

**CONCURRENT RESOLUTION**

**ADDENDUM**

**TO THE**

**HOUSE CALENDAR**

**Text of House Concurrent  
Resolutions**

**of**

**March 17, 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. 279.**

House concurrent resolution congratulating Peggy Fischer of St. Johnsbury on reaching the final four in the Food Network's 2016 Kids Baking Championship

Offered by: Representatives Willhoit of St. Johnsbury and Beck of St. Johnsbury

Offered by: Senators Kitchel and Benning

Whereas, Peggy Fischer, a 5th grader at the Good Shepherd School in St. Johnsbury, is a culinary whiz and an amazing baker, and

Whereas, her notoriety among baking aficionados has spread far beyond the borders of St. Johnsbury, or even Vermont, and

Whereas, this confident young baker earned a coveted spot on the 2016 edition of the Food Network's Kids Baking Championship, an eight-week series featuring 10 of the nation's most talented young bakers, and

Whereas, each week's episode was focused on a different baking challenge of increasing complexity, as one baker was eliminated at the telecast's conclusion, and

Whereas, the sumptuous weekly assignments may have appeared simple and straightforward, but these aspiring gourmet chefs were required to meet consistently high standards, and

Whereas, the full contingent of 10 bakers opened the series with "Pie a la Mode," and the increasingly smaller cadre of bakers proceeded in subsequent weeks to demonstrate their creativity with "Eclairs Gone Wild," "Hot Chocolate," "Macaron Stackaron," "Lunchbox Desserts," "Candyonium," "Dessert Impostor 2.0" and, finally, "Spring Break Cakes," and

Whereas, Peggy Fischer more than held her own, saying farewell to six of her compatriots, who were eliminated from competition, as she survived the dreaded end-of-show cut, and

Whereas, twice she won the episode’s first-place designation, including in the “Lunchbox Desserts” category, for which she created a chocolate zucchini cake with a tart orange sauce and a carrot and coconut ice cream that one of the show’s hosts described as “incredibly sophisticated” with a “beautiful presentation,” and

Whereas, Peggy Fischer’s perseverance and success until the penultimate program is an amazing accomplishment of which she can be extremely proud, now therefore be it

Resolved by the Senate and House of Representatives:

That the General Assembly congratulates Peggy Fischer of St. Johnsbury on reaching the final four in the Food Network’s 2016 Kids Baking Championship, and be it further

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

**H.C.R. 280.**

House concurrent resolution designating March 9, 2016 as Turkish Cultural Day in Vermont

Offered by: Representatives Ram of Burlington, Berry of Manchester, O’Sullivan of Burlington, Pugh of South Burlington, Stuart of Brattleboro, and Trieber of Rockingham

Whereas, in 2012, members of the large community of Turkish Americans in Vermont established the nonprofit Turkish Cultural Center Vermont (TCC), located in South Burlington, with a dual mission “to respond to social and cultural needs of Turkish Americans,” and “to promote cross-cultural awareness that is based on mutual respect and understanding of Turkish Culture within Vermont,” and

Whereas, often in partnership with other faith-based, civic, and social organizations, the TCC presents educational and cultural activities, including dinners, festivals, lectures, and trips to Turkey, and

Whereas, an important TCC role is offering interpreter and translation services, both Turkish-English and English-Turkish, that enable members of Vermont’s Turkish community to interact more successfully on personal and business matters in an English-speaking state, and

Whereas, TCC matches families of Turkish descent with other Vermonters for home dinners as a way for all involved to engage in direct and personal intercultural exchanges, and

Whereas, one of the most significant events each year for the TCC is the Turkish Cultural Day at the State House, and

Whereas, Turkish Cultural Day is a culinary, musical, and theatrical celebration of the Turkish culture's best elements, and

Whereas, Vermonters who might not otherwise experience the beauty and joy of Turkish culture are offered this unique opportunity to participate in a delicious, exhilarating, and memorable event, and

Whereas, the fifth annual Turkish Cultural Day at the State House is being held on March 9, 2016, now therefore be it

Resolved by the Senate and House of Representatives:

That the General Assembly designates March 9, 2016 as Turkish Cultural Day in Vermont, and be it further

Resolved: That the Secretary of State be directed to send a copy of this resolution to the Turkish Cultural Center Vermont.

