

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. 17.

By Senators Campbell, McCormack, and Nitka,

By Representatives Christie of Hartford, Lucke of Hartford, and Zagar of Barnard,

S.C.R. 17. Senate concurrent resolution congratulating Michael Stone on his selection as the National Football Foundation Vermont Chapter's 2015 Contribution to Amateur Athletics Award winner.

Whereas, Mike Stone has long associations with Norwich University and varsity football competition in Vermont, and

Whereas, he is a 1981 graduate of Norwich University and remained at the school to earn a master's degree in education in 1982, and

Whereas, from Norwich University, he headed south to Hartford High School to begin a stellar 30-year-plus tenure as a teacher, coach, and athletic administrator, and

Whereas, for 28 seasons, Mike Stone coached the Hartford Hurricanes varsity football team, compiling a record that few coaches in the history of Vermont high school football can match, and

Whereas, on 13 occasions, Coach Stone's Hurricanes appeared in a State championship game, coming home from 10 of those games as State champion, and, during his coaching career, Hartford compiled a 23–8 playoff record, and

Whereas, Coach Stone served as a superb role model for Hartford High School students, investing countless hours instilling in them a system of values and humility that encouraged and has enabled these young persons to contribute constructively to their community and State, and

Whereas, in 2014, Coach Stone returned to Norwich University as the defensive back football coach, opening a new chapter in his professional career, and

Whereas, in his first season on the Norwich coaching staff, the Cadets completed 176 tackles and 14 interceptions and earned a winning 7–4 record that paved the way to an appearance in the ECAC Northeast Bowl, and

Whereas, the National Football Foundation’s Vermont Chapter recognized the extraordinary role that Coach Stone has played in amateur athletics in the State, and, on April 27, at a ceremony in Castleton, presented him its 2015 Contribution to Amateur Athletics Award, and

Whereas, Mike Stone and his wife, Gigi, are the parents of Matt, Sean, and Tucker, and the Stone family is active in the Hartford community, *now therefore be it*

Resolved by the Senate and House of Representatives:

That the General Assembly congratulates Michael Stone on his selection as the National Football Foundation Vermont Chapter’s 2015 Contribution to Amateur Athletics Award winner, *and be it further*

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

S.C.R. 18.

By Senators Doyle, Cummings, and Pollina,

By Representatives Hooper of Montpelier and Kitzmiller of Montpelier,

S.C.R. 18. Senate concurrent resolution congratulating the Union Elementary School on its 75th birthday.

Whereas, according to Perry Merrill’s *Montpelier: The Capital City’s History: 1780–1976*, the first school in Montpelier was a log house built in 1784, and

Whereas, the direct ancestor of Union Elementary School was the Union District House and Academy, located on School Street and completed in the summer of 1859, and

Whereas, a new elementary school opened on East State Street in 1901, and

Whereas, since 1939, the current Union Elementary School (UES) has stood proudly, at the intersection of School Street and Park Avenue, as Montpelier’s gateway to public education, and

Whereas, during the school day, youngsters brimming with anticipation discover the joys of learning, and

Whereas, unlike in earlier decades, kindergarten has evolved into a more structured educational experience featuring personal development, literacy, math, and writing curriculum components, and not merely play-centered activities, and

Whereas, as children progress through grade five, the UES faculty introduces them to increasingly more sophisticated academic challenges, and

Whereas, reading, writing, and arithmetic do not encompass the entire day as UES has innovative art, music, and physical education offerings, including an outdoor winter obstacle course for the youngsters to complete, and

Whereas, the 2014–2015 school year marks UES’s 75th birthday, and the highlight of the festivities was the merging of the UES birthday party and annual winter carnival in February 2015, and

Whereas, on February 18, 2015, the school hosted a pizza dinner, and following the meal, an estimated 1,000 persons, including parents, staff, students, teachers, and members of the community carried lanterns, made in Kristine Kane’s art class under the direction of UES’ artist-in-residence Gowri Savor, through the city to the commons on College Street where a giant celebration featuring fireworks took place, and

Whereas, other 75th birthday commemorative events include a museum of clothing and artifacts from the 1930s–1940s and a video entitled “A History of Union Elementary School,” *now therefore be it*

Resolved by the Senate and House of Representatives:

That the General Assembly congratulates the Union Elementary School in Montpelier on its 75th birthday, *and be it further*

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

S.C.R. 19.

