

**CONCURRENT RESOLUTION**

**ADDENDUM**

**TO THE**

**HOUSE CALENDAR**

**Text of House Concurrent  
Resolutions**

**of**

**January 11, 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. 213.**

House concurrent resolution designating Wednesday, January 10, 2018, as Homelessness Awareness Day at the State House

Offered by: Representatives Head of South Burlington, Pugh of South Burlington, Krowinski of Burlington, and Stevens of Waterbury

Whereas, being deprived of a permanent place to live is an indignity that far too many Vermont families, single adults, and youths continue to endure, and

Whereas, the severe early-life impediments homeless children encounter may result in long-term consequences, and

Whereas, homeless singles often struggle with physical and mental health challenges, as well as substance abuse, and

Whereas, according to the 2017 Point-In-Time Count Report, 1,225 Vermonters were homeless on a single day in January, an increase of 123, or 11 percent, over 2016; of these persons, 306, or 25 percent, were children; 267, or 22 percent, were victims of domestic violence; 127, or 10 percent, were chronically homeless; 340, or 28 percent, had severe mental health problems; 228, or 19 percent, had a substance abuse disorder; 142, or over 11 percent, were youths 18–24 years of age; and 94, or 8 percent, were veterans, and

Whereas, despite the 11 percent statewide increase in the number of homeless Vermonters, some regions experienced solid progress, including 12 and 17 percent decreases respectively in Chittenden and Franklin Counties, and

Whereas, another encouraging indicator was the steady decline, since peaking in 2013, of homelessness among the State's veterans, testimony to the efforts of veterans' service providers across Vermont, and

Whereas, the Vermont Housing Opportunity Grant Program's Annual Report for fiscal year 2017 documented that the average length of stay in publicly funded shelters was 44 days, the longest in 15 years, indicating that significant barriers, including rental affordability and availability, prevent persons residing in emergency settings to relocate into long-term housing, and

Whereas, the continued degree of homelessness, especially among children, domestic violence survivors, youths, persons with disabilities, and those who are

chronically homeless, remains a public policy concern of great importance, now therefore be it

Resolved by the Senate and House of Representatives:

That the General Assembly, while recognizing that much work remains to be done, applauds the progress of Vermont's housing and homeless service organizations in addressing homelessness and designates January 10, 2018 as Homelessness 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 the Vermont Coalition to End Homelessness, to the Chittenden County Homeless Alliance, and to the Vermont Affordable Housing Coalition.

### **H.C.R. 214.**

House concurrent resolution honoring former Essex Police Chief Bradley LaRose for his exemplary public service

Offered by: Representatives Myers of Essex, Bancroft of Westford, Dunn of Essex, Giambatista of Essex, and Houghton of Essex

Whereas, a municipal police chief is entrusted with the serious responsibilities of protecting lives and property and the associated oversight of emergency management services, and

Whereas, since 2011, Bradley LaRose has expertly performed these roles for the town of Essex, earning the admiration and appreciation of his community and professional colleagues throughout the State, and

Whereas, serving as Essex Police Chief culminated a law enforcement career that started in 1978 in Burlington and continued in Essex when in 1980 he joined the town's police department as a patrol officer, beginning an impressive ascent through the town's law enforcement ranks, and

Whereas, while a sergeant, Bradley LaRose was assigned patrol division supervisory duties; as a lieutenant, he coordinated Champlain Valley Exposition policing, assumed a leading role in the Essex School shooting investigation, performed extensive drug enforcement work, and served as a substitute chief; and as a captain, he oversaw departmental operations, and

Whereas, during his successful tenure as Essex Police Chief, Bradley LaRose's portfolio of duties was broad and all encompassing, and

Whereas, he played a major role in the design and construction of the new, state-of-the-art Essex police station; chaired the school public safety and emergency management committees; and implemented significant budgetary, managerial, and personnel policies that improved departmental effectiveness, and

Whereas, the knowledge enabling Bradley LaRose to serve in these posts was

derived both on the job and as a result of graduating from the Federal Bureau of Investigation National Academy in Quantico, Virginia, and from Champlain College, earning top honors from both educational institutions, and

Whereas, for 25 years, Bradley LaRose has taught at the Vermont Police Academy, and he is the recipient of many commendations for his outstanding professionalism, and

Whereas, Bradley LaRose is now concluding his service with the Essex Police Department, having mentored many of his colleagues, and he leaves a legacy of tangible accomplishments that will endure, now therefore be it

Resolved by the Senate and House of Representatives:

That the General Assembly honors former Essex Police Chief Bradley LaRose for his exemplary public service, and be it further

Resolved: That the Secretary of State be directed to send a copy of this resolution to Bradley LaRose and to the Essex Town Clerk.

