

CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

ADDENDUM

TO THE

SENATE CALENDAR

**Text of Senate
Concurrent Resolutions**

of

Thursday, May 5, 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. 44.

By Senators Doyle, Cummings, and Pollina,

By Representatives Grad of Moretown and Greshin of Warren,

S.C.R. 44. Senate concurrent resolution congratulating the 2016 Vermont Planners Association's honorees from central Vermont.

Whereas, annually, the Vermont Planners Association (VPA) honors individuals and planning organizations that have made distinguished contributions to the planning process in Vermont, and

Whereas, at a State House reception on April 28, 2016, two local individuals and a central Vermont planning organization will be among the honorees, and

Whereas, Robert Vasseur will be honored as the Citizen Planner of the Year, and

Whereas, he is the recipient of this honor in recognition of his 57 years (1959–2016) as a Fayston Selectboard member, and

Whereas, in this role, Robert Vasseur and his fellow board members performed many planning functions that improved Fayston's townscape, and

Whereas, his ideas on municipal plans and planning were thoughtful and carefully considered, and

Whereas, the VPA is honoring Brian Shupe, the Executive Director of the Vermont Natural Resources Council, in recognition of his recent designation as a Fellow of the American Institute of Certified Planners (AICP), and

Whereas, an AICP Fellow is a planner "who has made significant contributions to planning and society," and has displayed professional excellence and leadership, and

Whereas, Brian Shupe's career as Executive Director of the Mad River Valley Planning District, Director of Planning and Zoning for the town of Stowe, and Executive Director of Smart Growth Vermont exemplifies the

excellence in planning that the AICP requires for recipients of this special recognition, and

Whereas, the Mad River Valley Economic Study and Vitality Series, 2014/15 was a comprehensive examination, using the best planning tools available, to define community goals and explore a pathway to economic vitality, and

Whereas, the VPA is naming the Mad River Valley Economic Study and Vitality Series, 2014/15 as its Project of the Year, *now therefore be it*

Resolved by the Senate and House of Representatives:

That the General Assembly congratulates the 2016 Vermont Planners Association's honorees from Central Vermont, *and be it further*

Resolved: That the Secretary of State be directed to send a copy of this resolution to each of the honorees named in this resolution.

S.C.R. 45.

By Senators Sirotkin, Ashe, Baruth, Campion, Cummings, Degree, Doyle, Lyons, MacDonald, McCormack, Mullin, Riehle, and Zuckerman,

By Representatives Davis of Washington, Donovan of Burlington, Sharpe of Bristol, Toleno of Brattleboro, Townsend of South Burlington, and Yantachka of Charlotte,

S.C.R. 45. Senate concurrent resolution honoring Joel D. Cook for his four decades of exemplary legal advocacy and administrative leadership in the nonprofit and public sectors.

Whereas, Joel Cook has devoted his legal and administrative career to causes in which he passionately believed, and

Whereas, he earned his undergraduate degree at Haverford College, graduate degrees in education at Columbia University's Teachers College, and a law degree from the University of Oregon, and

Whereas, Joel Cook has spent his entire professional career in Vermont starting as a VISTA attorney at Vermont Legal Aid, and

Whereas, at the conclusion of his VISTA-funded position, Joel Cook remained at Vermont Legal Aid as a staff attorney, working on the types of economic-related matters with which he was well acquainted, and

Whereas, Joel Cook's duties at Vermont Legal Aid would subsequently include directing the mental health law project, attorney and paralegal training, and finally the senior citizen law project, and

Whereas, this last role segued nicely into his next position as Director of the Vermont Office on Aging, which eventually led to Governor Kunin’s appointing him as Commissioner of Aging and Disabilities, and

Whereas, starting in 1992, Joel Cook’s career shifted from advocating for older Vermonters and those with disabilities to seeking the best possible educational opportunities for the State’s K–12 students as general counsel for the Vermont-NEA, and

Whereas, in his new job, Joel Cook represented the Vermont-NEA in the court room, at the bargaining table, and in the General Assembly, and he served as in-house counsel for internal operations, and

Whereas, the leadership of Vermont-NEA was so pleased with Joel Cook’s performance as general counsel that, in 2000, it promoted him to the role of executive director of the 12,000-member organization, and

Whereas, after serving as a leading public education advocate, Joel Cook is concluding his tenure as the Vermont-NEA’s Executive Director, and

Whereas, Joel Cook has brought wise counsel and skilled leadership to all of his legal and administrative positions, *now therefore be it*

Resolved by the Senate and House of Representatives:

That the General Assembly honors Joel D. Cook for his four decades of exemplary legal advocacy and administrative leadership in the nonprofit and public sectors, *and be it further*

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

S.C.R. 46.

By Senators Doyle, Cummings, and Pollina,

S.C.R. 46. Senate concurrent resolution congratulating Good Beginnings of Central Vermont on its 25th anniversary.

Whereas, since its establishment in 1991, Good Beginnings of Central Vermont (GBCV) has assisted expectant and new parents and newly born infants, and

Whereas, the mission of GBCV is to “create a caring community where all families with newborns have adequate support, connections, and resources to build stable homes in which children thrive,” and

Whereas, the GBCV’s mission is fulfilled in large part through trained volunteers who provide primarily home-based support services, and

Whereas, these services include home visits for the first three months of an infant's life, support for pregnant women in need of bed rest, parental education, early literacy and awareness support, and nurturing father programs, and

Whereas, GBCV's volunteers also participate in the music together program for parents and newly born infants, and

Whereas, aside from support from volunteers, GBCV also provides new parents with infant carriers, baby clothing, and other essential supplies, and

Whereas, the GBCV's website offers many useful information resources for new parents, and

Whereas, in 2016, GBCV is marking a quarter-century of serving newly born infants and their families in ways that make their lives easier and happier, *now therefore be it*

Resolved by the Senate and House of Representatives:

That the General Assembly congratulates Good Beginnings of Central Vermont on its 25th anniversary, *and be it further*

Resolved: That the Secretary of State be directed to send a copy of this resolution to Good Beginnings of Central Vermont.

S.C.R. 47.

By Senators White and Balint,

By Representatives Burke of Brattleboro, Dakin of Chester, Deen of Westminster, Emmons of Springfield, Forguites of Springfield, Hebert of Vernon, Partridge of Windham, Sibia of Dover, Stuart of Brattleboro, Toleno of Brattleboro, and Trieber of Rockingham

S.C.R. 47. Senate concurrent resolution honoring April D. Hensel for her exemplary service as the District 2 Environmental Commission Coordinator.

Whereas, the district environmental commissions are the first stop for parties involved in an Act 250 proceeding, and

Whereas, the commissions rely on the expertise and experience of their coordinators for background information and for guidance, as they prepare for hearings and draft opinions, and

Whereas, starting in 1984, April Hensel served as the District 2 Environmental Commission Coordinator, and

Whereas, as a respected professional, April Hensel always worked fairly and impartially with all parties involved in a matter pending before the commission, and

Whereas, April Hensel developed an in-depth expertise on all aspects of land and water public policy that a district environmental commission might consider, and

Whereas, she worked cooperatively and effectively with her colleagues at the Windham Regional Planning Commission, and

Whereas, after 32 years of serving the citizens of Vermont with a dedication to excellence, April Hensel has concluded her role as the District 2 Environmental Commission Coordinator, *now therefore be it*

Resolved by the Senate and House of Representatives:

That the General Assembly honors April D. Hensel for her exemplary service as the District 2 Environmental Commission Coordinator, *and be it further*

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