

CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

ADDENDUM

TO THE

**HOUSE AND SENATE
CALENDAR**

**Text of House and Senate
Concurrent Resolutions**

of

March 30, 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. 89.

House concurrent resolution congratulating the 2017 Rutland High School Raiders Division I girls' ice hockey championship team

Offered by: Representatives Fagan of Rutland City, Burditt of West Rutland, Cupoli of Rutland City, Gage of Rutland City, Howard of Rutland City, Potter of Clarendon, Tate of Mendon, and Terenzini of Rutland Town

Offered by: Senators Collamore, Flory, and Mullin

Whereas, perennial favorites, including the Bellows Free Academy Comets, have dominated Division I championship competition, and

Whereas, the fourth-seeded Comets advanced to the ultimate faceoff at Burlington's Gutterson Fieldhouse where they met a first-time challenger for the Division I crown, the third-seeded Rutland High School Raiders, and

Whereas, the two teams had split their regular season games with each tallying a shutout against the other, demonstrating they were equally skilled on the ice, and

Whereas, the Raiders took advantage of a Comets' error in the first period then scored again in the second frame to skate off triumphantly with a 2-1 game win and the 2017 Division I crown, and

Whereas, the thrilled Raiders were Shayla Sisters, Caitie Pelkey, Ella Beraldi, Brianna Beauchamp, Megan McGee, Olivia Starer, Angelina Tommola, Katja Steupert, Lily Schillinger, Meghan Hamilton, Emma Mazzariello, Caitlin Laird, Taylor Surething, Kelsey Barker, Paige Langlois, Maggie Schillinger, Elizabeth Wideawake, Amy Howard, and Carolyn Laird, and

Whereas, Head Coach Dirk Steupert, and assistant coaches Emily Reynolds, Deanna Rodolfy, and Emme O'Rourke are now historic figures in the annals of the Rutland High School's girls' ice hockey program, now therefore be it

Resolved by the Senate and House of Representatives:

That the General Assembly congratulates the 2017 Rutland High School Raiders Division I girls' ice hockey championship team, and be it further

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

H.C.R. 90.

House concurrent resolution congratulating the 2017 Bellows Free Academy-St. Albans Bobwhites Division I boys' ice hockey championship team

Offered by: Representatives Parent of St. Albans Town, Dickinson of St. Albans Town, and Keenan of St. Albans City

Offered by: Senators Degree and Branagan

Whereas, from 1969–2016, the Bellows Free Academy-St Albans (BFA-St. Albans) Bobwhites boys' ice hockey team appeared in a championship final 25 times, brought the Division I ice hockey title home to St. Albans 17 times, including seven straight State championships from 1973–1979, and

Whereas, the Bobwhites entered the 2016–2017 season as defending State champions with an opportunity to win back-to-back titles for the first time since 1988, and

Whereas, BFA-St. Albans compiled a strong regular season record, earning an opportunity to face off against rival Spaulding High School for the 2017 State Championship at the University of Vermont's Gutterson Field House, and

Whereas, the Bobwhites scored first and their stellar goaltending kept the Crimson Tide scoreless into the third period when, in quick succession, Spaulding tied the score and BFA-St. Albans then secured the game's final goal, a 2-1 victory, a back-to-back Division I championship, and its 18th overall championship title, and

Whereas, Bobwhites Garrett Boudreau, Jake Hall, Owen Hungerford, Griffin Knapp, Connor Wood, Keegan Streeter, Hunter Laroe, Ethan Bonnette, Mark Howrigan, Cooper Cioffi, Collin Manahan, Owen Deslauriers, Colby Brouillette, Zachary Savage, Noah Rouleau, Hayden Fersing, Mason Yandow, Longan Lanfear, Killian Shea-Smith, Noah Vincelette, Parker Gratton, Dominic Liscinsky, Chaez Skeels, Derek Nadeau, Tyler Laroche, and Daniel Ellis formed a cohesive and powerful ice hockey team, and

Whereas, Head Coach Toby Ducolon and assistant coaches Tom McDonald, Jon Malboeuf, Josh Corrigan, and Kevin Hurlbut served the Bobwhites as knowledgeable instructors, and team managers Ian Manahan, Anthony Liscinsky, and Mike Walsh were always helpful, now therefore be it

Resolved by the Senate and the House of Representatives:

That the General Assembly congratulates the 2017 Bellows Free Academy-St. Albans Bobwhites Division I championship boys' ice hockey team, and be it further

Resolved: That the Secretary of State be directed to send a copy of this resolution to BFA-St. Albans.