By Senators Doyle, Cummings, and Pollina,

By Representative Ancel of Calais,

S.C.R. 19. Senate concurrent resolution congratulating Beth Downing on her selection as a Teacher Appreciation Week recipient of a "courage" telephone call from U.S. Secretary of Education Arne Duncan.

Whereas, in 1984, the National Parent Teacher Association established the first full week in May as Teacher Appreciation Week, and

Whereas, as a commemoration of Teacher Appreciation Week, the U.S. Department of Education (the Department) places courage telephone calls to thank teachers for their contributions to educating the nation’s children, and

Whereas, the initiators of these pleasant and uplifting telephone conversations are usually Department staff members, but special honorees receive a call directly from the U.S. Secretary of Education, and

Whereas, the courage call recipients are selected from a list of nominees, and

Whereas, the criteria for nomination is being a teacher who “has gone above and beyond and might not normally be recognized for his or her work,” and

Whereas, Calais Elementary School music teacher, Steve Owens, nominated his faculty colleague, Beth Downing, a pre-school teacher with 40 years of classroom experience, and

Whereas, Steve Owens described his colleague as a person “who embodies what we want every 3 and 4 year old to have as a teacher,” and

Whereas, his nomination continued, “If every child had a teacher like her in preschool, our nation would be infinitely richer,” and further stated she is amazing, and

Whereas, the Department was so impressed with Beth Downing’s nomination, it was decided U.S. Secretary of Education Arne Duncan would place this special courage call, and

Whereas, Vermont is one of 18 states to which the Department has awarded an Early Living Challenge grant, making Secretary Duncan’s courage call especially timely, and

Whereas, this courage call was an especially memorable event for Beth Downing and Calais Elementary School, *now therefore be it*

Resolved by the Senate and House of Representatives:

That the General Assembly congratulates Beth Downing on her selection as a Teacher Appreciation Week recipient of a courage telephone call from U.S. Secretary of Education Arne Duncan, *and be it further*

Resolved: That the Secretary of State be directed to send a copy of this resolution to Beth Downing and to Calais Elementary School.

S.C.R. 20.

By Senators Doyle and Cummings,

By Representative Deen of Westminster,

S.C.R. 20. Senate concurrent resolution honoring Giovanna Peebles on her career as Vermont’s first State Archaeologist.

Whereas, *Webster’s II New Collegiate Dictionary* defines archaeology as “the study of past human life and culture by the examination of material remains . . . ,” and

Whereas, in the 1970s, the federal government mandated that every state establish an historic preservation office and hire a state archaeologist, and

Whereas, in 1976, Vermont hired 24-year old Giovanna Peebles as its first State Archaeologist, and

Whereas, Giovanna Peebles academic preparation included two anthropology degrees, a bachelor's from Cornell University, and a master's from Idaho State University, and

Whereas, she coordinated all of the State's archaeology programs, but her passion was "to spread the gospel of archeology . . . to help people understand the importance of history," and

Whereas, an especially enjoyable role for Giovanna Peebles was teaching young students visiting archaeological sites, and

Whereas, at the start of her tenure, there were approximately 500 identified archaeological sites in Vermont, and through her initiative, the number now exceeds 6,000, and

Whereas, a special personal achievement was the establishment of the Vermont Archaeology Heritage Center now located at the Vermont History Center in Barre, and

Whereas, Giovanna Peebles' career included service as Vermont's Historic Preservation Officer, and

Whereas, Giovanna Peebles took advantage of technological advances, establishing a Vermont Archaeology Month Facebook page and a prototype Internet-based Vermont archaeology museum that is the subject of the doctoral dissertation she is completing at the University of Massachusetts, Amherst, and

Whereas, in 2014, Giovanna Peebles concluded her 38-year career as Vermont's State Archaeologist, *now therefore be it*

Resolved by the Senate and House of Representatives:

That the General Assembly honors Giovanna Peebles on her career as Vermont's first State Archaeologist, *and be it further*

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

S.C.R. 21.

By Senators Doyle, Cummings, and Pollina,

By Representatives Ancel of Calais and Klein of East Montpelier,

S.C.R. 21. Senate concurrent resolution congratulating the Adamant Cooperative on its 80th anniversary.