#### **H.C.R. 215.**

House concurrent resolution congratulating the 2017 Milton High School Yellowjackets Division II championship girls' soccer team

Offered by: Representatives Turner of Milton and Mattos of Milton

Whereas, prior to 2017, the Milton High School girls' soccer team had secured six divisional titles in less than a decade, including in both 2015 and 2016, and

Whereas, this past fall, the second-seeded Yellowjackets again demonstrated a special mastery of the sport, earning a berth in the Division II championship game against top-seeded Rice Memorial High School of South Burlington, and

Whereas, Milton entered the contest recognizing its opponent enjoyed a home field advantage, and

Whereas, these top-level squads ended regulation play tied at 3–all, and the Yellowjackets persevered through two overtime periods and then two penalty kick rounds, before emerging as the 6–3 victors and proud winners of a third consecutive Division II championship, and

Whereas, Yellowjackets Molly Loucy, Morgan Bushey, Kaleigh Goulette, Haley Raftery, Kate Rowley, Samantha Orest, Megan Reilly, Elizabeth Poirier, Lauren Dabagian, Marissa Brill, Katie Desranleau, Lauryn Holsopple, Jordan Bean, Jessica Wells, Katerina Desranleau, Sydney Shappy, Tatum Shappy, Brooke Caragher, Marcy Dockham, Olivia King, Emily Pallas, Madison North, Rachel Clark, and Madison Chalmers were thrilled to continue their team's distinguished tradition of soccer excellence, and

Whereas, Head Coach Shawntel Burke, assistant coaches Rich Couture and Matt Lumsden, and team statistician Brenda Sweeney each contributed to the team's memorable 2017 season, now therefore be it

Resolved by the Senate and House of Representatives:

That the General Assembly congratulates the 2017 Milton High School Yellowjackets Division II championship girls' soccer team, and be it further

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

### **H.C.R. 216.**

House concurrent resolution in memory of Richard J. McGrath of Georgia

Offered by: Representatives Rosenquist of Georgia, Savage of Swanton, and Turner of Milton

Whereas, Dick McGrath, a long-time resident of the town of Georgia, focused his career on all aspects of electrical and fire safety, and

Whereas, he graduated from high school on Long Island, New York, and served in the U.S. Navy, and

Whereas, as a licensed master electrician, Dick McGrath had worked at several private enterprises, including his own electrical contracting firm, McGrath Electric, and

Whereas, his standing as an excellent master electrician prompted the Vermont Electrical Contractors Association to elect him as the organization's president, and

Whereas, Dick McGrath's public-sector roles encompassed administrative and regulatory duties, teaching, and municipal public service, and

Whereas, he served as State Fire Marshall and Electrical Safety Inspector, a position involving major responsibilities for developing and implementing all elements of fire and electrical safety in Vermont, and

Whereas, as a member of the Vermont Electricians' Licensing Board, Dick McGrath contributed his expertise to the oversight of his professional colleagues and their work, and

Whereas, as an educator, he taught and administered an instructional program at the Vermont Division of Fire Safety and was a teacher and board member at the North Country International Fire Training School, and

Whereas, for 34 years, Dick McGrath was a dedicated member of the Georgia Volunteer Fire Department and served as the Department's expert fire safety trainer, and

Whereas, he belonged to several international electrical and fire safety organizations, and

Whereas, Dick McGrath had been a Boy Scout troop leader, president of the Georgia Lions Club, a member of the Georgia Historical Society, and an active parishioner of the St. Ann's and Ascension Churches, and

Whereas, after a life filled with professional accomplishment and outstanding public service, Dick McGrath died at 75 years of age on September 7, 2017, and his survivors include his wife, Darelle (Dee); his sons, William and Scott, and their spouses; and his grandson, Henry, now therefore be it

Resolved by the Senate and House of Representatives:

That the General Assembly extends its sincere condolences to the family of Richard J. McGrath of Georgia, and be it further

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

### **H.C.R. 217.**

House concurrent resolution congratulating St. Johnsbury Elks Lodge #1343 on its centennial anniversary

Offered by: Representatives Toll of Danville, Beck of St. Johnsbury, Willhoit of St. Johnsbury, Batchelor of Derby, Feltus of Lyndon, Higley of Lowell, Lawrence of Lyndon, Lefebvre of Newark, Marcotte of Coventry, Martel of Waterford, Quimby of Concord, Smith of Derby, Strong of Albany, Troiano of Stannard, Viens of Newport City, and Young of Glover

