

CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

ADDENDUM

TO THE

SENATE CALENDAR

**Text of Senate
Concurrent Resolutions**

of

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CONSENT CALENDAR

Concurrent Resolutions for Notice under Joint Rule 16

The following joint concurrent resolutions have been introduced for approval by the Senate and House and will be adopted by the Senate unless a Senator requests floor consideration before the end of the session of the next legislative day. Requests for floor consideration should be communicated to the Secretary's Office.

S.C.R. 5.

By Senators Doyle, Cummings, and Pollina,

S.C.R. 5. Senate concurrent resolution congratulating Onion River Sports on its 40th anniversary.

Whereas, in the 1970s, Jack Nash and Warren Kitzmiller were among the founders of the Stowe Bike Club, helping to promote the sport of nonmotorized cycling in central Vermont, and

Whereas, when not pedaling their bicycles on Vermont's roadways, these two outdoor enthusiasts worked in the cycling and backpacking department of a store in Stowe, and

Whereas, in 1974, they decide to establish their own retail sporting goods store in Montpelier and opened Onion River Sports at the rear of Bear Pond Books, and

Whereas, they developed a reputation as savvy businessmen and their small space soon became inadequate, and

Whereas, in 1976, Onion River Sports relocated to its own facility at 20 Langdon Street where it introduced Nordic skis and accessories as this sport was becoming popular in Vermont, and

Whereas, the scope of Onion River Sports' operations soon expanded beyond sales to include the sponsorship of bicycling and Nordic skiing races as challenging, outdoor participatory opportunities for its customers, and

Whereas, in the early 1990s, Warren Kitzmiller assumed sole ownership of the store, and in 1992, he hired Andrew Brewer as manager, and

Whereas, in 2000, Andrew Brewer purchased Onion River Sports and broadened his enterprise's Langdon Street presence with the opening of the Shoe Horn (since expanded and remodeled as the Shoe Horn Boutique) and Onion River Kids, and

Whereas, Onion River Sports' motto "Muscles Not Motors" is exercised through its continuing sponsorship of cross-country skiing, cycling, and

running races, noncompetitive group rides and runs, and equipment workshops, and

Whereas, 2014 marked Onion River Sports 40th anniversary and a highlight of its yearlong celebration was a special commemorative anniversary day on June 28 with in-store promotions, a group bicycle ride, and a street dance party on Langdon Street, and

Whereas, Onion River Sports continues its mission of encouraging a healthy, adventurous, year-round outdoor lifestyle, *now therefore be it*

Resolved by the Senate and House of Representatives:

That the General Assembly congratulates Onion River Sports on its 40th anniversary, *and be it further*

Resolved: That the Secretary of State be directed to send a copy of this resolution to Onion River Sports.

S.C.R. 6.

By Senators Doyle, Cummings, and Pollina,

S.C.R. 6. Senate concurrent resolution congratulating the 2014 Montpelier High School Solons Ultimate State Open championship and Spirit Award team.

Whereas, Ultimate is a fast-paced game using a flying disc that is self-refereed, and

Whereas, in recent years, Ultimate has evolved as a club sport at Vermont high schools, and, in 2014, 20 schools fielded a team, and

Whereas, the Montpelier varsity boys' squad proved adept at mastering the strategies of the sport, and

Whereas, in the State Open championship competition, Montpelier advanced to the final contest in Essex after defeating Colchester and St. Johnsbury respectively in the quarterfinal and semifinal rounds, and

Whereas, the Solon boys displayed their skills as Ultimate players, defeating perennial champions BFA-Fairfax 15–11 to capture Montpelier's first title, and

Whereas, the Montpelier boys were also co-winners of the tournament's coveted Spirit Award, an honor bestowed on them by their peers, and

Whereas, the roster of dedicated Solon Ultimate players included Zach Acosta, George Aldrich, Colby Anderson Andresen, Isaac Avery-Padberg, Ivan Bansah, Ian Browning, Reed Browning, Aidan Casner, Elijah Coolidge,

Benjamin Crane, Kirby Gordon, Anders Heyerdahl, Julian Kelly, George Valentine, and Fox Winters, and

Whereas, Head Coach and Coach of the Year Anne Watson deserves much of the credit for the increasing popularity of Ultimate at Montpelier High School and the Solons' 2014 successful season, *now therefore be it*

Resolved by the Senate and House of Representatives:

That the General Assembly congratulates the 2014 Montpelier High School Solons Ultimate State Open championship and Spirit Award winning team, *and be it further*

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

S.C.R. 7.