### **H.C.R. 281.**

House concurrent resolution recognizing March as Meals on Wheels Month in Vermont

Offered by: Representatives Sharpe of Bristol, Bartholomew of Hartland, Bissonnette of Winooski, Botzow of Pownal, Briglin of Thetford, Browning of Arlington, Carr of Brandon, Cole of Burlington, Dakin of Chester, Deen of Westminster, Evans of Essex, Forguites of Springfield, French of Randolph, Head of South Burlington, Hooper of Montpelier, Jerman of Essex, Jewett of Ripton, Johnson of South Hero, Keenan of St. Albans City, Krebs of South Hero, Krowinski of Burlington, LaLonde of South Burlington, Lanpher of Vergennes, Lenes of Shelburne, Lippert of Hinesburg, Long of Newfane, Lucke of Hartford, Macaig of Williston, Martin of Wolcott, Masland of Thetford, McCormack of Burlington, McCullough of Williston, Mrowicki of Putney, Murphy of Fairfax, Nuovo of Middlebury, Olsen of Londonderry, O'Sullivan of Burlington, Partridge of Windham, Pugh of South Burlington, Rachelson of Burlington, Sheldon of Middlebury, Sibia of Dover, Stevens of Waterbury, Stuart of Brattleboro, Sweaney of Windsor, Till of Jericho, Townsend of South Burlington, Trieber of Rockingham, Troiano of Stannard, Walz of Barre City, Webb of Shelburne, Wood of Waterbury, Woodward of Johnson, Yantachka of Charlotte, and Zagar of Barnard

Whereas, Meals on Wheels provides nutritious meals and a friendly visit from a volunteer to isolated seniors, and

Whereas, Meals on Wheels America (a national support organization) commissioned a Brown University study that found meal recipients, or those who request meals, are vulnerable seniors and that the delivered hot meals improve the quality of the seniors' health, and they become less worried at the prospect of living alone, and

Whereas, the study documented that the participating seniors benefit socially, as well as nutritionally, from participating in this program, and

Whereas, in Vermont, the Champlain Valley Agency on Aging (CVAA), serving Chittenden, Addison, Grand Isle, and Franklin Counties, is an umbrella organization for Meals on Wheels and provides over 300,000 meals annually, and

Whereas, Meals on Wheels' importance in Vermont is apparent, as 40,000 seniors are isolated, and hunger is a threat for over 17,000 seniors, and

Whereas, for the 14th consecutive year, CVAA is participating in the March for Meals national campaign that is designed to increase awareness of the Meals on Wheels program, and

Whereas, CVAA's 2016 March for Meals kickoff event is being held on March 2 at the Switchback Brewing Company in Burlington, and

Whereas, throughout March, CVAA and other Meals on Wheels programs, in Vermont and nationwide, will be reaching out in local communities "to establish a network that will enable them to serve America's seniors all year long," and

Whereas, Meals on Wheels is an outstanding program that brings nourishment, companionship, and improved health to many older Vermonters, now therefore be it

Resolved by the Senate and House of Representatives:

That the General Assembly designates March as Meals on Wheels Month in Vermont, and be it further

Resolved: That the Secretary of State be directed to send a copy of this resolution to the Champlain Valley Agency on Aging.

**H.C.R. 282.**

House concurrent resolution congratulating Abby McKearin on being named the 2015–2016 Vermont girls' soccer Gatorade Player of the Year

Offered by: Representatives Burditt of West Rutland, Potter of Clarendon, 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, Komline of Dorset, Russell of Rutland City, Shaw of Pittsford, Tate of Mendon, and Terenzini of Rutland Town

Offered by: Senators Collamore, Flory, and Mullin

Whereas, the Gatorade Company, in collaboration with USA Today High School Sports, selects outstanding female and male high school athletes in every state and the District of Columbia as Gatorade Players of the Year, and

Whereas, for the 2015–2016 school year, for the sport of girls’ soccer, the Vermont Gatorade Player of the Year is Proctor High School senior Abby McKearin, and

Whereas, during the 2015 fall soccer season, Abby McKearin scored an impressive 44 goals and passed for seven assists, and

Whereas, Abby McKearin’s offensive leadership was an essential element in the Proctor Phantoms’ capturing their third consecutive Division IV championship, and

Whereas, over the course of her high school soccer career, Abby McKearin scored 168 goals, a State career record for girls’ soccer, and

Whereas, based on her proven soccer prowess, the National Soccer Coaches Association of America has named Abby McKearin an All-American, and

Whereas, Abby McKearin’s interest in soccer extends beyond her own playing field, as she volunteers for local youth soccer programs, and

Whereas, her athletic prowess extends to her great success in basketball, and

Whereas, Abby McKearin is not merely a great athlete, as she has maintained a straight-A average in her classes, and

Whereas, despite the time she devotes to academics and sports, Abby McKearin is serving as her class treasurer, and

Whereas, she is a devoted member of her church community and volunteers at a shelter for victims of domestic abuse, and

Whereas, Abby McKearin is an exemplary young woman who is an ideal role model for her peers, now therefore be it