Offered by: Senators Benning, Kitchel, Rodgers, and Starr

Whereas, in the late 1860s, a small group of New York City theatrical professionals, known as the Jolly Corks, gathered for congenial evenings of camaraderie, and

Whereas, desirous of adopting a more serious purpose, on February 16, 1868, the Jolly Corks voted to become the Benevolent and Protective Order of Elks (the Elks) and dedicated the organization to "the principles of charity, justice, brotherly love and fidelity," and

Whereas, today, the Elks consist of approximately 2,000 lodges and 850,000 members nationwide of whom roughly 7,000 are in Vermont, and

Whereas, in 1917, the St. Johnsbury Elks Lodge #1343 (the Lodge) was established, and it is headquartered in the home of Vermont's 21st and 26th governor, Erastus Fairbanks, who served from 1852 to 1853 and 1860–1861 and who also founded St. Johnsbury Academy, and

Whereas, the Lodge's membership is drawn from throughout the Northeast Kingdom, and it supports many charitable activities, including youth programs, projects benefiting active military personnel and veterans, local food shelves, and home health services, and

Whereas, the Elks' volunteer-managed fundraising projects remit all money raised to the intended worthy endeavors, and the Lodge is an active supporter of the Vermont State Elks Association's Silver Towers Camp for persons with disabilities, and

Whereas, on July 22, 2017, the Lodge joyfully celebrated its 100th anniversary, including a parade, and the Lodge recognized the local firefighters, Boy Scouts, Girl Scouts, American Legion members, the vintage stock cars from Northeastern Speedway in Waterford, and the other individuals and organizations that participated in this festive and colorful event, and

Whereas, the Lodge looks forward to a new century of meaningful community service, now therefore be it

Resolved by the Senate and House of Representatives:

That the General Assembly congratulates St. Johnsbury Elks Lodge #1343 on its centennial anniversary, and be it further

Resolved: That the Secretary of State be directed to send a copy of this resolution to St. Johnsbury Elks Lodge #1343.

### **H.C.R. 218.**

House concurrent resolution honoring Detective Richard Werner for his 30 years of service in law enforcement

Offered by: Representatives Sibilio of Dover, Gannon of Wilmington, Long of Newfane, Pajala of Londonderry, and Partridge of Windham

Offered by: Senators Balint and White

Whereas, while a student at Leland and Gray Union High School, Richard Werner volunteered with the Newfane Fire Department, and

Whereas, upon graduating, he accepted a position with Rescue Inc. in Brattleboro before relocating to Old Town, Maine, to become a member of that municipality's firefighting force, and

Whereas, desirous of returning home to Vermont, he joined the Windham Sheriff's Department, and

Whereas, in 1987, the Dover Police Department appointed Richard Werner as a full-time officer, starting a three-decade career that included extended service as a detective, and

Whereas, his effectiveness investigating crimes was proven repeatedly, and

Whereas, Richard Werner played a decisive, investigative role in major embezzlement and theft cases at the Mount Snow ski area and the Grega homicide at Timber Creek townhouse community, and

Whereas, his career was not exclusively focused on investigations and included the most human of personal moments, and

Whereas, in the immediate aftermath of Tropical Storm Irene and the unavailability of a medical examiner, Richard Werner dealt with the more unpleasant results of the devastation, and

Whereas, he used his first aid training to assist individuals in serious medical situations, and

Whereas, although offered the chief of police job in Bellows Falls, he opted to remain a Dover detective, finding hands-on police work more personally satisfying, and

Whereas, after 30 years as a member of the Dover Police Department, Richard Werner has decided to conclude his law enforcement career, and

Whereas, as a 23-year veteran of the Dover School Board and as its chair, Richard Werner will remain active in the public sector, participating in the establishment of the new regional River Valleys School District, and

Whereas, his public service in Dover has been one of great accomplishment, now therefore be it

Resolved by the Senate and House of Representatives:

That the General Assembly honors Detective Richard Werner for his 30 years of service in law enforcement, and be it further

Resolved: That the Secretary of State be directed to send a copy of this resolution to Richard Werner and to the Dover Police Department.

