy Adams, Edward Everett, or Daniel Webster, and this quartet of historical solo performances are collectively referred to as the actor's Cranky Yankees, and

Whereas, his Calvin Coolidge portrayal, including the Coolidge speech "Vermont Is a State I Love," has found especially appreciate Vermont audiences, including at Farmers Night in the State House and repeatedly at the Plymouth Notch, now a State Historic Site, and

Whereas, Jim Cooke's July 4, 2015 presentation of *Calvin Coolidge: More Than Two Words* at Plymouth Notch was this accomplished actor's final portrayal of the nation's 30th president, marking the conclusion of a unique theatrical run in Vermont and other venues, now therefore be it

Resolved by the Senate and House of Representatives:

That the General Assembly honors James Cooke for his memorable and historically informative theatrical portrayal of President Calvin Coolidge, and be it further

Resolved: That the Secretary of State be directed to send a copy of this resolution to Jim Cooke and to the Calvin Coolidge Presidential Foundation in Plymouth Notch.

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## **H.C.R. 229.**

House concurrent resolution congratulating the Institute for Sustainable Communities on its 25th anniversary

Offered by: Representatives Hooper of Montpelier, Kitzmiller of Montpelier, and Stevens of Waterbury

Offered by: Senators Cummings, Doyle, and Pollina

Whereas, as Eastern European nations were liberated from Soviet domination following the collapse of the Berlin Wall, Vermont Governor Madeleine Kunin and her planning director, George Hamilton, agreed to monitor national elections in Bulgaria, and

Whereas, as a result of this experience, in 1991, the former governor established the Institute for Sustainable Communities (ISC) in Montpelier, where George Hamilton continues to serve as President, and

Whereas, the mission of ISC is “to help communities around the world address environmental, economic, and social challenges to build a better future shaped and shared by all,” and

Whereas, ISC seeks to develop and nurture sustainable communities, defined as communities that are “economically, environmentally, and socially healthy and resilient,” and

Whereas, the organization partners with governments, foundations, and nonprofit organizations and always engages the local population in every project, and

Whereas, ISC is always asking the question “what’s possible?”, and

Whereas, the success of a sustainable community is dependent on its members’ commitment to and involvement with activities related to citizenship, responsive leadership, and the fostering of caring and healthy community institutions, services, and businesses, and

Whereas, during the past quarter-century, ISC has worked to achieve sustainable communities in 30 countries, both overseas and in the United States, through the management of over 100 projects, and

Whereas, in 2016, the geographic breadth of ISC encompasses the United States, Bangladesh, China, India, Thailand, and Vietnam, and

Whereas, recent ISC projects include establishing the Sustainable Communities Leadership Academy in the United States and serving as the climate partner on the U.S. Agency for International Development’s CityLinks program in Southeast Asia, and

Whereas, 2016 marks a quarter-century that ISC has served as a leader in the building and encouraging of sustainable communities, now therefore be it

Resolved by the Senate and House of Representatives:

That the General Assembly congratulates the Institute for Sustainable Communities on its 25th anniversary, and be it further

Resolved: That the Secretary of State be directed to send a copy of this resolution to the Institute for Sustainable Communities in Montpelier.

### **H.C.R. 230.**

House concurrent resolution in memory of Margaret Richardson of Orange

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

Offered by: Senators Benning, Kitchel, and MacDonald

Whereas, Margaret Richardson had a lifelong association with and affinity for the town of Orange, and

Whereas, she was born in Orange on November 27, 1931, and after attending elementary school in Orange Center, graduated from Spaulding High School in 1949, and

Whereas, after marrying Kermit W. Richardson in 1951, also a native of Orange, the newlyweds resided in Fort Hood, Texas, while he completed military service, and

Whereas, upon his discharge, they settled first in East Corinth and, in 1955, moved to Orange, where they resided for the balance of their lives, and

Whereas, in 1963, Kermit and Margaret Richardson established the Richardson Insurance Agency in Bradford, and for the next 39 years, they were partners in business as well as life, as Margaret assumed office management and bookkeeping responsibilities, and

Whereas, Margaret Richardson was a great supporter of her husband when he occupied leadership roles in the insurance industry, and equally so when he served as Orange Town Moderator and represented his hometown in the General Assembly, and

Whereas, for many years, Margaret Richardson was active in the Grange on the local, State, and national levels, achieving the office of Grange Master, and

Whereas, Margaret Richardson was a devoted member of Christ Community Church in Orange Center, and



Whereas, her other pursuits included square dancing, knitting, and solving crossword puzzles, and

Whereas, she took great pride in being a mother, grandmother, and great-grandmother, and

Whereas, Margaret Richardson died on December 21, 2015, at the age of 84, and

Whereas, survivors include her children, Beth, Sue, Mark, and Kim, and their spouses; nine grandchildren; 15 great-grandchildren; her sister, Vivian; and brothers, William and Thomas; and sister-in-law, Janet; now therefore be it

Resolved by the Senate and House of Representatives:

That the General Assembly extends its sincere condolences to the family of Margaret Richardson of Orange, and be it further

Resolved: That the Secretary of State be directed to send a copy of this resolution to members of Margaret Richardson's family.

