

CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

ADDENDUM

TO THE

**HOUSE AND SENATE
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**Text of House Concurrent
Resolutions**

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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. 31.

House concurrent resolution in memory of Marion Pritchard

Offered by: Representatives Frenier of Chelsea and Graham of Williamstown

Whereas, Marion van Binsbergen was a Dutch gentile whom the Nazis falsely imprisoned and tortured early in their occupation of Holland, and

Whereas, following her release, Marion van Binsbergen was horrified when she witnessed Nazi officials violently force a group of Jewish youngsters, residents of a children's home, into a truck taking them to their probable deaths in Nazi concentration camps, and

Whereas, in response, she joined the Dutch resistance registering Jewish infants as her own and helping Jewish children acquire food ration cards, medical care, and false identification papers, and

Whereas, for two and one-half years, she resided with a Jewish father and his three children in the servants' quarters of a country estate and shot and killed a Dutch policeman and Nazi sympathizer who was about to discover the family, and

Whereas, following World War II, Marion van Binsbergen worked for the United Nations in Germany where she met her future husband, former American Army Captain Anton Pritchard, and

Whereas, the Pritchard family moved to Vershire in the 1970s, and Marion Pritchard compiled an extensive collection of Holocaust literature that she donated to the Vershire Public Library, and

Whereas, Yad Vashem, the World Holocaust Remembrance Center in Jerusalem, honored her as Righteous Among the Nations and the University of Michigan presented her its Wallenberg Medal, and she participated in oral history and film projects documenting Holocaust rescue efforts, and

Whereas, Marion Pritchard died in Washington, D.C., on December 11, 2016, and her survivors include her sons, Arnold, Ivor, and Brian, now therefore be it

Resolved by the Senate and House of Representatives:

That the General Assembly extends its sincere condolences to the family of Marion Pritchard, and be it further

Resolved: That the Secretary of State be directed to send a copy of this resolution to the members of Marion Pritchard's family.

H.C.R. 32.

House concurrent resolution designating February 3, 2017 as Wear Red Day at the State House

Offered by: Representatives Krowinski of Burlington, Ancel of Calais, Bancroft of Westford, Briglin of Thetford, Buckholz of Hartford, Dakin of Colchester, Deen of Westminster, Dickinson of St. Albans Town, Emmons of Springfield, Gardner of Richmond, Giambatista of Essex, Grad of Moretown, Greshin of Warren, Head of South Burlington, Hill of Wolcott, Hooper of Montpelier, Hooper of Brookfield, Jessup of Middlesex, Kitzmiller of Montpelier, LaClair of Barre Town, LaLonde of South Burlington, Lewis of Berlin, Long of Newfane, Masland of Thetford, McFaun of Barre Town, Mrowicki of Putney, Murphy of Fairfax, O'Sullivan of Burlington, Partridge of Windham, Potter of Clarendon, Pugh of South Burlington, Quimby of Concord, Scheu of Middlebury, Sheldon of Middlebury, Stevens of Waterbury, Stuart of Brattleboro, Sullivan of Burlington, Toleno of Brattleboro, Webb of Shelburne, Wood of Waterbury, and Yantachka of Charlotte

Offered by: Senators Clarkson and Lyons

Whereas, cardiovascular diseases kill one in three women in the United States, yet 80 percent of cardiovascular disease occurrences may be preventable, and

Whereas, cardiovascular diseases and stroke kill one woman every 80 seconds in the United States, and

Whereas, cardiovascular diseases affect an estimated 44 million women in the United States, and

Whereas, 90 percent of women have one or more risk factors for developing heart disease or stroke, and

Whereas, only 36 percent of African American women and 34 percent of Hispanic women know that heart disease is their greatest health risk, the comparable percentage for white women two decades ago, and

Whereas, more women should be encouraged to call 911 when they experience any heart attack symptoms, and

Whereas, the American Heart Association's Go Red For Women motivates women to learn their family history and to meet with a healthcare provider to determine their risk for cardiovascular diseases and stroke, and

