

CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

ADDENDUM

TO THE

HOUSE CALENDAR

**Text of House Concurrent
Resolutions**

of

January 25, 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. 229.

House concurrent resolution commemorating the 150th anniversary of the Grand Army of the Republic's General Order relating to Decoration Day (Memorial Day)

Offered by: Representatives Devereux of Mount Holly, Fagan of Rutland City, Gannon of Wilmington, Helm of Fair Haven, Kitzmiller of Montpelier, Lewis of Berlin, and Townsend of South Burlington

Offered by: Senators Benning, Branagan, Brooks, Nitka, and Sears

Whereas, the origins of the springtime honoring of fallen soldiers can be traced to Charleston, South Carolina, where in the spring of 1865, African-Americans, most of them former slaves, held a series of memorial ceremonies honoring Union soldiers who had died during the Civil War, and

Whereas, the Washington Race Course and Jockey Club in Charleston, South Carolina, had served as a prison for Union soldiers at which 257 men died and were hastily buried, and

Whereas, the African-American community reburied the soldiers, constructed an archway at the cemetery's entrance on which were inscribed the words "Martyrs of the Race Course," and 10,000 community members staged a memorial parade at this site, and

Whereas, the direct lineage of the Memorial Day holiday, originally referred to as Decoration Day, is attributed to the Grand Army of the Republic, an organization established in 1866 to remember and honor Union soldiers, and

Whereas, on May 5, 1868, Grand Army of the Republic Commander-in-Chief John Logan issued General Order No. 11, designating May 30 as a date for "decorating the graves of comrades who died in defense of their country during the late rebellion and whose bodies now lie in almost every city, village and hamlet churchyard in the land," and

Whereas, as an immediate response, 27 states conducted some form of Decoration Day ceremony in 1868, and

Whereas, by the 1880s, May 30 was starting to be referred to as Memorial Day, although the term Decoration Day was still broadly used, and

Whereas, by 1890, all of the states that had remained in the Union during the Civil War were observing Decoration Day, and

Whereas, in 1950, Congress enacted Pub. L. No. 512, a joint resolution requesting that the President issue a proclamation designating Memorial Day as a day for a Nation-wide prayer for peace, and

Whereas, it was not until 1968, a century after the 1868 General Order, that Congress enacted the Uniform Monday Holiday Act (Pub. L. No. 90-363), which took effect in 1971, designating Memorial Day as a federal holiday, now therefore be it

Resolved by the Senate and House of Representatives:

That the General Assembly commemorates the 150th anniversary of the Grand Army of the Republic's General Order relating to Decoration Day (Memorial Day), and be it further

Resolved: That the Secretary of State be directed to send a copy of this resolution to the Vermont Historical Society.

H.C.R. 230.

House concurrent resolution honoring Jeffrey M. Lewis for his people-centric organizational leadership

Offered by: Representatives Sabilia of Dover, Burke of Brattleboro, Deen of Westminster, Gannon of Wilmington, Hebert of Vernon, Long of Newfane, Mrowicki of Putney, Pajala of Londonderry, Partridge of Windham, Scheu of Middlebury, Toleno of Brattleboro, and Trieber of Rockingham

Offered by: Senators Balint and White

Whereas, Jeff Lewis began his career journey as a minister, an occupation that taught him empathy and the ability to work cooperatively and creatively in potentially divisive situations, and

Whereas, his migration to the corporate world began at Phoenix Life Insurance, continued as a senior consultant at the Patricia Seybold Group, and finished as the Chief Customer Officer of Monster.com, and

Whereas, Jeff Lewis decided to retire, allegedly, and he moved to the less hectic environs of Vermont; but enjoying a rocking chair was not the retirement modality he desired, and

Whereas, alternatively, he plunged into a new nonprofit-sector odyssey, beginning with an eight-year tenure as the Executive Director of the Brattleboro Development Credit Corporation, and

Whereas, his vision, curiosity, and perseverance in that role connected southern Vermonters together to develop an award-winning and comprehensive economic development strategy, and

Whereas, subsequently, Jeff Lewis collaborated with Jennifer Stromsten to work on the Vermont Futures Project, an endeavor of the Vermont Chamber Foundation that seeks to invigorate the State's economy based on research and policy innovation, and

Whereas, in perhaps the post-ministerial assignment most beckoning for his pastoral skills, he bravely and successfully assumed the role of Interim Executive Director at the New England Center for Circus Arts, a locally beloved and internationally renowned circus training and performance organization where internal strife threatened its viability, and

Whereas, a passionate photographer, Jeff Lewis developed a stunning photographic collection of circus performers in action, and

Whereas, most recently, Jeff Lewis served as Executive Director of the Institute for Nuclear Host Communities, an organization that provides research support for communities planning a post-nuclear-power-plant-hosting era, such as now exists with the shuttering of Vermont Yankee, and

Whereas, this unique and dynamic conciliator has again announced his retirement, although no doubt his special talents will find another worthy societal beneficiary, now therefore be it

Resolved by the Senate and House of Representatives:

That the General Assembly honors Jeffrey M. Lewis for his people-centric organizational leadership, and be it further

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

H.C.R. 231.