#### **H.C.R. 231.**

House concurrent resolution commemorating the 50th anniversary of the National Historic Preservation Act

Offered by: Representatives Emmons of Springfield, Batchelor of Derby, Browning of Arlington, Davis of Washington, Dickinson of St. Albans Town, Fields of Bennington, Lenex of Shelburne, Macaig of Williston, Myers of Essex, Shaw of Pittsford, and Wood of Waterbury

Whereas, the National Historic Preservation Act (the Act) was enacted to protect and preserve historic buildings, landscapes, and archaeological discoveries; required each state to establish a state historic preservation office; and President Johnson signed the Act into law on October 15, 1966, and

Whereas, the Vermont State Historic Preservation Office (VSHPO) was established in 1969, and the 1975 Acts and Resolves No. 109, Sec. 4 created the Division for Historic Preservation to serve this role, and

Whereas, the Act's Vermont impact includes over 50,000 historic resources documented; 6,100 archaeological and underwater sites surveyed; 30,000 resources designated on the State Register of Historic Places; and 22 state-owned historic sites and archival repositories enhanced with interpretive support, and

Whereas, the VSHPO administers a State tax credit program that has generated 306 projects since 1999 in downtowns and village centers, and also

administers the Federal Section 106 Review Process and the Certified Local Government program, and

Whereas, the Act also established the Federal Preservation Tax Incentives Program, the largest federal program supporting historic preservation and, since 1990, 326 projects in Vermont have utilized the program's reinvestment tax credit with over \$156 million in qualified project costs, and

Whereas, the National Register of Historic Places lists 12,300 Vermont places including the Justin S. Morrill Homestead, the President Calvin Coolidge Historic District, Mount Independence, the Robert Frost Farm, Shelburne Farms, the Round Church, Brown Bridge, and the Lake Champlain passenger ship *Ticonderoga*, and

Whereas, the Act's 50th anniversary celebration is occurring under the banner of Preservation50, and the Vermont Division for Historic Preservation, together with its partners, including the Vermont Archaeology Society and the Preservation Trust of Vermont, is coordinating this celebration in our State, now therefore be it

Resolved by the Senate and House of Representatives:

That the General Assembly commemorates the 50th Anniversary of the National Historic Preservation Act, and be it further

Resolved: That the Secretary of State be directed to send copies of this resolution to the Vermont Division for Historic Preservation and the Preservation50 Advisory Committee.

#### **H.C.R. 232.**

House concurrent resolution congratulating Jasmine Wells and Ayrin Southworth of Northfield on their selection as participants in the High School Honors Performance Series at Carnegie Hall

Offered by: Representatives Donahue of Northfield and Lewis of Berlin

Offered by: Senators Cummings, Doyle, and Pollina

Whereas, the High School Honors Performance Series at Carnegie Hall is a unique opportunity for talented young American and international instrumental and vocal musicians to appear on one of the world's premiere stages, and

Whereas, in 2016, two 10th-grade vocalists from Northfield High School, Jasmine Wells and Ayrin Southworth, will sing in the series' 260-voice chorus, and

Whereas, Jasmine Wells and Ayrin Southworth were among 10,000 young singers from 48 states and eight foreign countries who applied to participate in this special choral performance, and

Whereas, both students were thrilled and amazed to be selected from such a large pool of aspiring performers, and

Whereas, an important reason they are headed to the Big Apple and the Carnegie Hall stage, is their great singing coach, Maggie Cook, who directs Turkey Hill Performing Arts of Northfield, and

Whereas, in preparation for their auditions, Jasmine Wells and Ayrin Southworth practiced diligently for six weeks before submitting digital music files to the event's organizers, and

Whereas, each of their submissions included a song with Italian lyrics, selected to demonstrate an ability to pronounce a foreign language correctly, and a second song to test the applicant's musical range, pitch, and vocal quality, and

Whereas, in order to pay for the costs of the trip, Jasmine Wells and Ayrin Southworth are engaged in fundraising projects, including a concert at the United Church of Northfield, and

Whereas, Jasmine Wells and Ayrin Southworth are honored and thrilled to be singing on February 7, 2016 on the Carnegie Hall stage, now therefore be it

Resolved by the Senate and House of Representatives:

That the General Assembly congratulates Jasmine Wells and Ayrin Southworth of Northfield on their selection as participants in the High School Honors Performance Series, and be it further

Resolved: That the Secretary of State be directed to send a copy of this resolution to Jasmine Wells and Ayrin Southworth at Northfield High School.