

CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

ADDENDUM

TO THE

HOUSE CALENDAR

**Text of House Concurrent
Resolutions**

of

February 1, 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. 233.

House concurrent resolution recognizing January 2018 as National Mentoring Month in Vermont

Offered by: All Members of the House

Whereas, the future of Vermont rests on the hopes and dreams of its young people, and

Whereas, mentors offer valuable encouragement, motivation, and hope for our youths by providing a consistent adult friend and role model, and

Whereas, since 2013, Mobius has served as Vermont's Mentoring Partnership, and

Whereas, relationships with caring mentors offer youths valuable support to guide them toward making positive and healthy life choices, and

Whereas, mentoring before, during, and after school has become an effective strategy that schools use to increase student attendance and academic performance, and

Whereas, research has shown that mentored youths are less likely to start using drugs and alcohol, engage in physical violence, or skip school, and

Whereas, youths with mentors are more likely to graduate from high school and enroll in college and other post-secondary educational programs, and

Whereas, mentored youths also exhibit improved resiliency, better relationships with peers and family members, and greater connectedness to their communities and schools, and

Whereas, a mentoring relationship between peers, whether the mentor is a youth or an adult, encourages learning and success for people of all ages, and

Whereas, an effective way for a business to support youths in its community is to enter into a mentoring partnership with a mentoring organization, a school, or another youth service organization, and

Whereas, collaborative mentoring programs, with broad community support, are more visible and better able to serve more youths, and

Whereas, according to MENTOR, The National Mentoring Partnership, one in

three youths in Vermont will grow up without a formal or natural mentor, and Mobius is committed to closing this gap, and

Whereas, January 2018 is being observed as the 16th National Mentoring Month, and today, January 31, 2018, the General Assembly is celebrating the importance of mentoring, now therefore be it.

Resolved by the Senate and House of Representatives:

That the General Assembly recognizes January 2018 as National Mentoring Month in Vermont, and be it further

Resolved: That the Secretary of State be directed to send a copy of this resolution to Mobius, Vermont's Mentoring Partnership.

H.C.R. 234.

House concurrent resolution designating Wednesday, January 31, 2018 as Mental Health Advocacy Day at the State House

Offered by: House Committee on Health Care

Whereas, according to the Constitution of the World Health Organization, health is a state of complete physical, mental, and social well-being, and

Whereas, two decades ago, the General Assembly recognized this fundamental health care principle with the enactment of 1997 Acts and Resolves No. 25, Sec. 2, codified as 8 V.S.A. § 4089b, establishing mental health treatment parity as the law in Vermont, and

Whereas, all human beings are born free and equal in dignity and rights, and

Whereas, everyone has the right to life, liberty, and security of person; to live independently; and to be included in the community, and

Whereas, all Vermonters are entitled to receive the highest attainable standard of health care, including mental health care, without discrimination, and

Whereas, mental health care must be provided in a manner that does not result in any form of stigma, prejudice, violence, social exclusion, segregation, or institutionalization, and

Whereas, treatment practices in a mental health context must: respect the autonomy, dignity, personal preferences, and will of the individual; not constitute or lead to violations and abuses of human rights or fundamental freedoms; and not result in any form of cruel, inhuman, or degrading treatment, and

Whereas, mental health and related community services should integrate a human rights perspective in order to avoid harm to any persons availing themselves of these services, and

Whereas, today, January 31, 2018, individuals seeking to remind the General Assembly of the fundamental importance of providing Vermonters with mental health care that equals in every respect the quality of care provided to persons with any other health conditions are visiting the State House, now therefore be it

Resolved by the Senate and House of Representatives:

That the General Assembly designates January 31, 2018 as Mental Health Advocacy 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 mental health advocacy organizations present in the State House today.