Resolved by the Senate and House of Representatives:

That the General Assembly congratulates Abby McKearin on being named the 2015–2016 Vermont girls’ soccer Gatorade Player of the Year, and be it further

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

**H.C.R. 283.**

House concurrent resolution in memory of former Lyndon Town Moderator Norman R. Messier

Offered by: Representatives Lawrence of Lyndon and Marcotte of Coventry

Whereas, Norman Messier was a leading educator, athletic coach, and civic leader in northern Vermont, and

Whereas, he was born in Enosburg and in 1961 earned a master's degree at Johnson State College, and

Whereas, Norman Messier's distinguished career in public education began with positions as a teacher at Highgate High School and as a guidance counselor in the Fairfax public school system, and

Whereas, with this foundation, he accepted an administrative position with the Orleans Essex North Supervisory Union, and

Whereas, in 1985, the Caledonia North Supervisory Union appointed Norman Messier as that district's superintendent, a role he served for 11 years, and

Whereas, Norman Messier was passionate in his promotion of youth sports programs both within and without the public school system, and

Whereas, while teaching at Highgate High School, he coached soccer, baseball, softball, and boys and girls basketball, and

Whereas, as a sports official, Norman Messier umpired baseball and refereed soccer and basketball, and

Whereas, his involvement in youth sports extended to State and regional governance positions for Babe Ruth League baseball and softball and Cal Ripken League baseball, and he served on the International Babe Ruth Board of Directors, and

Whereas, Norman Messier served as a board member at Lyndon Institute, the Riverside School, and on the alumni council at Johnson State College, and

Whereas, for several years, Norman Messier served as Lyndon Town Moderator, and

Whereas, a commitment to enhancing civic education led to his 39-year association with Green Mountain Boys State, and for 15 years he served as the program's director, and

Whereas, this lifelong Vermonter died on December 17, 2015, and his survivors include his wife, Laura; sons, Richard and Ronald; a son-in-law; and four grandchildren, now therefore be it

Resolved by the Senate and House of Representatives:

That the General Assembly extends its condolences to the family of Norman R. Messier, and be it further

Resolved: That the Secretary of State be directed to send a copy of this resolution to Norman Messier's widow and sons.

#### **H.C.R. 284.**

House concurrent resolution designating May as Cystic Fibrosis Awareness Month in Vermont

Offered by: Representatives Donahue of Northfield, Bancroft of Westford, Beck of St. Johnsbury, Branagan of Georgia, Burditt of West Rutland, Cupoli of Rutland City, Dakin of Chester, Dame of Essex, Dickinson of St. Albans Town, Eastman of Orwell, Fields of Bennington, Frank of Underhill, Gamache of Swanton, Haas of Rochester, Juskiewicz of Cambridge, Komline of Dorset, LaClair of Barre Town, Lanpher of Vergennes, Long of Newfane, Lucke of Hartford, Masland of Thetford, McCoy of Poultney, McFaun of Barre Town, Nuovo of Middlebury, Olsen of Londonderry, Patt of Worcester, Pearson of Burlington, Rachelson of Burlington, Scheuermann of Stowe, Strong of Albany, Sullivan of Burlington, Sweaney of Windsor, Tate of Mendon, Walz of Barre City, Woodward of Johnson, and Yantachka of Charlotte

Whereas, Cystic Fibrosis (CF) results from a defective gene that causes a thick buildup of mucus in a person's lungs, pancreas, and other organs, and

Whereas, CF's symptoms include persistent coughing, wheezing, or shortness of breath, and frequent lung infections, including pneumonia or bronchitis, and

Whereas, about 30,000 persons living in the United States and approximately 70,000 worldwide have CF, and

Whereas, although nearly 50 percent of persons with CF are 18 years of age or older, doctors are able to diagnose more than 75 percent of cases by the time persons are 2 years of age, and

Whereas, early medical treatment can be critical for persons with CF, and the University of Vermont Medical Center and the Dartmouth-Hitchcock Medical Center are both members of the Northern New England Cystic Fibrosis Consortium, and



Whereas, it is also important that persons with CF engage in continuing recreational exercise, and

Whereas, persons with CF are afforded a special opportunity to participate in recreational exercise through the commendable work of the Burlington-based Cystic Fibrosis Lifestyle Foundation (CFLF), and

Whereas, Brian Callanan is a Vermonter who confronted CF pain that was spurred in part from a lack of proper exercise, and

Whereas, he became an excellent skier, which both proved an enjoyable athletic pastime and improved his health and mental outlook considerably, and

Whereas, a St. Michael's College undergraduate and graduate degree recipient, he founded CFLF, where he now serves as executive director, and

Whereas, CFLF awards recreation grants to youngsters and adults to finance individually tailored recreational programs, and

Whereas, May is known as CF Awareness Month in many communities, and its observance in Vermont would increase local knowledge of CF, now therefore be it

Resolved by the Senate and House of Representatives:

That the General Assembly designates May as Cystic Fibrosis Awareness Month in Vermont, and be it further

Resolved: That the Secretary of State be directed to send a copy of this resolution to the Cystic Fibrosis Lifestyle Foundation in Burlington and to the Northern New England Chapter of the Cystic Fibrosis Foundation in Nashua, New Hampshire.

