CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

ADDENDUM

TO THE

HOUSE AND SENATE CALENDAR

Text of House Concurrent Resolutions

of

February 22, 2017
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. 47.

House concurrent resolution designating February 16, 2017 as Afterschool Day at the State House

Whereas, afterschool and summer learning programs keep children safe, inspire learning, create jobs, and help working families, and

Whereas, numerous organizations in Vermont provide afterschool and summer learning programs for kindergarten through grade 12, and

Whereas, high-quality afterschool and summer learning programs are typically based on collaborations of schools and partners, including community groups, libraries, organizations serving youths, and recreation departments, and

Whereas, according to Vermont Afterschool, Inc., more than 24 percent (21,690) of Vermont students in kindergarten through 12th grade participate in afterschool programs, and 33 percent of those who are not enrolled would participate if more programs were available and accessible, and

Whereas, afterschool and summer learning programs provide students with summer meals, afterschool suppers, healthy snacks, and physical activity, and

Whereas, many full- and part-time jobs across the State, including important work experience opportunities for high school youths especially in Vermont’s rural communities, are attributable to these programs, and

Whereas, a sizeable number of surveyed 5th through 12th graders reported a sense of belonging in their afterschool program, and

Whereas, participation in afterschool programs designed to build skills in science, technology, engineering, and mathematics has proven beneficial for students, and

Whereas, according to the Youth Risk Behavior Survey, Vermont high school students who participate in afterschool activities (up to 19 hours per week) are less likely to consume alcohol, use illegal drugs, or be in a physical fight than those students not similarly enrolled, and

Whereas, Vermont’s PreK–16 Council’s Working Group on Expanded Learning Opportunities documented that every $1.00 invested in afterschool programs saves Vermonters $2.18 in the future by increasing students’ earning potential, improving performance at school, and reducing crime, and

Whereas, the State’s schools and communities are able to leverage important federal funding for afterschool and summer learning programs, and

Whereas, educators, advocates, parents, and students involved in these programs are in Montpelier today to celebrate their work and to continue learning about best practices for their respective programs, now therefore be it

Resolved by the Senate and House of Representatives:

That the General Assembly designates February 16, 2017 as Afterschool
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 Vermont Afterschool, Inc. in Colchester.

H.C.R. 48.

House concurrent resolution honoring former Brattleboro Town Clerk Annette Cappy

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

Offered by: Senators Balint and White

Whereas, beginning in 1989, Annette Cappy served as the dedicated Brattleboro Town Clerk, and

Whereas, her resume of accomplishments is certainly impressive, and

Whereas, Brattleboro is home to the State’s only representative town meeting, and Annette Cappy was responsible for the administrative duties associated with this annual municipal gathering, and

Whereas, Annette Cappy has issued thousands of birth and death certificates, marriage licenses, and dog licenses, and

Whereas, on July 8, 2000, Annette Cappy made history, issuing the first license for a civil union anywhere in the United States, and

Whereas, her willingness to conduct business in new ways has resulted in Brattleboro’s frequent designation as the State’s preferred test location for a proposed new municipal government procedure, and

Whereas, Annette Cappy is an ardent advocate for facilitating Vermonters in exercising their right to vote, and her enthusiastic support for Act No. 44 of 2015, the same day voter registration law, culminated in her traveling to Montpelier for the bill’s signing ceremony, and

Whereas, beyond Brattleboro, Annette Cappy has chaired the Windham County municipal clerks and treasurers group, and served on the executive board of the New England Association of City and Town Clerks, the Vermont Commission on Democracy, and the Secretary of State’s Clerks’ Advisory Board, and

Whereas, Annette Cappy was a vigilant public official who alerted federal authorities when she correctly suspected a fraud-inspired international marriage scheme was seeking marriage licenses through her office, and

Whereas, in 2012, Annette Cappy was surprised and honored to be named the Vermont Municipal Clerks’ and Treasurers’ Association’s Town Clerk of the Year, and

Whereas, following nearly 29 years of exemplary municipal service, Annette
Cappy retired in December 2016 but is remaining available to assist with the 2017 municipal elections, now therefore be it

Resolved by the Senate and House of Representatives:

That the General Assembly honors former Brattleboro Town Clerk Annette Cappy, and be it further

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

H.C.R. 49.