H.C.R. 91.

House concurrent resolution congratulating the 2017 Rutland High School Raiders Division I boys' basketball championship team

Offered by: Representatives Fagan of Rutland City, Cupoli of Rutland City, Gage of Rutland City, Howard of Rutland City, Terenzini of Rutland Town, Burditt of West Rutland, Canfield of Fair Haven, Potter of Clarendon, and Tate of Mendon

Offered by: Senators Collamore, Flory, and Mullin

Whereas, half a century had passed since the Rutland High School Raiders boys' basketball team had won a divisional championship, a date long preceding the birth of the current players and that of many faculty members, and

Whereas, after a New Year's Eve loss, the Raiders remained undefeated for the balance of the season, and

Whereas, interestingly, Rutland secured a Division I championship game berth against Champlain Valley Union High School (CVU), the last team to have outscored the Raiders this season, and

Whereas, in the exciting final contest at Patrick Gymnasium in Burlington, CVU opened the scoring, but the Raiders bounced back to a 15–14 halftime lead and patiently commanded a tie-breaking overtime period to emerge with an historic 43–37 game victory and a most memorable Division I championship, and

Whereas, this extraordinary Raider team consisted of Matt Lorman, Jack Morgan, Kyle Cassarino, Noah Tyson, Brendan Crossman, Tyrell Johnson,

Jared Miglorie, Jamison Evans, Andrew Ristaino, Jimmy Mee, Keegan Bliss, Nathaniel Kingsley, Ean Kearney, and Jared Nelson, and

Whereas, Head Coach Michael Wood and Assistant Coach TJ Sabotka each earned his place in the school's athletic history book, now therefore be it

Resolved by the Senate and House of Representatives:

That the General Assembly congratulates the 2017 Rutland High School Raiders Division I boys' basketball championship team, and be it further

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

H.C.R. 92.

House concurrent resolution congratulating the 2017 Lyndon Institute Vikings Division II championship girls' basketball team

Offered by: Representatives Lawrence of Lyndon and Feltus of Lyndon

Offered by: Senators Benning and Kitchel

Whereas, the Lyndon Institute's 2016–2017 Vikings girls' basketball team played a record-setting season for both their school and Vermont girls' interscholastic basketball, coinciding with the celebration of Lyndon Institute's 150th anniversary, and

Whereas, the Vikings game-winning pace culminated in 21 victories, a Lyndon Institute team record in any sport, and they were undefeated on their home court, and

Whereas, defensively, the Vikings limited their regular season opponents to an average 30.75 points and their playoff competition across four games to an even lower 29.25 point average, and

Whereas, in an incredible Division II championship contest at the Barre Auditorium against Mill River Union High School, the Vikings won Lyndon Institute's first girls' team athletic championship with a 40–15 victory, and they limited the Minutemen to the fewest points a team has ever scored in a Vermont girls' championship basketball game, and

Whereas, the talented Vikings were Colby Zaun, Lindsay Joyal, Dorothy Whalen, Falicia Lynch, Emma Corey, Shaylan Mosher, Niah Colby, Kelsie Jardine, Teagan Wheeler, Zea Macris, Riley Boivin, Jade Berry, Camryn Heath, and Madalyn Sanborn, and

Whereas, Head Coach Eric Berry and assistant coaches Jeff Mosher, Dan Thurston, and Alison Whitehead will always cherish this special season in which they played a central role, now therefore be it

Resolved by the Senate and House of Representatives:

That the General Assembly congratulates the 2017 Lyndon Institute Vikings Division II championship girls' basketball team, and be it further

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

H.C.R. 93.

House concurrent resolution designating April 26, 2017 as Vermont Lions Day

Offered by: Representatives Walz of Barre City, Lanpher of Vergennes, McFaun of Barre Town, Morrissey of Bennington, Pearce of Richford, and Smith of New Haven

Whereas, the saga of the Lions Clubs International's good deeds and fraternal camaraderie began in 1917 when Chicago business leader, Melvin Jones, urged his colleagues to address the betterment of their communities and the world, and

Whereas, to meet this objective, an organizational meeting of various community groups was convened in Chicago on June 7, 1917, and the resulting new entity adopted the name of one of the invited groups, the "Association of Lions Clubs," and

Whereas, a national convention of the new Lions Clubs organization was held in Dallas, Texas, in October 1917, and a constitution, bylaws, and code of ethics were adopted, and