#### **H.C.R. 285.**

House concurrent resolution in memory of Vermont journalist Rod Clarke

Offered by: Representatives McFaun of Barre Town, Condon of Colchester, Olsen of Londonderry, French of Randolph, Lewis of Berlin, and Troiano of Stannard

Offered by: Senators Benning, Cummings, Doyle, Pollina, and White

Whereas, unconventional journalist Rod Clarke started his working life employed as a bartender and bouncer, a bulldozer operator in an open pit mine, and a logger, and

Whereas, in 1965, he and his wife, Loretta, to whom he was married for 44 years until her death, decided to move to Vermont, and

Whereas, observing the 1966 gubernatorial contest between Phil Hoff and Richard Snelling enticed Rod Clarke to become a journalist, and

Whereas, despite Rod Clarke's never having written a word professionally nor studied journalism, United Press International (UPI)'s Montpelier bureau hired this naturally talented reporter and wordsmith, and

Whereas, early in Rod Clarke's UPI tenure, the wire service assigned him to write a story on a Northeast Kingdom commune, and he did not return for an extended period of time, deciding instead to homestead by the Canadian border, and

Whereas, amazingly, UPI welcomed Rod Clarke back and appointed him bureau manager and Vermont State news editor, and he earned numerous journalism awards and a Pulitzer Prize nomination, and

Whereas, Rod Clarke expertly hosted Vermont Public Radio's "Switchboard" program and other public affairs radio broadcasts, including a show that originated from the State House cafeteria on Barre's WSNO, and

Whereas, Rod Clarke was the author of *Carved in Stone*, a history of the Barre granite industry, and published *Thirsty's Guide to Vermont's Best Bars* and the humorous *Woodchuck Cards* post card series, and

Whereas, a passionate rider and defender of motorcyclists, Rod Clarke established Freedom of the Road for Vermont and chaired the National Coalition of Motorcyclists, and

Whereas, later in life, while living in Florida, he worked as a political campaign manager, public relations consultant, public television producer, and freelance writer, and

Whereas, Rod Clarke returned to Vermont in 2015, prepared his own carefully crafted obituary, and died on January 25, 2016, leaving his beloved family of six children, 15 grandchildren, and three great-grandchildren and asked his friends to celebrate his life at a local pub, now therefore be it

Resolved by the Senate and House of Representatives:

That the General Assembly extends its sincere condolences to the family of Rod Clarke, and be it further

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

**H.C.R. 286.**

House concurrent resolution congratulating the 2016 Rutland High School Raiders Division I championship cheerleading 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, Rutland High School's (RHS) cheerleaders are proud of the agility and proficiency they display when cheering on the school's athletes, and

Whereas, as the 2015 Division I cheerleading champions, the Raiders were well acquainted with the performance standards required to repeat this accomplishment in 2016, and

Whereas, the thoroughly prepared RHS team won the 2016 Division I title at the championship meet, held in Vergennes, surpassing second-place Essex High School with a score of 208–187, and

Whereas, the thrilled RHS cheerleaders included Julia Miglorie, Maddie Fishwick, Maggie Reilly, McKenzie Swane, Alex Forte, Hannah Coburn, Jordan Brothers, Leah Davis, Mya Cyr, Rachelle Towle, Sabrina Zaloudek, Sara Clark, Schylar Corsones-Brown, Shelby Senecal, Abigail Clark, Ainsley Pagano, Coral Robert, Gabby Chadwick, Kelsey Lockerby, Revi Cooper, Summer Amerio, Grayson Eckhardt, Alyssa Hendrickson, Anissa Parker, Aubrianna Dydo, Brianna Golden, Haley Lear, Madison Bourassa, and Nora Rhodes, and

Whereas, Head Coach Cara Gauvin and Assistant Coach Amanda Pagano directed the cheerleaders on the right path, and everyone appreciated manager Malou Baas's support, now therefore be it

Resolved by the Senate and House of Representatives:

That the General Assembly congratulates the 2016 Rutland High School Raiders Division I championship cheerleading team, and be it further

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