Whereas, the Adamant Cooperative, located in the rural unincorporated settlement of Adamant, situated on the Calais–East Montpelier border, has persevered for 80 years despite experiencing challenging financial moments, and

Whereas, it is Vermont's first and possibly one of the nation's oldest cooperatively-owned stores, and, in 2015, the store is a center of local economic activity and civic pride, and

Whereas, the Adamant Cooperative's history is a story that started in the Great Depression, and

Whereas, during the winter of 1934–1935, the Rev. Raymond Ebbett, a Methodist minister serving Adamant, proposed to his congregation that it study the consumer cooperative movement, and

Whereas, following the study, in April 1935, 11 families formed a buyers' club, paying \$5.00 per family (equivalent to \$87.50 in 2015 dollars) to purchase groceries in bulk for delivery to Adamant, and

Whereas, on August 1, 1935, 39 families purchased shares at \$5.00 per share and established the Adamant Cooperative, and

Whereas, money derived from the issuance of shares was used to rent an existing food store building (the cooperative's current home) and purchase its remaining inventory from Minnie Horr, and

Whereas, in 1941, local residents developed bylaws for the Adamant Credit Union, the first in Vermont organized in accordance with newly adopted federal credit union legislation, and credit union membership was opened only to Adamant Cooperative shareholders, and

Whereas, in another venture, in 1945, the Adamant Cooperative purchased the Maple Corner Store as a branch, and the cooperative's ownership continued until 1973, when the cooperative sold the retail branch as a way to overcome severe financial problems, and

Whereas, in the early 1980s, the federal closure of the credit union office in Adamant could have ended Adamant Cooperative, but the relocation of the U.S. Post Office to the cooperative's building revitalized the store, and

Whereas, today, a successful Adamant Cooperative organizes community events including the Black Fly Festival, *now therefore be it*

Resolved by the Senate and House of Representatives:

That the General Assembly congratulates the Adamant Cooperative on its 80th anniversary, *and be it further*

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

S.C.R. 22.

By Senators Doyle, Cummings, and Pollina,

By Representative Klein of East Montpelier,

S.C.R. 22. Senate concurrent resolution congratulating Emily Packard on her race car driving accomplishments.

Whereas, at nine years of age, Emily Packard raced in a cadet kart on a track in Barre and discovered her passion for motor car racing, and

Whereas, during the following two seasons, she won cadet kart championships and then felt prepared to drive more advanced racing cars, and

Whereas, in 2011, she won three races driving an Allison Legacy car, and

Whereas, in 2012, though only 15 years of age, Emily Packard was racing the entire season at Vermont's premier road racing track, Thunder Road, and

Whereas, in 2013, her first complete Thunder Road season was impressive in both the Late Model and Street Stock divisions, and at its conclusion, Emily was invited to compete in the track's season finale activities embodying Thunder Road's reputation as the Nation's Site of Excitement, and

Whereas, in recognition of her 2012 achievements, Vermont Motorsports Magazine named her its Rookie of the Year, as did the Canaan Fair Speedway, and

Whereas, 2014 was a banner season for Emily Packard and included her second-place finish on July 4th in the Coca-Cola Firecracker 100 at Rutland's Devil's Bowl Speedway, and

Whereas, on the following Friday night, July 11, she set two records at the Devil's Bowl when, at 17 years of age, she became the youngest driver to win a NASCAR Whelen All-American Series event in the Late Model Division, and

Whereas, she was also the first woman to win in this motor racing division, and

Whereas, Emily Packard is a senior at U-32 High School in East Montpelier and anticipates an exciting future in motor racing, *now therefore be it*

Resolved by the Senate and House of Representatives:

That the General Assembly congratulates Emily Packard on her race car driving accomplishments, *and be it further*

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

S.C.R. 23.

By Senators Doyle, Cummings, and Pollina,

By Representatives LaClair of Barre Town, McFaun of Barre Town, Poirier of Barre City, and Walz of Barre City,

S.C.R. 23. Senate concurrent resolution honoring Karen Lane on her exemplary librarianship as Director of the Aldrich Public Library in Barre.

