

CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

ADDENDUM

TO THE

SENATE CALENDAR

**Text of Senate
Concurrent Resolutions**

of

Thursday, January 7, 2016

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. 25.

By Senators Doyle, Cummings, and Pollina,

S.C.R. 25. Senate concurrent resolution congratulating the Central Vermont Humane Society on its 50th anniversary.

Whereas, the Five Freedoms of Animal Welfare are freedom 1) from hunger and thirst; 2) from discomfort; 3) from pain, injury, or disease; 4) to express normal behavior; and 5) from fear and distress, and

Whereas, using these five freedoms as its motivation, the Central Vermont Humane Society (CVHS) was established in 1964 with a mission “to protect and advocate for animals in need, and to build a humane community that promotes compassion and seeks to strengthen the human-animal bond,” and

Whereas, this mission is achieved through a collaborative process “with other shelters, rescues, and community partners,” and

Whereas, a core part of the organization's work is to prevent and address animal cruelty and neglect, and

Whereas, CVHS operates shelters for domestic dogs, cats, and other small animals, and

Whereas, other important CVHS roles are providing low-cost rabies vaccinations and microchip identification for animals and offering their human guardians instruction in animal care, and

Whereas, CVHS also directs its attention to younger animal lovers through its Humane Heroes kids club as well as a summer camp program, and

Whereas, volunteers and interns, who donate hundreds of hours of their time each year, are essential to the successful operation of CVHS, and

Whereas, in 2015, CVHS celebrated a half-century of performing good deeds on behalf of domestic pets and small animals in Vermont and campaigning against animal cruelty, *now therefore be it*

Resolved by the Senate and House of Representatives:

That the General Assembly congratulates the Central Vermont Humane Society 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 Central Vermont Humane Society.

S.C.R. 26.

By Senator Collamore,

S.C.R. 26. Senate concurrent resolution congratulating the Green Mountain Foster Grandparent Program on its 50th anniversary.

Whereas, young children and persons 55 years of age or older can be mutually supportive, and

Whereas, on the same day in 1965, Sargent Shriver, the Director of the Office of Economy Opportunity, visited both children with intellectual disabilities and a senior citizens center, and

Whereas, he recognized the youngsters needed more attention, including being read to and involvement in playing games, than the staff at the children's center could offer, and the adults longed for an activity in which they could offer help and affection to others, and

Whereas, Sargent Shriver realized these two groups could form a creative partnership, and

Whereas, from this idea emerged the Foster Grandparent Program (FGP) that offers continuing intergenerational nurturing relationships, resulting in the participating children's emotional and social growth, increased self-confidence, and breaking of negative stereotypes of old people, and

Whereas, the senior volunteers, who are on limited incomes, gain tax-free stipends they spend in their local communities, and studies have documented that seniors' mental and physical health improves, and

Whereas, in 1966, a year after the FGP was established, it was introduced in Vermont under the banner of the Green Mountain Foster Grandparent Program (GMFGP), and

Whereas, during the past half century, GMFGP has offered its senior volunteers in Addison, Bennington, and Rutland counties a wonderful opportunity to help children, as well as brighten and enhance the volunteers' own lives, and

Whereas, according to GMFGP's most recent annualized data, 69 senior volunteers served 848 children at 34 schools or nonprofit organizations for a total of 67,664 community service hours, and

Whereas, seniors and children in other Vermont counties beyond GMFGP's jurisdiction are also now participating successfully in the federal FGP, *now therefore be it*

Resolved by the Senate and House of Representatives:

That the General Assembly congratulates the Green Mountain Foster Grandparent Program 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 Green Mountain Foster Grandparent Program in Rutland.

S.C.R. 27.

By Senators Kitchel and Benning,

By Representatives Toll of Danville, Beck of St. Johnsbury, Feltus of Lyndon, Lawrence of Lyndon, Martel of Waterford, and Willhoit of St. Johnsbury,

S.C.R. 27. Senate concurrent resolution honoring Dr. David Toll of St. Johnsbury for his exemplary dedication to the practice of pediatric medicine.

Whereas, David Toll's remarkable career as a St. Johnsbury-based pediatrician thrived for 64 years, and

Whereas, at 16 years of age, this Ohioan's high school principal informed David Toll that he was Harvard bound, and

Whereas, David Toll completed his medical school admission requirements at 18 years of age, but World War II military service intervened, and

Whereas, as hostilities were concluding, the U.S. military sent David Toll to medical school, and he earned his degree at Western Reserve (now Case Western Reserve) University in Cleveland, and

Whereas, upon completion of his pediatric training at Boston Children's Hospital, David Toll moved to St. Johnsbury, Vermont, and

Whereas, at the time of his arrival in 1951, David Toll was the sole board-certified pediatrician serving the Northeast Kingdom, and

Whereas, in his early years, David Toll traveled long distances to make house calls, and his practice always encompassed a large territory, and

Whereas, except for two years of military service as a medical officer during the Korean War, David Toll remained in St. Johnsbury and, starting in 1958, worked at the same Main Street office, and

Whereas, as a pathology-trained physician, he processed many medical tests that other physicians could not have completed in their own offices, and

Whereas, David Toll has been dedicated to his young patients' well-being, and

Whereas, he has been a business and civic leader in St. Johnsbury, and

Whereas, David Toll's invaluable professional associate, Bridget Toll R.N., was his long-serving professional colleague, and for 39 years has been his wife, and he is the father of Job, Abel, and Seth, and the grandfather of Ben, Alice, Kate, and Margaret, and

Whereas, after more than six decades, in November 2015, David Toll, who was featured as a WCAX television super senior, concluded his medical career, and on October 24, 2015 was honored at an open house, *now therefore be it*

Resolved by the Senate and House of Representatives:

That the General Assembly honors Dr. David Toll of St. Johnsbury for his exemplary dedication to the practice of pediatric medicine, *and be it further*

Resolved: That the Secretary of State be directed to send a copy of this resolution to Dr. David Toll.