Whereas, women involved with Go Red For Women live healthier lives, and

Whereas, Go Red For Women encourages women to take control of their heart health by knowing and managing five important medical measurements: total cholesterol, HDL (good) cholesterol, blood pressure, blood sugar, and body mass index, and

Whereas, today, February 3, 2017, the promotion of women's healthy lifestyles and prudent medical monitoring are of particular focus, and many persons are wearing red to acknowledge the commendable work of the American Heart Association's Go Red For Women, now therefore be it

Resolved by the Senate and House of Representatives:

That the General Assembly designates February 3, 2017 as Wear Red Day at the State House, and be it further

Resolved: That the Secretary of State be directed to send a copy of this resolution to the American Heart Association, Vermont Chapter.

H.C.R. 33.

House concurrent resolution honoring Bonnie and Timothy Burke for their outstanding work at Wilson House in East Dorset

Offered by: Representative Sullivan of Dorset

Offered by: Senators Campion and Sears

Whereas, in 1852, the local entrepreneur Ira Cochran opened a new hotel in the village of East Dorset, and

Whereas, by the late 19th century, the Wilson family owned an interest in the hotel that in 1895 was named the Wilson House, and which, on November 26 of that year, was the birthplace of William G. Wilson, and

Whereas, William Wilson was the unidentified Bill W. who cofounded Alcoholics Anonymous (AA) in 1935, and

Whereas, in 1987, Ozzie Lepper purchased the then-deteriorating Wilson House, restoring it as a hotel, a respite site for AA participants, and as a memorial to William Wilson, and

Whereas, the mission of the now nonprofit Wilson House is "to responsibly maintain the historic birthplace, memory, spirit, and purpose of Bill Wilson," and

Whereas, since its reopening in the late 1980s, Wilson House has been a spiritually-based organization that "fosters community relations and avoids commercialism," and

Whereas, Bonnie Burke is devoted to her Christian faith and had spent much of her time helping the disabled as her late first husband had been disabled for many years, and

Whereas, after her husband's death, she was invited on a blind date with Ozzie

Lepper who explained the role of Wilson House and discussed the importance of AA participants thanking God for the sobriety they have achieved, and

Whereas, Bonnie and Ozzie married, and she became a critical player in the restoration of Wilson House, its programming, and the development of the adjacent Griffith Library that houses memorabilia of William Wilson, and

Whereas, in 2011, after Ozzie Lepper had died, Bonnie married Tim Burke who has been a loyal supporter of and participant in his wife's involvement with Wilson House, and

Whereas, Bonnie Burke is now writing a book about Wilson House, now therefore be it

Resolved by the Senate and House of Representatives:

That the General Assembly honors Bonnie and Timothy Burke for their outstanding work at Wilson House in East Dorset, and be it further

Resolved: That the Secretary of State be directed to send a copy of this resolution to Bonnie and Timothy Burke.

H.C.R. 34.

House concurrent resolution designating February 8, 2017 as Farm to School Awareness Day at the State House

Offered by: All Members of the House

Whereas, 2007 Acts and Resolves No. 24 established the Rozo McLaughlin Farm-to-School Program (the program) "to improve the health and welfare of Vermont's students" by establishing a grant program "for the purpose of helping Vermont schools develop relationships with local farmers," and

Whereas, according to a report that the Center for Rural Studies prepared for the Vermont Farm to School Network, every dollar spent in Vermont schools on local food purchasing contributes an additional 60 cents to the local economy, and

Whereas, data from the Vermont Agency of Agriculture, Food, and Markets as of January 2016 recorded that the program was serving 120 schools and more than 30,000 students, and

Whereas, stated differently, Vermont Food Education Every Day (VT FEED) calculates that two-thirds of Vermont schools participate in some type of farm to school activities, and 95 percent of the farm food students eat originates in Vermont, and

Whereas, schools with farm to school programs have reported twice the national average for vegetable consumption, and