Whereas, for over a quarter of a century, Karen Lane has served as a dynamic and innovative library executive, whose attention to all aspects of her job has brought first-class public library service to her patrons, and

Whereas, during her tenure, the Aldrich Public Library has evolved technologically, integrating the latest digital advances, and

Whereas, these enhancements have included converting the traditional card catalog to an automated system; adding an e-books circulation service; and, more recently, installing a new fiber connection to the Internet, expediting the speed at which the online world arrives on patrons' computer and mobile device screens, and

Whereas, Karen Lane's perseverance and vision were essential for the success of the 1990s building expansion project that nearly doubled the library's square footage and made the building accessible for persons with handicaps, and

Whereas, her leadership in this effort included promoting the successful passage of bond issues in Barre City and Barre Town, and

Whereas, librarians are first and foremost reader advocates, and Karen Lane has fulfilled this role enthusiastically as chair of the Authors-at-the-Aldrich annual series and through her support of the Learning for Life Committee's summer author series, and

Whereas, Karen Lane's passion for Barre's history has been demonstrated through her improvement of the library's local history collection, restoration of the Aldrich's historic paintings, and enthusiasm for the reconstruction of Barre's iconic Labor Hall, and

Whereas, in 2014, the Vermont Library Association presented Karen Lane with its Sarah C. Hagar Award for outstanding service and significant contributions to the field of librarianship, and, in June 2015, she is concluding her remarkable career at the Aldrich Public Library, *now therefore be it*

Resolved by the Senate and House of Representatives:

That the General Assembly honors Karen Lane on her exemplary librarianship as Director of the Aldrich Public Library in Barre, *and be it further*

Resolved: That the Secretary of State be directed to send a copy of this resolution to Karen Lane and the Aldrich Public Library.

S.C.R. 24.

By Senators Mazza, Ashe, Ayer, Balint, Baruth, Benning, Bray, Campbell, Campion, Collamore, Cummings, Degree, Doyle, Flory, Kitchel, Lyons, MacDonald, McCormack, Mullin, Nitka, Pollina, Rodgers, Sears, Sirotkin, Snelling, Starr, Westman, White, and Zuckerman,

By All Members of the House,

S.C.R. 24. Senate concurrent resolution honoring Colonel Thomas L'Esperance on his exemplary career with the Vermont State Police.

Whereas, in 1987, Thomas L'Esperance joined the Vermont State Police as a trooper at the Brattleboro barracks, and

Whereas, he developed specialized experience working at the Southern Vermont Drug Task Force, where he would later serve as a field supervisor, and

Whereas, Thomas L'Esperance's consistent professionalism served as a foundation for his promotion to sergeant and then lieutenant, and

Whereas, upon becoming a captain, Thomas L'Esperance began his direct association with the Vermont State Police's Bureau of Criminal Investigations, initially as its special investigations unit commander, and

Whereas, having again demonstrated his competence and skill in the law enforcement field, Thomas L'Esperance earned admission into the elite group of Vermont State Police officers honored to serve as a major, and

Whereas, the Vermont State Police appointed Major Thomas L'Esperance as Director of the Bureau of Criminal Investigations, a role for which he was eminently qualified, and

Whereas, over the years, Thomas L'Esperance exhibited the knowledge, judgment, and common sense that are the hallmarks of a law enforcement officer who merits his peers' respect, and

Whereas, in the spring of 2009, officials at the Department of Public Safety agreed that Major Thomas L'Esperance was the ideal choice to serve as Colonel and Director of the Vermont State Police, and

Whereas, for the past six years, Colonel Thomas L'Esperance has sought to work cooperatively with local and national law enforcement forces, in order to implement the best possible police protection for Vermonters, and

Whereas, Colonel Thomas L'Esperance has faced inevitable challenges and controversies as Director of the Vermont State Police, but has always striven to reach public policy decisions that he believes are in the State of Vermont's best interest, and

Whereas, in the summer of 2015, after 28 outstanding years as a proud Vermont State Police officer, Colonel Thomas L'Esperance is concluding his tenure on the force, *now therefore be it*

Resolved by the Senate and House of Representatives:

That the General Assembly honors Colonel Thomas L'Esperance on his exemplary career with the Vermont State Police, *and be it further*

Resolved: That the Secretary of State be directed to send a copy of this resolution to Vermont State Police Director Colonel Thomas L'Esperance.