House concurrent resolution congratulating Doris Streeter of Dorset on being named a WCAX Television Super Senior

Offered by: Representative Sullivan of Dorset

Offered by: Senators Campion and Sears

Whereas, WCAX television broadcasts video vignettes on older Vermonters, known as super seniors, whose active lives are personally enriching and enable them to remain vital members of society, and

Whereas, one recently featured super senior was Dottie Streeter who is 87 years of age and lives in Dorset, and

Whereas, Dottie Streeter was only nine years of age when her mother died, and her older sister, then 17 years of age, took major responsibility for raising the family as their father was a busy logger, and

Whereas, the roles were reversed as Dottie became the primary caretaker when her older sister was dying, and

Whereas, a long-time widow, Dottie Streeter still loves walking in Dorset, a pastime she started as a child as it provides her quiet time to think, and

Whereas, Dottie Streeter engages in an activity that few persons of her age would even consider, leading a twice weekly exercise session at the United Church of Dorset which hosts the senior stretch at which Dottie Streeter is the indomitable leader, and

Whereas, there is much laughter and joy as Dottie leads her compatriots through stretching routines that serve as healthy exercise and camaraderie, and

Whereas, one friend describes Dottie Streeter’s leadership of the senior stretch sessions as a way for her “keeping active, keeping life going around her,” and

Whereas, although Dottie’s son keeps an eye on his mother, the truth is that the town of Dorset is really her family, and there is a genuine and enduring
bond between the local community and this special super senior, now therefore be it

Resolved by the Senate and House of Representatives:

That the General Assembly congratulates Doris Streeter on being named a WCAX Television Super Senior, and be it further

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

H.C.R. 50.

House concurrent resolution honoring Mary Ann Wilson for her outstanding public service in Morristown

Offered by: Representatives Nolan of Morristown and Yacovone of Morristown

Offered by: Senator Westman

Whereas, in the 1960s, Mary Ann and Ed Wilson purchased the Charlmont Restaurant in Morrisville, sustained the business through a rebuilding process following a 1976 fire, and they later worked in other businesses, and

Whereas, during the early 1980s, Mary Ann Wilson was elected to public office for the first time as a member of the Morristown School Board, and

Whereas, in September 1990, the incumbent Morristown Town Clerk and Treasurer, Sydney Mander, invited Mary Ann Wilson to serve as the assistant town clerk and treasurer, and on July 1, 1991, she succeeded him, and

Whereas, for the past 26 years, Mary Ann Wilson has worked diligently to provide the best possible municipal services to Morristown’s residents, ranging from election administration to financial oversight, and

Whereas, her initiatives as Morristown Town Clerk and Treasurer included introducing her office’s first computer and its original electronic vote tabulator, and

Whereas, over the past quarter century, Mary Ann Wilson has served honorably in other Morristown public offices, including school district clerk and treasurer, delinquent tax collector, trustee of public funds, and even as an ambulance driver, and as Morrisville’s village clerk and treasurer, and

Whereas, in 2000, Mary Ann Wilson was one of the founders of the Lamoille Area Cancer Network that has awarded hundreds of grants to assist persons diagnosed with cancer and is now annually worth over $180,000.00, and

Whereas, in 2009, two generations of the Wilson family began operating the Stutz-Wilson Sugar House, and

Whereas, she is an active volunteer and member of the First Congregational Church of Morrisville, which she also serves as treasurer, and
Whereas, Mary Ann and Ed Wilson are the parents of Brad and Sarah and the grandparents of five grandchildren, and

Whereas, after 26 years serving as the Morristown Town Clerk and Treasurer, Mary Ann Wilson will not stand for reelection on Town Meeting Day 2017, ending her long and successful tenure, now therefore be it

Resolved by the Senate and House of Representatives:

That the General Assembly honors Mary Ann Wilson for her outstanding public service and community leadership in Morristown, and be it further

Resolved: That the Secretary of State be directed to send a copy of this resolution to Mary Ann Wilson.

H.C.R. 51.

House concurrent resolution congratulating the 2016 Proctor High School Phantoms Division IV boys’ soccer championship team

Offered by: Representatives Potter of Clarendon, Burditt of West Rutland, Canfield of Fair Haven, Carr of Brandon, Chesnut-Tangeman of Middletown Springs, Cupoli of Rutland City, Gage of Rutland City, Helm of Fair Haven, Howard of Rutland City, McCoy of Poulney, Shaw of Pittsford, Sullivan of Dorset, Tate of Mendon, and Terenzini of Rutland Town

Offered by: Senators Collamore, Flory, and Mullin

Whereas, boys’ soccer at Proctor High School has a glorious history as the Phantoms began the 2016 season with a team history of 18 prior divisional championships, and

Whereas, as the defending 2015 champions and the top-seeded team in the 2016 Division IV playoffs, Proctor was a hardly-surprising participant in the championship game, and

Whereas, equally anticipated was the Phantoms’ opponent at the Championship game, the second-seeded West Rutland Golden Horde, and

Whereas, after a scoreless first half, and despite West Rutland’s scoring the first second half goal, the teams ended regulation play in a 1–1 tie, but the talented Phantoms scored again at 2:20 into overtime and left from Bethel with a satisfying 2–1 victory and the school’s 19th boys’ soccer title, and

Whereas, the 2016 Phantoms were Logan Landon, Joe Valerio, Logan Starling, Dylan Scott, Nick Ojala, Cedric Lyonel Andre, Solomon Parker, Derek Almond, Andre Greb, Gannon McKearin, Karl-Antonio Saint-Surin, Ezra Robichaud, Nate Greb, Jacob Perkins, Gabe Parker, Joe Parker, Camden Richardson, Conner McKearin, Tyler Eugair, and William Lee, and
Whereas, Coach Chad Wilson and assistant coaches John Ojala and Jay Wilson were superb athletic mentors, now therefore be it

Resolved by the Senate and House of Representatives:

That the General Assembly congratulates the 2016 Proctor High School Phantoms Division IV boys’ soccer championship team, and be it further

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

H.C.R. 52.