Whereas, the Department of Health reports that 12.4 percent of high school students are obese, too many others are overweight, and local schools' farm to school participation can potentially lead to healthier diets and lower this disturbing adolescent health situation, and

Whereas, a continuing poor diet can lead to chronic disease and, in the long term, even death, and

Whereas, at the opposite end of the food spectrum, Hunger Free Vermont reports that 17 percent of Vermont children reside in food insecure homes and nutritious school meals can provide these youngsters critical nourishment, and

Whereas, today, February 8, 2017, participants in farm to school programs are visiting the State House to remind the General Assembly of farm to schools' importance for both students and farmers, now therefore be it

Resolved by the Senate and House of Representatives:

That the General Assembly designates February 8, 2017 as Farm to School Awareness Day at the State House, and be it further

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

H.C.R. 35.

House concurrent resolution commemorating the 240th anniversary of the Battle of Hubbardton

Offered by: Representatives Devereux of Mount Holly, Canfield of Fair Haven, and Helm of Fair Haven

Offered by: Senators Collamore, Flory, and Mullin

Whereas, on July 5, 1777, during the Revolutionary War, American troops evacuated Fort Ticonderoga, located on Lake Champlain's western shore, on observing British cannons mounted on high ground overlooking the fort, and

Whereas, General Arthur St. Clair led the American forces west towards Castleton, stopping along the way in Hubbardton to allow the American rear guard to arrive, and

Whereas, on July 6, 1777, British General Simon Fraser discovered that the Americans had abandoned Fort Ticonderoga and left in pursuit with a force composed of grenadiers, light infantry, components of the 24th Regiment, loyalists, and American Indian scouts, and

Whereas, although the American rear guard had yet to arrive at Hubbardton, General St. Clair decided to proceed towards Castleton leaving Seth Warner, commanding the Green Mountain Boys, and Colonel Nathan Hale, leading the 2nd New Hampshire Regiment, to wait for the balance of the American troops, and

Whereas, when the American rear guard arrived late on July 6, 1777, Warner decided to keep his men overnight at Hubbardton, establishing defensive positions and sending patrols to watch the road heading west towards Fort Ticonderoga, and

Whereas, the first British troops arrived in Hubbardton near dawn on July 7, 1777, surprising some of the Americans, but they soon repositioned themselves and fired mightily at the exhausted British, and

Whereas, although the Americans did weaken their enemies' left flank, British grenadiers ultimately repelled the Americans with both sides sustaining significant casualties, including the fatal wounding of the American Colonel Ebenezer Francis, whom the British buried with their forces as a sign of respect, and

Whereas, the Battle of Hubbardton was the only Revolutionary War military engagement fought in Vermont, as the Battle of Bennington, despite its name, occurred in nearby New York, now therefore be it

Resolved by the Senate and House of Representatives:

That the General Assembly commemorates the 240th anniversary of the Battle of Hubbardton, and be it further

Resolved: That the Secretary of State be directed to send a copy of this resolution to the Vermont Historical Society, the Vermont Division for Historic Preservation, and the Hubbardton Town Clerk.

H.C.R. 36.

House concurrent resolution congratulating the 2016 Eagle class of Green Mountain Council Boy Scouts

Offered by: Representatives Fagan of Rutland City, Ainsworth of Royalton, Bancroft of Westford, Baser of Bristol, Batchelor of Derby, Beck of St. Johnsbury, Beyor of Highgate, Bissonnette of Winooski, Botzow of Pownal, Brennan of Colchester, Browning of Arlington, Brumsted of Shelburne, Buckholz of Hartford, Burditt of West Rutland, Burke of Brattleboro, Canfield of Fair Haven, Carr of Brandon, Chesnut-Tangerman of Middletown Springs, Christensen of Weathersfield, Christie of Hartford, Cina of Burlington, Condon of Colchester, Cupoli of Rutland City, Dakin of Colchester, Deen of Westminster, Devereux of Mount Holly, Dickinson of St. Albans Town, Donahue of Northfield, Dunn of Essex, Emmons of Springfield, Feltus of Lyndon, Forguites of Springfield, Frenier of Chelsea, Gage of Rutland City, Gamache of Swanton, Gannon of Wilmington, Giambatista of Essex, Gonzalez of Winooski, Graham of Williamstown, Greshin of Warren, Head of South Burlington, Hebert of Vernon, Helm of Fair Haven, Higley of Lowell, Houghton of Essex, Howard of Rutland City, Hubert of Milton, Jessup of Middlesex, Johnson of South Hero, Juskiewicz of Cambridge, Keefe of Manchester, Keenan of St. Albans City, LaLonde of South Burlington,