By Senators Doyle, Cummings, and Pollina,

S.C.R. 7. Senate concurrent resolution congratulating the East Montpelier Fire Department on its 50th anniversary.

Whereas, local volunteer firefighters and emergency rescue personnel are essential to the protection of property and life in Vermont's communities, and

Whereas, for many years, the town of East Montpelier lacked a firefighting force and paid Montpelier for this service, and

Whereas, in May 1964, a group of citizens gathered at the Center School to organize the East Montpelier Volunteer Fire Department and elected Bob Simon as chief as well as several assistant chiefs, and

Whereas, the Department's first truck was a 1954 converted Ford PTO oil tanker that was used as a water pumper, and

Whereas, the early milestones in the Department's history included the creation of a women's auxiliary and providing fire coverage for neighboring Calais, and

Whereas, the East Montpelier Volunteer Fire Department was one of the seven charter members of the Capital Fire Mutual Aid System, and

Whereas, in 1969, CB radios were introduced, and

Whereas, in 1975, the Department was renamed the East Montpelier Fire Department, and

Whereas, the scope of services was broadened when an emergency medical response capacity was introduced, and

Whereas, over the last half century, the Department has expanded its fleet of firefighting vehicles, modernized its communications system, and stayed current with the latest firefighting and emergency medical response technologies, and

Whereas, in 2015, the East Montpelier Fire Department is headquartered in a spacious four-bay facility, and

Whereas, Chief Ty Rolland and the Department's capable members are always prepared to respond to fire and medical emergencies in East Montpelier and Calais and assist other municipalities through the mutual aid system, and

Whereas, on August 16, 2014, the East Montpelier Fire Department commemorated its 50th anniversary with a memorial service for past members, including those who died in the line of duty, and a festive celebration that concluded with fireworks, *now therefore be it*

Resolved by the Senate and House of Representatives:

That the General Assembly congratulates the East Montpelier Fire Department on its 50th anniversary, *and be it further*

Resolved: That the Secretary of State be directed to send a copy of this resolution to the East Montpelier Fire Department.

S.C.R. 8.

By Senators Doyle, Cummings, and Pollina,

S.C.R. 8. Senate concurrent resolution congratulating True Colors Home Decorating in Montpelier on its 25th anniversary.

Whereas, on July 17, 1989, True Colors Home Decorating was incorporated, and

Whereas, during the last quarter century, True Colors Home Decorating, located at 141 River Street in Montpelier, has served as one of central Vermont's premier home decorating retailers, and

Whereas, as its name implies, painting is a primary aspect of its business, and

Whereas, the store maintains a broad inventory of paints and customizes them, helping the purchaser to achieve the specific color desired for any interior or exterior surface, and

Whereas, True Colors Home Decorating maintains paint files enabling customers to repaint a surface using the same color as previously selected, and

Whereas, the retailer's services extend beyond painting to include carpeting and flooring of all sorts, and

Whereas, another specialty of True Colors Home Decorating is the creation of individualized energy-saving window blinds, and

Whereas, in each of its customization and retailing endeavors, the store maintains the highest possible professional standards, and

Whereas, the customers of True Colors Home Decorating can always rely on the store for excellent products and dependable service, and

Whereas, True Colors Home Decorating is proud of its first quarter century of retail success and looks forward to continuing serving its many satisfied customers in central Vermont, *now therefore be it*

Resolved by the Senate and House of Representatives:

That the General Assembly congratulates True Colors Home Decorating in Montpelier on its 25th anniversary, *and be it further*

Resolved: That the Secretary of State be directed to send a copy of this resolution to True Colors Home Decorating in Montpelier.

S.C.R. 9.

By Senator Doyle, Cummings, and Pollina,

S.C.R. 9. Senate concurrent resolution commemorating the 75th anniversary of the Montpelier Recreation Field.