Whereas, in 1920, the Lions Club became an international organization with the establishment of a chapter in Windsor, Ontario, and

Whereas, a pivotal moment in the Lions Clubs International's history occurred in 1925 when Helen Keller addressed its convention, and her speech motivated the organization to devote its resources to aid the blind and visually impaired, including the provision of eyeglasses and the establishment of special recreational camps for both children and adults with visual challenges, and

Whereas, in more recent years, Lions Clubs International's "One Shot, One Life: Lions Measles Initiative" has become a special objective in a financial partnership with the Bill and Melinda Gates Foundation, and

Whereas, Lions Clubs International, now the world's largest service organization, includes 35 local Lions Clubs in Vermont, and

Whereas, Lions Clubs in Vermont are providing free vision screening to 16,000 children during the current school year, and

Whereas, over 1,000 Vermont Lions, including several legislators, are joining with over 1.4 million Lions Clubs International members worldwide in celebration of the organization's centennial anniversary, and a number of Vermont Lions have gathered today at the State House to commemorate this special occasion, now therefore be it

Resolved by the Senate and House of Representatives:

That the General Assembly designates April 26, 2017 as Vermont Lions Day, and be it further

Resolved: That the Secretary of State be directed to send a copy of this resolution to Lions Clubs International headquarters in Oak Brook, Illinois, and to the organization's District 45 Governor Joseph Wilson in Springfield, Vermont.

H.C.R. 94.

House concurrent resolution designating March 29, 2017 as Turkish Cultural Day at the State House

Offered by: Representatives McCormack of Burlington, O'Sullivan of Burlington, Head of South Burlington, Stuart of Brattleboro, and Yantachka of Charlotte

Whereas, in 2012, members of the large community of Turkish Americans in Vermont established the nonprofit Turkish Cultural Center Vermont (TCC), with a dual mission "to respond to social and cultural needs of Turkish Americans," and "to promote cross-cultural awareness that is based on mutual respect and understanding of the Turkish Culture within Vermont," and

Whereas, often in partnership with other civic and social organizations, the TCC presents educational and cultural activities, and

Whereas, the TCC offers interpreter and translation services, both Turkish-English and English-Turkish, for Vermont's Turkish community, and

Whereas, one of the TCC's activities is to match families of Turkish descent with other Vermonters for home dinners as a way for all involved to engage in direct and personal intercultural exchanges, and

Whereas, active support of free speech, freedom of the press, and equal justice in Turkey, as it is experienced in Vermont and the United States, is an important role for the TCC, and

Whereas the TCC supports a tolerant Islam, which emphasizes altruism, hard work, and education, and

Whereas, Turkish Cultural Day, an annual highlight on the TCC's calendar, is a culinary, musical, and theatrical celebration of Turkish culture's best elements, now therefore be it

Resolved by the Senate and House of Representatives:

That the General Assembly designates March 29, 2017 as Turkish Cultural 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 Turkish Cultural Center Vermont.

H.C.R. 95.

House concurrent resolution commending U.S. Armed Forces veterans honored at the Burlington Elks Lodge on Veterans Day 2016

Offered by: Representatives O’Sullivan of Burlington, Bissonnette of Winooski, Cina of Burlington, Donovan of Burlington, Krowinski of Burlington, McCormack of Burlington, Ode of Burlington, Rachelson of Burlington, Sullivan of Burlington, and Wright of Burlington

Offered by: Senators Baruth, Ingram, and Lyons

Whereas, members of the U.S. Armed Forces serve with dedication and pride to defend our nation, and

Whereas, this service, especially during wartime, often places their lives at great risk of serious injury and potentially death, and

Whereas, too often, U.S. Armed Forces veterans face a postdischarge world that does not fully appreciate the danger they encountered during their service nor the trauma they may still be enduring as civilians, and

Whereas, the membership of the Burlington Elks Lodge, recognizing that U.S. Armed Forces veterans are all too often our unsung heroes, decided to celebrate the military service of their members in a Veterans Day 2016 commemorative event, and

Whereas, these superb veterans are Daniel T. Lopes, Martin and Linda Tulkop, Gary Bartlett, Earl F. Lozon III, David Blankemeyer, Lloyd Sumner, Ralph T. Stetson III, Ken Baftin Sr., Glenn F. Enos, Pierre Pepin, Bill Miller, Bill Tennien, Dick Young, Joseph “Al” Moreau, Francis A. Kuchar Jr., Edwin Franklin Tucker, Brad Sharron, Leo Hinton, John Kohler, Dan Venditti, David Minahan, Michael Wetherby, and Eugene (Gene) A. Meiler, now therefore be it

Resolved by the Senate and House of Representatives:

That the General Assembly commends the U.S. Armed Forces veterans honored at the Burlington Elks Lodge on Veterans Day 2016, and be it further

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

H.C.R. 96.

