

CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

ADDENDUM

TO THE

HOUSE CALENDAR

**Text of House Concurrent
Resolutions**

of

June 8, 2018

Concurrent Resolutions for Adoption Under Joint Rule 16

The following concurrent resolutions will be adopted automatically unless a Representative or Senator requests floor consideration before the end of Friday's legislative session. Requests for floor consideration must be communicated to the House Clerk's office or the Senate Secretary's office.

Resolutions

H.C.R. 2.

SPECIAL SESSION

House concurrent resolution honoring outstanding Windham County music educator Andrew Davis

Offered by: Representatives Sibilio of Dover, Burke of Brattleboro, Stuart of Brattleboro, and Toleno of Brattleboro

Whereas, Andy Davis started his musical life as a banjo-playing folksinger and migrated to Vermont in search of a less hectic and simpler lifestyle, and

Whereas, although Andy Davis had never attended college, he was attracted to the School for International Training's World Issues program, and

Whereas, seeking a way to earn additional income, Andy Davis began substitute teaching and eventually taught music in Guilford, Brattleboro, and Dover, and

Whereas, his talent and love of teaching, especially on the elementary school level, persuaded Andy Davis to obtain his teacher certification, ensuring his long-term authorization to work in a public school, and

Whereas, since 1986, Andy Davis has been the esteemed music teacher at the Dover School, and his enthusiasm and approach to the musical arts are unique, and

Whereas, Andy Davis has brought the music of many nations into his classroom, introducing his students to a broad cultural diversity of musical genres, and

Whereas, the Dover School's Friday morning sings are a weekly occasion for the school community to raise its unifying and joyful voice, and

Whereas, he has drawn upon his craftsmanship skills in supervising his students' construction of drums that the youngsters play in the classroom and at school assemblies, and

Whereas, Andy Davis has directed school plays and many types of musical and dance events at the Dover School, and

Whereas, aside from his school role, Andy Davis cofounded the New England Dancing Masters, where he plays music and calls contra dances, and

Whereas, this June, Andy Davis is concluding his 32-year classroom tenure at the Dover School, and District 6 of the Vermont Music Educators Association has honored him as its 2018 Music Educator of the Year, now therefore be it

Resolved by the Senate and House of Representatives:

That the General Assembly honors outstanding Windham County music educator Andrew Davis, and be it further

Resolved: That the Secretary of State be directed to send a copy of this resolution to Andrew Davis and the Dover School.

H.C.R. 3.

SPECIAL SESSION

House concurrent resolution congratulating Gisele Seymour of Derby on her centennial birthday

Offered by: Representatives Smith of Derby and Batchelor of Derby

Whereas, 100 years of life is a precious gift that only a limited number of Vermonters are able to enjoy, and

Whereas, Gisele Breton was born on June 21, 1918 in Shawinigan Falls, Quebec and spent her youth in Sherbrooke, Quebec, and

Whereas, during World War II, Gisele Breton served with pride as a member of the Canadian Women's Army Corps, and

Whereas, upon completion of her military service, she worked at Eaton's Department Store in Montreal and later for the Sherbrooke municipal government, and

Whereas, on May 30, 1953, Gisele Breton married William Seymour, and they purchased a home in Derby where she continues to reside, and

Whereas, as a woman devoted to her faith, she is a parishioner and long-serving volunteer of St. Edwards Catholic Church in Derby, and

Whereas, she is a talented craftswoman whose sewing, crocheting, and knitting have resulted in many beautiful creations, such as quilts, and

Whereas, Gisele Seymour has nurtured lovely floral arrangements outside her home that attract great admiration, and

Whereas, in 2002, following the closing of the Ames Department Store in

Derby, Gisele Seymour and her husband, who died in 2009, initiated a petition drive, requesting that the Derby Selectboard persuade Walmart to open a store in the town of Derby, and

Whereas, her petition sparked a long process, leading to, on October 15, 2015, a Walmart groundbreaking ceremony at which she was honored to hold the spade next to then Governor Peter Shumlin, and

Whereas, on November 16, 2016, Gisele Seymour was overjoyed to cut the ribbon at the Derby Walmart Supercenter's grand opening, culminating her 14-year effort, and

Whereas, after the grand opening ceremony, a champagne toast held at her home commemorated this achievement, and

Whereas, in celebration of this special mother, grandmother, and great-grandmother's 100th birthday on June 21, 2018, Walmart is arranging for a birthday party in her honor, now therefore be it

Resolved by the Senate and House of Representatives:

That the General Assembly congratulates Gisele Seymour of Derby on her centennial birthday, and be it further

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