Lanpher of Vergennes, Lawrence of Lyndon, Lewis of Berlin, Lippert of Hinesburg, Long of Newfane, Lucke of Hartford, Macaig of Williston, Marcotte of Coventry, Martel of Waterford, Masland of Thetford, McCormack of Burlington, McCoy of Poultney, McCullough of Williston, McFaun of Barre Town, Miller of Shaftsbury, Morris of Bennington, Morrissey of Bennington, Murphy of Fairfax, Myers of Essex, Nolan of Morristown, O'Sullivan of Burlington, Parent of St. Albans Town, Partridge of Windham, Pearce of Richford, Potter of Clarendon, Pugh of South Burlington, Quimby of Concord, Rachelson of Burlington, Rosenquist of Georgia, Savage of Swanton, Scheuermann of Stowe, Sharpe of Bristol, Shaw of Pittsford, Sheldon of Middlebury, Smith of New Haven, Squirrell of Underhill, Strong of Albany, Stuart of Brattleboro, Tate of Mendon, Taylor of Colchester, Terenzini of Rutland Town, Till of Jericho, Toleno of Brattleboro, Toll of Danville, Townsend of South Burlington, Trieber of Rockingham, Troiano of Stannard, Turner of Milton, Van Wyck of Ferrisburgh, Viens of Newport City, Weed of Enosburgh, Willhoit of St. Johnsbury, Wright of Burlington, Yacovone of Morristown, and Yantachka of Charlotte

Offered by: Senators Ashe, Ayer, Balint, Baruth, Benning, Branagan, Bray, Brooks, Campion, Clarkson, Collamore, Cummings, Degree, Flory, Ingram, Kitchel, Lyons, MacDonald, Mazza, McCormack, Mullin, Nitka, Pollina, Rodgers, Sears, Sirotkin, Starr, Westman, and White

Whereas, Eagle is the highest rank a Boy Scout can earn, and

Whereas, achieving the rank of Eagle requires commitment and perseverance, starting from the moment a young man is inducted into the Boy Scouts of America, and

Whereas, the myriad merit badges a Boy Scout must earn to reach this honor introduce him to many useful skills, and

Whereas, in 2016, these Boy Scouts, who are members of troops in the Green Mountain Council, achieved the rank of Eagle: Benjamin Ethan Allred, Jonathan Dae Ames, Sterling Mason Anderson, Ryan Charles Aremburg, Adam Charles Babb, Owen W. Beattie, Justin Robert Beaudoin, Nicholas E. Bouffard, Robert M. Brangan, Ian C. Brett, William Andrew Bruce, Benjamin Centracchio, William C. B. Charlton, Peter J. Chesarek, Nicholas Michael Cook, Benjamin R. Cotton, Dylan Joseph Danilich, Aric George Donerkiel, James Gregory Douglas, Hender Stuart Dye, Evan Paul Emerson, Jack Michael Tyler Feccia, Daniel Eusebio Feliciano, Chaston Finaldi, Andrew Patrick Gay, Forrest Thiadens Hamilton, Philip Edwards Hampson, Zachary Page Hark, Nicholas K. Hendee, Henry Lanham Hoffert, Adrien B. Hollister, Ethan B. Jeffery, Cameron Scott Kelley, Cameron J. LaCoille, John Norman Landis IV, John Ryan Leach, Aaron Merton Leonard, Samuel Liebow, Michael