House concurrent resolution designating March 4, 2017 as Carleton Upham Carpenter Jr. Day in Vermont

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, and Sullivan of Dorset

Offered by: Senators Campion and Sears

Whereas, Carleton Carpenter was born in Bennington on July 10, 1926 and has achieved great success in the literary, musical, and performing arts, and

Whereas, his talents as a thespian, as well as a magician, impressed theatrical professionals, and they took a chance on this Vermont teenager’s acting potential, and

Whereas, his 1944 Broadway debut, prior to his graduating from Bennington High School, was in David Merrick’s first production, Bright Boy, and

Whereas, after World War II service in the U.S. Navy, Carleton Carpenter appeared on stage with Ray Bolger in Three to Make Ready and in Hotel Paradiso with Bert Lahr and Angela Lansbury, and

Whereas, in 1949, the independent film producer Louis de Rochemont brought the still-young, but now theatrically experienced, Carleton Carpenter to Hollywood to play the boyfriend in the film Lost Boundaries, and his subsequent films included Father of the Bride, with Spencer Tracy, Judy Garland, and Gene Kelly; Summer Stock, with James Garner; and several films with Burt Lancaster, and

Whereas, many movie aficionados will remember his 1950 duet with Debbie Reynolds, “Abba Dabba Honeymoon,” in the film Two Weeks from Love, that has sold more than 10 million copies, and

Whereas, returning to the stage, he starred opposite Mary Martin in a London production of Hello Dolly that toured in Vietnam as wartime entertainment for American troops and was filmed and broadcast as a one-hour NBC television special, and

Whereas, Carlton Carpenter appeared in numerous television shows, and
Whereas, a man of many talents, he has composed hundreds of songs and written nine mystery novels, and

Whereas, Carleton Carpenter has never forgotten his hometown of Bennington and for two decades has been acting in and directing plays at Bennington’s Oldcastle Theater, and

Whereas, on March 4, 2017, Carleton Carpenter, one of Bennington’s most illustrious native sons, will appear at the Oldcastle Theater to read from his new memoir *The Absolute Joy of Work*, now therefore be it

Resolved by the Senate and House of Representatives:

That the General Assembly designates March 4, 2017 as Carleton Upham Carpenter Jr. Day, and be it further

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

**H.C.R. 53.**

House concurrent resolution honoring former Shelburne Town Clerk and Treasurer Colleen Haag for her exemplary municipal service

Offered by: Representatives Webb of Shelburne and Brumsted of Shelburne

Offered by: Senators Ashe, Baruth, Ingram, Lyons, Pearson, and Sirotkin

Whereas, Colleen Haag grew up on her family’s Shelburne dairy farm and graduated from Champlain Valley Union High School, and

Whereas, in 1982, the voters of Shelburne elected Colleen Haag as the municipality’s town clerk and treasurer, and

Whereas, Colleen Haag’s outgoing personality and passion for serving others proved an ideal combination for her new position, and

Whereas, she was instrumental in establishing the Vermont Certification Program for Town Clerks and Treasurers, personally completed both courses, and later earned the International Institute of Municipal Clerks’ municipal clerk certification and the more advanced master municipal clerk designation, and

Whereas, Colleen Haag’s colleagues, both in-state and regionally, recognized her leadership skills, electing her respectively to terms as president of the Vermont Clerks Association in 1990 and of the New England Clerks Association in 2003, and

Whereas, her reputation for excellence spread so broadly that Colleen Haag served on several professional international committees, and

Whereas, Colleen Haag was a leading spokesperson for municipal government through her legislative lobbying, and

Whereas, in 1994, Colleen Haag earned the special distinction of being named the Vermont Clerk/Treasurer of the Year, and
Whereas, aside from attending to the various electoral, financial, municipal land record, and other administrative duties under a town clerk and treasurer’s jurisdiction, Colleen Haag mentored local students as a hands-on civics teacher, and

Whereas, Colleen Haag dedicated her time and knowledge to various community endeavors, and

Whereas, after 34 years, Colleen Haag has recently concluded her duties as the full-time Shelburne Town Clerk and Treasurer, but will continue in a new part-time position as Shelburne Treasurer, and

Whereas, in recognition of her exemplary public service, the building housing the Shelburne Town Clerk’s office has been named Haag Hall, and the town has established the annual Colleen Haag Public Service Award, now therefore be it

Resolved by the Senate and House of Representatives:

That the General Assembly honors former Shelburne Town Clerk and Treasurer Colleen Haag for her exemplary municipal service, and be it further

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