

CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

ADDENDUM

TO THE

HOUSE CALENDAR

**Text of House Concurrent
Resolutions**

of

February 8, 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. 235.

House concurrent resolution honoring William Olney for his accomplishments as a softball player and coach

Offered by: Representatives Devereux of Mount Holly, Burditt of West Rutland, Canfield of Fair Haven, Cupoli of Rutland City, Helm of Fair Haven, McCoy of Poultney, and Potter of Clarendon

Offered by: Senators Collamore, Nitka, and Sears

Whereas, softball, especially pitching, and Bill Olney have been synonymous, during his stellar career stretching over half a century, and

Whereas, although originally a skilled high school basketball player at Black River High School, on entering the U.S. Air Force, Bill Olney recognized his true athletic destiny as a softball pitcher, playing on some of the service's best softball squads, and

Whereas, after his military duties concluded, he graduated from Castleton State College (now University) and

Whereas, both professionally and as an avocation, softball assumed a central role in the life of Bill Olney, and

Whereas, in 1988, he pitched for a New Hampshire fast-pitch softball team that played in its league's national championship game in Marietta, Georgia, and

Whereas, in 1994, he pitched on a team that finished fourth of 83 teams, competing in a national softball tournament, and was named an American Softball Association All-American, and

Whereas, Bill Olney served for 13 years as the pitching coach for the Dartmouth College softball team, polishing its pitchers' styles and modes of delivering the softball across home plate, and

Whereas, for many years, Bill Olney has mentored secondary school students, helping them improve their pitching skills, and one of his top athletes later ascended the softball pitching mound for Dartmouth College, and

Whereas, in recognition of his dedication to working with young athletes, Bill Olney was elected to the Castleton athletic Hall of Fame, and

Whereas, at 75 years of age, Bill Olney centers his primary coaching interest now at Castleton University, his alma mater, where he happily serves as the part-time

softball pitching coach extraordinaire and is still learning new pointers to pass on to the Castleton pitchers, and

Whereas, his sole compensation is essentially a T-shirt, and

Whereas, although Bill Olney's personal softball achievements are praiseworthy, the enthusiasm and spirit he devotes to working with aspiring student athletes are beyond compare, and

Whereas, Bill Olney is a great example of a member of an older generation passing on his personal experience and wisdom to those many years his junior, now therefore be it

Resolved by the Senate and House of Representatives:

That the General Assembly honors William Olney for his accomplishments as a softball player and coach, and be it further

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

H.C.R. 236.

House concurrent resolution honoring Thomas W. Huebner for his administrative career at the Rutland Regional Medical Center

Offered by: Representatives Shaw of Pittsford, Burditt of West Rutland, Canfield of Fair Haven, Carr of Brandon, Chesnut-Tangerman of Middletown Springs, Cupoli of Rutland City, Devereux of Mount Holly, Fagan of Rutland City, Gage of Rutland City, Haas of Rochester, Harrison of Chittenden, Helm of Fair Haven, Howard of Rutland City, McCoy of Poultney, Norris of Shoreham, Potter of Clarendon, Sullivan of Dorset, and Terenzini of Rutland Town

Offered by: Senators Collamore, Flory, and Soucy

Whereas, in the past two years, the Rutland Regional Medical Center (RRMC) has been the recipient of over 20 awards or honors, a tribute to its over 1,600 dedicated staff members and the inspired leadership of RRMC President and Chief Executive Officer Tom Huebner, and

Whereas, Tom Huebner graduated from Colby College and earned a master's degree in business administration with a specialty in public health from Boston University, and

Whereas, he served as the Massachusetts Deputy Assistant Commissioner for Public Health and in senior positions at the Massachusetts Hospital Association and at Choate-Symmes Health Services Inc., and

Whereas, in 1990, RRMC appointed Tom Huebner as its vice president, beginning his illustrious career at Vermont's largest community hospital, and

Whereas, in 1997, RRMC named him as its president and chief executive officer, and

Whereas, under Tom Huebner’s guidance, RRMC has twice earned the coveted Magnet recognition for the excellent quality of its nursing care, and

Whereas, in 2017, RRMC was one of only 545 of 4,500 hospitals nationally and the only Vermont hospital to which the publication *U.S. News and World Report* awarded its Best Regional Hospital designation, and further, RRMC was the only Vermont hospital to achieve “high performing” status for four types of medical procedures, and

Whereas, also in 2017, the Studer Group inducted Tom Huebner into its Fire Starter Hall of Fame, an honor bestowed on individuals who have demonstrated a commitment to excellence in health care while keeping “the true spirit of their respective organization alive and flourishing,” and

Whereas, Tom Huebner was recently honored by the Rutland Region Chamber of Commerce as the Business Leader of the Year 2017, and he serves on the governing panels of major health care and business organizations, and

Whereas, in March 2018, Tom Huebner is concluding his superb leadership tenure at RRMC, now therefore be it

Resolved by the Senate and House of Representatives:

That the General Assembly honors Thomas W. Huebner for his outstanding administrative career at the Rutland Regional Medical Center, and be it further

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

H.C.R. 237.