Whereas, in 1940 the federal Works Progress Administration financed the construction of a municipal baseball stadium in Montpelier that has always been known as the Montpelier Recreation Field, and

Whereas, the stadium was built to accommodate 1,200 spectators in a grandstand and bleachers along the first and third base lines, and

Whereas, the Montpelier Recreation Field's dimensions are 307 feet, 419 feet, and 311 feet respectively down the left, center, and right field lines, and

Whereas, when opened in 1941, the Montpelier Recreation Field became the home of the Montpelier Senators of the Second Northern League, which included both collegiate and former professional players, and

Whereas, later in the 1940s, and until the league's folding in 1952, the stadium hosted the Twin City Trojans, with a roster that included future major league pitcher and Hall of Famer Robin Roberts during the 1946 and 1947 seasons, and

Whereas, summertime competition returned to the Montpelier Recreation Field in 2003 with the establishment of the Vermont Mountaineers of the New England Collegiate Baseball League, and

Whereas, combined with donated materials and labor, the Mountaineers have made in excess of \$500,000.00 in capital improvements to the Montpelier Recreation Field, including a new concession stand, new fencing, handicap access, lighting, press box renovations, parking lot paving, a scoreboard, and field and grandstand improvements, and

Whereas, the Montpelier Recreation Field has been the site for many other community sporting events, including championship interscholastic baseball games, Babe Ruth leagues, area adult baseball leagues, high school championship baseball games, America Legion baseball, Montpelier High School baseball, Montpelier Middle School baseball and soccer, and Montpelier Recreation Department youth soccer, and

Whereas, 2015 marks 75 years since the stadium was constructed, and area residents are anticipating another great season of exciting baseball competition in Vermont's capital city, *now therefore be it*

Resolved by the Senate and House of Representatives:

That the General Assembly commemorates the 75th anniversary of the Montpelier Recreation Field, *and be it further*

Resolved: That the Secretary of State be directed to send a copy of this resolution to the Montpelier City Council, the Montpelier School Board, the Montpelier Recreation Department, and the Vermont Mountaineers.

S.C.R. 10.

By Senators Lyons, Ayer, Benning, MacDonald, McCormack, and Snelling,

By Representatives Beyor of Highgate, Deen of Westminster, Ellis of Waterbury, Klein of East Montpelier, Krebs of South Hero, Lefebvre of Newark, McCullough of Williston, Sheldon of Middlebury, Sullivan of Burlington, Terenzini of Rutland Town, and Willhoit of St. Johnsbury,

S.C.R. 10. Senate concurrent resolution honoring Vermont State Geologist and Geological Survey Director Laurence R. Becker.

Whereas, geology is a science focused on the earth's "physical structure and substance, its history, and the processes that act on it," and

Whereas, for nearly two decades, Laurence Becker was the geological authority for the State of Vermont in his dual role as the Vermont State Geologist and Director of the Vermont Geological Survey, and

Whereas, his duties also entailed directing the State's radioactive waste management program, and

Whereas, central to Laurence Becker's geological role was advocating for reliance on science, and especially geology, in addressing the state's environmental issues and in the protection of public health and safety, and

Whereas, collaboration was central to Laurence Becker's geological endeavors, and he worked closely with academic institutions and other State government offices and with local communities, where his focus was on specific environmental issues such as ground water protection and hazardous waste mitigation, and

Whereas, Laurence Becker was an advocate and strong supporter in the development and issuance of the 2011 Bedrock Geologic Map of Vermont, and

Whereas, he was involved in the drafting of the protocols for Vermont's aquifer protection program, and

Whereas, Laurence Becker's congressional testimony on defining and protecting recharge areas related to municipal wells was incorporated into the federal Clean Water Act, and

Whereas, the Vermont Senate Committee on Natural Resources and Energy appreciated his expert testimony on groundwater resource identification and protection, and

Whereas, among Laurence Becker's responsibilities were: chairing the Education Committee of the Association of American State Geologists and the Northeastern States Emergency Consortium's state geologists' panel; serving on the Vermont State Hazard Mitigation Committee and the Vermont State Nuclear Advisory Panel; and maintaining a close working relationship with the Vermont Center for Geographic Information, and

Whereas, Laurence Becker concluded his exemplary public sector career in December of 2014, *now therefore be it*

Resolved by the Senate and House of Representatives:

That the General Assembly honors former Vermont State Geologist and Vermont Geological Survey Director Laurence Becker, *and be it further*

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

S.C.R. 11.