Kevin Mallon, Cortland James Manton, Sullivan Joseph Martin, Alexander John Merrill, Thomas James Morgan, Travis John Morrissette, Jefferson Drew Moser, Robert Henry Nally, Brian Ross Paradis, Jacob N. Parker, Andrew N. Parkinson, Espen Scott Peterson, Christopher Philip Purl, Blaise Rainville, William Patrick Rambur, Nathan Remington Ranker, Eric Vincent Ray, Derek Wayne Rice, Jacob Andrew Roy, William Cyrus Royce, Adakin James Sawyer, David Charles Sawyer, Clayton Leland Schroeder, Kieran Gerald Shea, Cameron Dean Silloway, Tyler Skroski, Andrew James Slauterbeck, Marcus Allen Stevens, Sebastian M. Tanguay, Kyle Kenneth Thurgate, Matthew Jackson Turner, Lucas Turunen, Isaac Edward Vance, Matthew E. Walasewicz, Jacob Forest Wechsler, Joshua Thomas Williams, Benton Winrich, and Zephania Malachi Worthington, and

Whereas, each new Eagle Scout and his family can be proud of this personal achievement and of the young man's ability to reach a challenging goal, now therefore be it

Resolved by the Senate and House of Representatives:

That the General Assembly congratulates and extends best wishes to the 2016 Eagle class of Green Mountain Council Boy Scouts, and be it further

Resolved: That the Secretary of State be directed to send a copy of this resolution to each Eagle Scout honored in this resolution.

H.C.R. 37.

House concurrent resolution honoring Nathaniel A. Boone of Winhall for his pioneering national service

Offered by: Representatives Morrissey of Bennington, Botzow of Pownal, Browning of Arlington, Corcoran of Bennington, Fields of Bennington, Keefe of Manchester, Miller of Shaftsbury, Morris of Bennington, Sibia of Dover, and Sullivan of Dorset

Offered by: Senators Campion and Sears

Whereas, since July 11, 1798, African Americans were barred from enlistment in the U.S. Marine Corps, and

Whereas, on June 25, 1941, President Franklin Roosevelt issued an executive order barring racial discrimination in military enlistment, and

Whereas, in 1942, the first modern era African American Marines trained in a segregated unit at Montford Point Camp at Camp Lejeune, North Carolina, but an integrated U.S. Marine Corps required President Truman to issue a further executive order on July 26, 1948, and

Whereas, one of these pioneering African American U.S. Marines was Nathaniel

Boone of Englewood, New Jersey, who enlisted in 1946 and served as a radar technician, and

Whereas, after his honorable military discharge, Nathaniel Boone used funds made available under the GI Bill of Rights to attend Bates College, where he met his wife, Harriet Howel, and upon graduating from Bates, he earned a law degree at Boston University, and

Whereas, for 30 years, Nathaniel Boone practiced law in New Jersey, and

Whereas, in 1957, Nathaniel and Harriet Boone honeymooned in Manchester and, enchanted with this Vermont resort community, they returned regularly, purchasing a home in nearby Winhall in 1972 before becoming permanent residents in 1989, and

Whereas, in retirement, Nathaniel Boone has assumed active community roles, including volunteering with the Manchester Music Festival; serving as a tour guide and board chair at Hildene, the home of President Abraham Lincoln's son, Robert Todd Lincoln; and as an active member, along with his wife, at the local First Congregational Church, and

Whereas, in 2012, the U.S. Congress awarded the Congressional Gold Medal, one of the nation's two highest civilian honors, to Nathaniel Boone and each of the other surviving Montford Point U.S. Marines, and

Whereas, Nathaniel Boone attributes the opportunities resulting from his Marine Corps service as paving the path to his personal success and that of his daughter, Daryl, a Harvard University librarian; his son, Peter, a Connecticut orthopedic surgeon; and each of his three grandchildren, and

Whereas, the 2012 Winhall Town Report was dedicated to Nathaniel Aaron Boone, now therefore be it

Resolved by the Senate and House of Representatives:

That the General Assembly honors Nathaniel A. Boone of Winhall for his pioneering national service, and be it further

Resolved: That the Secretary of State be directed to send a copy of this resolution to Nathaniel A. Boone.