House concurrent resolution designating Wednesday, February 7, 2018 as Farm to School Awareness Day at the State House

Offered by: Representatives Partridge of Windham, Bancroft of Westford, Botzow of Pownal, Burke of Brattleboro, Connor of Fairfield, Deen of Westminster, Emmons of Springfield, Grad of Moretown, LaClair of Barre Town, Lawrence of Lyndon, Mrowicki of Putney, Murphy of Fairfax, Myers of Essex, Pajala of Londonderry, Pearce of Richford, Pugh of South Burlington, Read of Fayston, Viens of Newport City, and Willhoit of St. Johnsbury

Whereas, 2017 Acts and Resolves No. 63, Sec. 1, in 6 V.S.A. § 4721, updated the Roza McLaughlin Farm-to-School Program (the program) “for the purpose of helping Vermont schools develop farm-to-school programs that will sustain relationships with local farmers and producers, enrich the educational experience of students, improve the health of Vermont children, and enhance Vermont’s agricultural economy,” and

Whereas, 26 percent of Vermont high school students are overweight or obese, but introducing younger children to the farm-to-school meals program can improve lifelong eating habits, and

Whereas, according to a report that the Center for Rural Studies prepared for the Vermont Farm to School Network, every dollar spent in Vermont schools on local food purchasing contributes an additional 60 cents to the local economy, and

Whereas, data from the Vermont Agency of Agriculture, Food and Markets as of January 2018 recorded that the program was serving more than 45,000 students from 164 schools and 702 children from 15 early-care and education programs, and

Whereas, schools with farm-to-school programs have reported twice the national average for vegetable consumption, and

Whereas, the Department of Health reports that 92 percent of Vermont schools serve locally grown food and 75 percent of Vermont schools have a school garden, and

Whereas, Hunger Free Vermont reports that one in seven Vermont children resides in food insecure homes, and nutritious school meals improve the diets of children residing in those homes, and

Whereas, healthy, nutritious food is vital to good brain development, and when children are well fed, their learning abilities improve, and

Whereas, today, February 7, 2018, participants in farm-to-school programs are visiting the State House to remind the General Assembly of these programs for both students and farmers, now therefore be it

Resolved by the Senate and House of Representatives:

That the General Assembly designates February 7, 2018 as Farm to School 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 VT FEED.

H.C.R. 238.

House concurrent resolution in memory of decorated U.S. Army combat veteran and distinguished Boy Scout leader Stanley Burnham

Offered by: Representatives Christie of Hartford, Buckholz of Hartford, and Lucke of Hartford

Offered by: Senators Clarkson, McCormack, and Nitka

Whereas, Stanley Burnham graduated from Woodstock Union High School, served in the U.S. Army, was deployed to Vietnam where he sustained a combat wound costing him one of his legs, and the U.S. Army awarded him a Purple Heart medal, and

Whereas, upon his discharge and return to Vermont, Stanley Burnham purchased his family's White River Junction farm, his boyhood home and lifelong residence, and

Whereas, starting in 1969, Stanley Burnham became the Boy Scout Troop 232 Scoutmaster and performed this leadership role faithfully for the following 41 years, stepping down in 2010 but continuing as the troop's assistant Scoutmaster until 2016, and

Whereas, under Stanley Burnham's expert and steady guidance, 63 young men earned the rank of Eagle, a truly remarkable achievement for a single troop and especially for one Scoutmaster, and

Whereas, in 1980, the Boy Scouts recognized Stanley Burnham's outstanding service when he was inducted into the Order of the Arrow, the Boys Scouts' national honor society, and

Whereas, in 1982, upon completion of specified requirements, Stanley Burnham was granted the Order's more selective Brotherhood rank, and

Whereas, in 1986, Stanley Burnham was presented the Order's Vigil Honor, an award that is only bestowed on selected Arrowmen, as order members are known, and

Whereas, he served as an Order of the Arrow Lodge Advisor, received Scouting's Founder's and James E. West awards, and in 2007, the camp fire ring at Camp Sunrise was dedicated in his honor, and

Whereas, Stanley Burnham, a decorated U.S. Army combat veteran and a distinguished Boy Scout leader of great renown, died at 70 years of age on May 19, 2016, and his survivors include his wife, Donna; stepdaughters, Sheila and Eva; and several brothers and sisters, now therefore be it

Resolved by the Senate and House of Representatives:

That the General Assembly expresses its condolences to the family of Stanley Burnham, and be it further

Resolved: That the Secretary of State be directed to send a copy of this resolution to the members of Stanley Burnham's family and to Boy Scout Troop 232 in White River Junction.