House concurrent resolution congratulating the 2017 St. Johnsbury Academy Hilltoppers Division I championship football team

Offered by: Representatives Beck of St. Johnsbury, Willhoit of St. Johnsbury, Feltus of Lyndon, Lawrence of Lyndon, Martel of Waterford, Quimby of Concord, and Toll of Danville

Offered by: Senators Benning and Kitchel

Whereas, although having played in two Division I title games in recent years, the St. Johnsbury Academy Hilltoppers had not won a divisional football championship in over two decades, and

Whereas, the top-ranked St. Johnsbury squad faced the second-seeded and defending 2016 Division 1 champions, the Hartford High School Hurricanes, in Rutland on November 11 for the 2017 Division I title, and the ensuing 60 minutes of football proved exciting for both teams' fans, and

Whereas, although the Hilltoppers were comfortably ahead 26–12 at halftime, the Hurricanes narrowed the scoring gap to 33–32 before a reinvigorated St. Johnsbury defense sealed the Hilltoppers' narrow but cherished victory and Division I championship, and

Whereas, Hilltoppers Jacob Cady, Trey Alercio, Austin Fenoff, Derek Holbrook, Hunter Palmieri, Shane Alercio, Cale McGinnis, Geoffrey Hauver, Wilder Hudson, Noah Sorin, Ezekiel Woodward, Luke Bogie, Nate D'Agostino, Jerry Chang, Darius Kapoukranidis, Troy Lamont, Michael Brink, Zebb Winot, Anthony Gibson, Antonio Carlisle, Mathew Roy, Jacob Lacaillade, Max Burt, Ryan Louis, Shawn Guckin, Nicholas Palmieri, Lamin Latikka, Marcus Ngangi, Renwick Smith, Nick Guckin, Ryan Sullivan, Eric Lacaillade, Nick Andrade, Kaster Daine, Matthew Monaghan, Caleb Anderson, Tom Emery, Andrew Benoit, Jack Cushman, Lane Baldauf, Sam Sylvain, Gus Zevon, Jake Choiniere, Jaden Willey, Jordan Quimby, James Hayes, Caid Murphy, Jasper Rankin, George Sanders, and Raymond Lewis were thrilled with their 11–0 undefeated season and as members of the only SJA football team ever to win 11 games in one season, and

Whereas, Head Coach Rich Alercio was a model mentor, now therefore be it

Resolved by the Senate and House of Representatives:

That the General Assembly congratulates the 2017 St. Johnsbury Academy Hilltoppers Division I championship football team, and be it further

Resolved: That the Secretary of State be directed to send a copy of this resolution to St. Johnsbury Academy.

H.C.R. 232.

House concurrent resolution recognizing the important health care contributions of nurse anesthetists and the week of January 21-27, 2018 as National Nurse Anesthetists Week in Vermont

Offered by: Representative Keenan of St. Albans City

Whereas, nurses were the first professional group to provide anesthesia in the United States and are the oldest recognized group of advanced practice registered nurse specialists, and

Whereas, these health care professionals have completed graduate-level education in one of the nationally accredited programs of anesthesia, which qualifies them to take the Certified Registered Nurse Anesthetists (CRNA) examination, and

Whereas, CRNAs pass the national examination that the National Board of Certification and Recertification for Nurse Anesthetists administers, and they must periodically complete the organization's Continued Professional Certification Program initiated in 2016, and

Whereas, they practice in traditional hospital surgical suites; obstetrical delivery rooms; critical access hospitals; ambulatory surgical centers; the offices of dentists, podiatrists, ophthalmologists, plastic surgeons, and pain management specialists; as well as in the U.S. military, Public Health Services, and Department of Veterans Affairs' health care facilities, and

Whereas, nurse anesthetists have been the main providers of anesthesia in World War I and all wars in which the U.S. has been engaged since, and

Whereas, CRNAs are the primary providers of anesthesia care in rural America, enabling health care facilities in these medically underserved areas to offer obstetrical, surgical, and trauma stabilization services, and

Whereas, nurse anesthetists provide needed anesthesia care in hospitals and medical facilities, including the White River Junction VA Medical Center, and to Vermont military personnel serving abroad, and

Whereas, in Vermont, CRNAs work in many of the State's hospital surgical units and are part of the economic solution to health care reform, now therefore be it

Resolved by the Senate and House of Representatives:

That the General Assembly recognizes the important health care contributions of nurse anesthetists and the week of January 21-27, 2018 as National Nurse Anesthetists Week in Vermont, and be it further

Resolved: That the Secretary of State be directed to send a copy of this resolution to the Vermont Association of Nurse Anesthetists.