### **H.C.R. 219.**

House concurrent resolution congratulating renowned painter Wolf Kahn on his 90th birthday

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

Offered by: Senators Balint and White

Whereas, the painter Wolf Kahn, a part-time Brattleboro resident since 1968, is known for his colorful abstract and landscape paintings, and his artistic relationship to southern Vermont has been compared to Winslow Homer's ties to coastal Maine, and

Whereas, he was born in Stuttgart, Germany, in 1927 and by five years of age, he was drawing the musicians in the orchestra his father conducted, and

Whereas, the Kindertransport that rescued Jewish children from Nazi Germany's persecution transported him to England, preceding his immigration to the United States and graduation from the High School of Music and Art in New York City, and

Whereas, after U.S. Navy service, Wolf Kahn studied with the abstract expressionist painter Hans Hofmann and then earned a bachelor of arts from the University of Chicago in a single academic year, and

Whereas, the styles of Hofmann; the French abstract artist, portraitist, and sculptor Henri Matisse; and the American abstract painter of colorful large bloc images, Mark Rothko, are reflected in Wolf Kahn's artistic portfolio, and

Whereas, Wolf Kahn's paintings are held in the collections of the Metropolitan Museum of Art and the Whitney Museum of American Art in New York City, the Museum of Fine Art in Boston, the Smithsonian Institution art museums in Washington, D.C., and other museums, and

Whereas, his numerous Vermont landscapes are supplemented with those depicting his visits abroad to Egypt, Greece, and Kenya and in the United States to Maine, New Mexico, and Hawaii, and

Whereas, prestigious honors bestowed on Wolf Kahn include a Fulbright Scholarship and a Guggenheim Fellowship, several awards from the American Academy of Arts and Letters, and most recently, the U.S. Department of State's International Medal of the Arts, recognizing his lending of paintings to the Art in Embassies program, and

Whereas, in celebration of his 90th birthday, the Brattleboro Museum and Art Center honored him with a 2017 exhibition, "Wolf Kahn: Density & Transparency," that featured the artist's brilliant capturing of the interaction of light and form and "unflinching mastery of color," now therefore be it

Resolved by the Senate and House of Representatives:

That the General Assembly congratulates Wolf Kahn on his 90th birthday, and be it further

Resolved: That the Secretary of State be directed to send a copy of this resolution to Wolf Kahn and to the Brattleboro Museum and Art Center.

### **H.C.R. 220.**

House concurrent resolution honoring former Senator Elizabeth M. Ready for her dedicated leadership on issues pertaining to social justice

Offered by: Representatives Lanpher of Vergennes, Baser of Bristol, Conlon of Cornwall, Norris of Shoreham, Scheu of Middlebury, Sharpe of Bristol, Sheldon of Middlebury, Smith of New Haven, and Van Wyck of Ferrisburgh

Offered by: Senators Ayer and Bray

Whereas, Elizabeth Ready has dedicated much of her life to solving problems directly affecting some of the most underserved Vermonters, and

Whereas, after earning degrees from Burlington College and Norwich University, she taught basic literacy classes; worked as a consultant for the Department (now

Agency) of Education, establishing new adult education programs; and served as a policy staffer for Governor Madeline Kunin, and

Whereas, in 1989, Elizabeth Ready was elected to the first of six consecutive terms as an Addison County State Senator, chairing the Committee on Natural Resources and Energy for four years, and in 2000, she was elected to the first of two consecutive terms as Auditor of Accounts, and

Whereas, in 1989, Elizabeth Ready embarked on a parallel career as a nonprofit sector leader, founding, and then directing for 12 years, the Addison County Community Trust, an organization dedicated to providing affordable housing and preserving agricultural land in Addison County, and

Whereas, in 2005, Elizabeth Ready became the director of the John Graham Shelter (now known as John Graham Housing & Services) in Vergennes, and

Whereas, the organization provides food, shelter, and housing; services and support that help transform lives; and prevention and intervention in times of crisis, and

Whereas, immediate housing, food, and hope are offered at the John W. Graham Emergency Shelter in Vergennes, and transitional housing and longer-term support services are provided at the organization's four rapid-rehousing units, two in Vergennes and one each in Bristol and Middlebury, and

Whereas, Elizabeth Ready's compassionate and inspired leadership has brought immediate sustenance and shelter and in many cases brightened the housing or employability prospects of Vermonters and their families, and

Whereas, on January 1, 2018, Elizabeth Ready concluded her superb service as the director of John Graham Housing & Services and is continuing as its chief financial officer, now therefore be it

Resolved by the Senate and House of Representatives:

That the General Assembly honors former Senator Elizabeth M. Ready for her dedicated leadership on issues pertaining to social justice, and be it further

Resolved: That the Secretary of State be directed to send a copy of this resolution to Elizabeth Ready and to John Graham Housing & Services in Vergennes.