By Senators Doyle, Cummings, and Pollina,

By Representatives Donahue of Northfield and Lewis of Berlin,

S.C.R. 11. Senate concurrent resolution congratulating Julia Hatch of Northfield on her winning the National Rifle Association's 2014 Daniel Morgan Trophy.

Whereas, as a winner of 35 gold medals, Julia Hatch had proven herself one of the nation's finest young sharpshooters, and

Whereas, as a member of the Northfield Jr. Rifles shooting team, she traveled to the Jr. Olympic Training Center in Colorado, and

Whereas, her extraordinary shooting competence and skill were challenged when she entered the National Rifle Association's National 4-Position Jr. Smallbore Championship, and

Whereas, the competitors are required to complete four 10-shot rounds, one each from a prone, standing, sitting, and kneeling position, and

Whereas, since the competition was established in 1942, only five competitors have earned perfect scores of 400, and

Whereas, in 2014, Julia Hatch became the first female to achieve a perfect score, and

Whereas, of her 40 shots, 33 were center shots hitting dead center on the target and not on any of the white area surrounding the target ring, and

Whereas, Julia Hatch's spectacular success earned her the Daniel Morgan Trophy that is presented to the competition's winner, and

Whereas, Northfield Jr. Rifles' Coach Jack Baroffio and Assistant Coach Gary Sanders each deserve recognition for their guiding Julia Hatch in her riflery instruction, and

Whereas, Julia Hatch is a 2014 graduate of Northfield High School and is now attending the University of Akron which is proud of its outstanding riflery team, *now therefore be it*

Resolved by the Senate and House of Representatives:

That the General Assembly congratulates Julia Hatch on her winning the National Rifle Association's 2014 Daniel Morgan Trophy, *and be it further*

Resolved: That the Secretary of State be directed to send a copy of this resolution to Julia Hatch and to the Northfield Jr. Rifles.

S.C.R. 12.

By Senators Doyle, Cummings, and Pollina,

By Representatives Donahue of Northfield and Lewis of Berlin,

S.C.R. 12. Senate concurrent resolution congratulating the 2013-2014 Norwich University multiple national championship women's rugby team.

Whereas, Norwich University's 2013–2014 women's rugby team earned a perfect 40–0 record and three national championships, and

Whereas, post-regular season tournament college rugby is played in both the 7s (seven players) and 15s (15 players) formats, and

Whereas, Norwich's amazing triple-crown championship run began in November 2013, when the team clinched its third consecutive USA Rugby 7s title with a 17–10 win over James Madison University, and

Whereas, the team's national winning streak continued with the two inaugural American Collegiate Rugby Association (ACRA) championships, including Norwich's December 2013 victory in the 15s tournament with a 32–15 win over the U.S. Military Academy and concluding in May 2014 with a 36–10 win over Rutgers University for the ACRA 7s title, and

Whereas, this fantastic Norwich team included Meaghan Albert, Ariana Amodeo, Baylee Annis, Hannah Bell, Rose Bernheim, Riley Blankenship, Jessica Bosseler, Sophia Buono, Jessica Champion, Marissa Carde, Amber Marie Carini, Caitlin Cataldo, Vanessa Champagne, Joya Clark, Emily Colesworthy, Ally Day, Jordan Day, Jackie Derocher, Tiffany Ferrer, Taylor Franck, Shanoui Gunn, Brenna Hurley, Kim Hurley, Kayla Inouye, Valerie McGuire, Natalia Mendez, Sophie Mundell, Ally Murphy, Emily Oor, Danielle Richards, Shelby Rutherford, Taylor Trace, Catherine Valentine, Erin Viera, Sabrina Villanueva, Chelsea Weeden, Meaghan Weppner, and Sarah Whalen, while Head Coach Austin Hall was named the sport's National Collegiate Coach of the Year, and a team member was twice awarded National College 7s Player of the Year recognition, *now therefore be it*

Resolved by the Senate and House of Representatives:

That the General Assembly congratulates the 2013–2014 Norwich University multiple national championship women's rugby team, *and be it further*

Resolved: That the Secretary of State be directed to send a copy of this resolution to the Norwich University Sports Information Office.