House concurrent resolution congratulating the 2017 Rutland High School National and State championship cheerleading team

Offered by: Representatives Fagan of Rutland City, Cupoli of Rutland City, Gage of Rutland City, Howard of Rutland City, Terenzini of Rutland Town, Burditt of West Rutland, Myers of Essex, Potter of Clarendon, and Tate of Mendon

Offered by: Senators Collamore, Flory, and Mullin

Whereas, the 2016–2017 Rutland High School cheerleading team’s great competitive performances received extraordinary recognition, and

Whereas, during the regular season, Rutland won major local cheerleading competitions and the Raider Invitational Tournament held in Lowell, Massachusetts, and

Whereas, the Raiders impressed the judges at the 2017 cheerleading championship at Vergennes where they were crowned as the Division I champions, and then turned in a strong fourth-place finish in the coed division at the New England championship, and

Whereas, most spectacularly, the Raiders traveled to Ocean City, Maryland for the Reach the Beach National Championship and Stunt Competition at which participating team members won first-place honors in the varsity medium advanced division with a score of 90.21 out of a possible 95 points, and Rutland’s stunt group also earned first-place honors, and

Whereas, Raiders Taylor Bates, Eliese Bouchard, Madison Bourassa, Jordan Brothers, Gabrielle Chadwick, Abigail Clark, Sara Clark, Hannah Coburn, Rhiannon Cooper, Schylar Corsones-Brown, Mya Cyr, Leah Davis, Aubrianna Dydo, Alexandra Forte, Haley Lear, Kelsey Lockerby, Michael Orvis, Ainsley Pagano, Olivia Patrick, Shelby Senecal, Maya Sobel, Rachelle Towle, and Sabrina Zaloudek, contributed to the overall fantastic season, and

Whereas, Coach Cara Gauvin always offered constructive encouragement, now therefore be it

Resolved by the Senate and House of Representatives:

That the General Assembly congratulates the 2017 Rutland High School National and State championship cheerleading team, and be it further

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

S.C.R. 11.

By Senators McCormack, Clarkson, and Nitka,
By Representatives Bock of Chester, Emmons of Springfield, and Forguites
of Springfield,

S.C.R. 11. Senate concurrent resolution in memory of Springfield civic leader and consummate volunteer Jean Muriel (Follett) Willard.

Whereas, Jean Follett was born on March 11, 1927, spent her early youth on the family's farm in Townshend, and moved to North Springfield as a teenager, and

Whereas, Jean Follett graduated from Springfield High School and earned an associate's degree at the Community College of Vermont, and

Whereas, she married Harold (Sonny) Willard in 1947, beginning a loving marriage of 57 years that continued until his death in 2004, and

Whereas, for 25 years, she sat on the Springfield Board of Civil Authority, including 19 years as a justice of the peace and serving as the selectboard's vice chair and chair, and

Whereas, a strong interest in public education prompted her to stand successfully for election to the Springfield School Board, and her conscientious leadership was exercised as both the board's vice chair and chair, and

Whereas, in a political context, Jean Willard was a member of the Springfield Republican Committee, and

Whereas, she belonged to the Windsor County Selectboard Association, participated in court diversion activities, and served on the Vermont-New Hampshire Solid Waste District Executive Committee, and

Whereas, aside from political and civic roles, Jean Willard was an active 4-H volunteer, and even into her 80s, she was busy writing a history of the North Springfield Baptist Church, advocating for the preservation of the former North Springfield School as a youth recreation center, and opposing the proposed construction of a biomass plant in North Springfield, and

Whereas, on March 21, 2017, Jean Willard, whose persuasive political skills, enthusiastic volunteer engagement, and dauntless fighting for just causes earned her the nicknames "the Boss," "the gentle pit bull," and during the 1992 reapportionment process at the State House as "the Better Springfield Lady," died at 90 years of age, and her survivors include four children, Steve, Richard, Cynthia, and Brenda; six grandchildren; seven great-grandchildren; and her brother, Robert, *now therefore be it*

Resolved by the Senate and House of Representatives:

That the General Assembly extends its sincere condolences to the family of Springfield civic leader and consummate volunteer Jean M. Willard, *and be it further*

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