

CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

ADDENDUM

TO THE

SENATE CALENDAR

**Text of Senate
Concurrent Resolutions**

of

Thursday, March 26, 2015

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. 13.

By Senators Kitchel, Benning, Starr, and Westman,

By Representatives Batchelor of Derby, Beck of St. Johnsbury, Conquest of Newbury, Feltus of Lyndon, Higley of Lowell, Lawrence of Lyndon, Lefebvre of Newark, Marcotte of Coventry, Martel of Waterford, Quimby of Concord, Shaw of Derby, Strong of Albany, Toll of Danville, Troiano of Stannard, Viens of Newport City, Willhoit of St. Johnsbury, and Young of Glover,

S.C.R. 13. Senate concurrent resolution congratulating Maple Grove Farms on its centennial anniversary.

Whereas, for Vermonters and visitors alike, a favorite embodiment of Vermont is Maple Grove Farms in St. Johnsbury, the purveyor of maple products of all types, and

Whereas, in 1915, Helen Gray, a home economics student at Columbia University, was back in St. Johnsbury on summer break, and

Whereas, following the advice of her professors to try out at home the things they were learning in the classroom, Helen, with the assistance of her mother, Katherine, and a friend, Ethel McLaren, experimented with maple sugar and, using their own recipes, they developed a delicious maple candy, and

Whereas, their first customer was Mrs. Henry Fairbanks of the famous St. Johnsbury family, and the candy's popularity led to the conversion of a shed on the Gray property into a maple kitchen, and

Whereas, within four years, this home business had been transformed into a corporation, and Katherine Gray purchased an old mansion, converting it into a factory for making candy and other maple products, and

Whereas, Katherine Gray also operated a maple-themed restaurant and retail store in New York City, and

Whereas, the Portland Street factory building, now home to Maple Grove Farms, was constructed in 1926 as a facility to manufacture block maple to flavor cigars, and

Whereas, the headquarters complex features a sugar house museum and the popular red-roofed Cabin Gift Shop, and

Whereas, the hard-working employees of Maple Grove Farms produce tens of millions of dollars' worth of food products each year, and

Whereas, Maple Grove Farms is now proud to be the nation's largest packer of pure maple syrup, one of the largest producers of maple candies, and a national producer of gourmet salad dressings, and

Whereas, in 2015, Maple Grove Farms is observing 100 years since three St. Johnsbury women's maple candy experiment launched a successful, and still thriving, Northeast Kingdom business icon, *now therefore be it*

Resolved by the Senate and House of Representatives:

That the General Assembly congratulates Maple Grove Farms on its centennial anniversary, and be it further

Resolved: That the Secretary of State be directed to send a copy of this resolution to Maple Grove Farms.

S.C.R. 14.

By Senators Flory, Collamore, and Mullin,

By Representatives Cupoli of Rutland City, Fagan of Rutland City, Gage of Rutland City, Russell of Rutland City, and Shaw of Pittsford,

S.C.R. 14. Senate concurrent resolution congratulating Matt Lorman on his selection as 2015 Down Under Sports cross country runner.

Whereas, competitive cross country runners dedicate innumerable hours, regardless of the weather conditions, to pounding the roadways and trails in pursuit of a quicker pace and greater endurance, and

Whereas, Rutland High School sophomore Matt Lorman is an exciting runner on the high school cross country scene, and

Whereas, six years ago, Matt Lorman, then ten years of age, wearing untied high-top sneakers, entered his first race, covering a 10k (6.2 mile) course from Proctor to Rutland, and

Whereas, this novice and extremely young runner started the race with no expectation of a great result and, in fact, his parents, Jackie and Keith Lorman, riding in their car, shadowed him along the entire way, and

Whereas, perhaps to his amazement, Matt Lorman set a record that day, and the sport of running assumed a central place in his life, and

Whereas, since that eventful day, he has won many medals and ribbons and continues to set records, and

Whereas, although Matt Lorman did play football, he soon hung up his cleats, recognizing that running was his passion and that he desired to devote all of his athletic talent and strength to improving his status as a competitive runner, and

Whereas, news of his consistently speedy finishes on race courses has spread far beyond Vermont to the Down Under Sports organization in Utah that organizes groups of American athletes to compete in Australia, Hawaii, and New Zealand, and

Whereas, Down Under Sports has selected Matt Lorman as one of 200 young American runners to compete on its USA Cross Country team in July of 2015 in Australia, and

Whereas, Matt Lorman is now engaged in a vigorous regimen of physical training and a restricted diet, as well as fundraising in anticipation of traveling to Australia this July, *now therefore be it*

Resolved by the Senate and House of Representatives:

That the General Assembly congratulates Matt Lorman on his selection as a 2015 Down Under Sports cross country runner, *and be it further*

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