H.C.R. 38.

House concurrent resolution recognizing the importance of the Black Lives Matter Movement in the U.S. and Vermont Black communities

Offered by: Representatives Christie of Hartford, Gonzalez of Winooski, Morris of Bennington, Ancel of Calais, Botzow of Pownal, Briglin of Thetford, Brumsted of Shelburne, Buckholz of Hartford, Burke of Brattleboro, Chesnut-Tangerman of Middletown Springs, Cina of Burlington, Colburn of Burlington, Conlon of Cornwall, Conquest of Newbury, Dakin of Colchester, Dunn of Essex, Emmons of Springfield, Fields of Bennington, Gannon of

Wilmington, Grad of Moretown, Haas of Rochester, Head of South Burlington, Houghton of Essex, Joseph of North Hero, Lanpher of Vergennes, Lippert of Hinesburg, Long of Newfane, Lucke of Hartford, Macaig of Williston, Masland of Thetford, McCullough of Williston, Mrowicki of Putney, Murphy of Fairfax, O'Sullivan of Burlington, Pugh of South Burlington, Rachelson of Burlington, Scheu of Middlebury, Sheldon of Middlebury, Sibia of Dover, Squirrell of Underhill, Stevens of Waterbury, Stuart of Brattleboro, Sullivan of Dorset, Sullivan of Burlington, Till of Jericho, Townsend of South Burlington, Troiano of Stannard, Walz of Barre City, Weed of Enosburgh, Wood of Waterbury, and Yantachka of Charlotte

Offered by: Senators Brooks, Balint, Baruth, Campion, Clarkson, and Pollina

Whereas, the murder of Trayvon Martin on February 26, 2012 in Florida sparked outrage in the Black community, and

Whereas, a strong perception following this homicide that the nation placed a low value on the lives of Black Americans led Alicia Garza, Opal Tometi, and Patrisse Cullors to form the Black Lives Matter movement (BLM), and

Whereas, BLM was formed to affirm Black Americans' humanity and resilience in the face of deadly oppression, and

Whereas, the killing of Michael Brown, 18 years of age, in Ferguson, Missouri, on August 9, 2014, ignited major growth in BLM, and

Whereas, the deaths of at least 250 unarmed Black Americans in 2016 reaffirmed the continuing crisis in the relationship between Black Americans and law enforcement officials, and

Whereas, BLM's literature states, "Black Lives Matter Vermont is a growing network of individuals, families and businesses invested in the liberation of Black Vermonters, and the deactivation of systemic racism endured by all people of color in our state," and

Whereas, the repeated incidents of violence against Black Americans have demonstrated the core reason that BLM was established, and

Whereas, BLM supporters in Vermont, who include members of all races, have stood in solidarity with this nationwide movement, and

Whereas, according to the U.S. Census, as of July 1, 2015 only 1.3 percent of Vermonters are Black, and they still face discrimination in many aspects of their daily lives, and

Whereas, the General Assembly has acknowledged the problems Black

Vermonters encounter with public safety officials, and in 2012 (Act 134) and 2014 (Act 193), the General Assembly enacted legislation leading to the establishment of biasfree policing policies, and a greater law enforcement awareness and readiness to adopt those policies, and

Whereas, the Vermont Black Lives Matter movement has spurred a continuing dialogue to ensure that all Vermonters are guaranteed fundamental civil rights and equality, now therefore be it

Resolved by the Senate and House of Representatives:

That the General Assembly recognizes the importance of the Black Lives Matter Movement in the U.S. and Vermont Black communities, and be it further

Resolved: That the Secretary of State be directed to send a copy of this resolution to Shela Linton, Ebony Nyoni, and Mark Hughes.