

CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

ADDENDUM

TO THE

HOUSE CALENDAR

**Text of House Concurrent
Resolutions**

of

February 22, 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. 249.

House concurrent resolution commemorating the 100th Anniversary of the World War I Armistice

Offered by: Representatives Devereux of Mount Holly, Canfield of Fair Haven, Helm of Fair Haven, Gamache of Swanton, Gannon of Wilmington, Kitzmiller of Montpelier, Lewis of Berlin, and Savage of Swanton

Offered by: Senators Nitka, Benning, Branagan, Brock, Collamore, and Sears

Whereas, on July 28, 1914, Austria-Hungary declared war on Serbia, starting World War I, and soon much of Europe was militarily engaged, and

Whereas, America remained neutral, but on February 2, 1915, German saboteurs damaged a U.S.-Canadian railroad bridge, and on May 7, 1915, 128 Americans died as Germany torpedoed the British ocean liner Lusitania, and

Whereas, on February 3, 1917, the United States severed diplomatic relations with Germany due to a revived German U-Boat campaign in the Atlantic; and on February 5, 1917, the General Assembly of the State of Vermont adopted a joint resolution supporting this diplomatic decision; and further, on March 15, 1917, the General Assembly adopted a second joint resolution of support, and

Whereas, on April 2, 1917, President Woodrow Wilson addressed a joint session of Congress requesting a Declaration of War that Congress quickly adopted and that he signed on April 6, 1917, and

Whereas, on April 5, 1917, the Vermont General Assembly adopted joint resolutions supporting national defense and universal military training, and

Whereas, during the following 19 months, members of the Vermont National Guard fought bravely in France at Champagne-Marne, Aisne-Marne, St. Mihiel, Meuse-Argonne, Île-de-France, and Lorraine, and

Whereas, Corporal Leonard Antoine Lord of Swanton was the first Vermonter killed in Action on April 12, 1918 at Bois Brulé in France, and

Whereas, nine officers and 160 enlisted men from Vermont were killed in action during the war, and hundreds more Vermont soldiers died from wounds or disease, and overall, millions of military personnel and civilians perished prior to the 11th hour of the 11th day of the 11th month (November 11, 1918) when the Armistice of Compiègne was signed and hostilities ceased, and

Whereas, in 1938, Congress designated November 11, Armistice Day, as a federal holiday and in 1954 renamed it Veterans Day as it is observed today, now therefore be it

Resolved by the Senate and House of Representatives:

That the General Assembly commemorates the 100th Anniversary of the World War I Armistice, and be it further

Resolved: That the Secretary of State be directed to send a copy of this resolution to Major General Steven A. Cray, Adjutant and Inspector General of Vermont, the Vermont Office of Veterans Affairs, the American Legion Department of Vermont, and the Veterans of Foreign Wars Department of Vermont.

H.C.R. 250.

House concurrent resolution designating February 16, 2018 as After-school and Summer Learning Day at the State House

Offered by: Representatives Lanpher of Vergennes, Burke of Brattleboro, Christie of Hartford, Miller of Shaftsbury, Mrowicki of Putney, and Pearce of Richford

Whereas, after-school and summer learning programs keep children and youths safe, inspire learning, create jobs, and help working families, and

Whereas, high-quality after-school and summer learning programs are typically based on collaborations of schools and community groups, libraries, organizations that serve youths, town governments, and local recreation departments, and

Whereas, because elementary and secondary school students are in school for less than 20 percent of their waking hours, after-school and summer learning programs can expand students' learning opportunities, and

Whereas, a group of Vermont youths has created a Youth Declaration of Rights stating that youths have a broad array of rights, including the right to: access free classes on basic life skills, equal opportunities and experiences in arts education, and time outdoors, and

Whereas, more than 24 percent of Vermont students in kindergarten through grade 12 participate in after-school programs, but 33 percent of those not enrolled would participate if a program were available, and

Whereas, after-school suppers and summer meals can be an important and nutritious part of these educational programs, and

Whereas, after-school and summer learning programs provide important work experience opportunities for high school youths, especially in Vermont's rural communities, and

Whereas, after-school science, technology, engineering, and math (STEM) programs lead to students gaining an enhanced interest in science and improve their

critical thinking skills, and a subset of STEM, known as tinkering, in which science, art, and technology intersect, has proven successful, and

Whereas, high-quality after-school programs can result in healthier lifestyles and improved educational results, and

Whereas, under the auspices of Vermont AfterSchool Inc, a public-private partnership dedicated to developing educational opportunities for youths beyond the school day, many advocates, educators, parents, and students involved in afterschool programs are gathered today, February 16, 2018, at the State House to celebrate their work and to continue learning about best practices for their respective programs, now therefore be it

Resolved by the Senate and House of Representatives:

That the General Assembly designates February 16, 2018 as After-school and Summer Learning 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 Vermont AfterSchool Inc.

H.C.R. 251.

House concurrent resolution honoring Tim Fort, Malcolm Ewen, and Steve Stettler for their outstanding artistic leadership of the Weston Playhouse Theatre Company

Offered by: Representative Pajala of Londonderry

Offered by: Senators Clarkson, McCormack, and Nitka

Whereas, having first raised its stage curtain in 1937, the Weston Playhouse is Vermont's oldest professional theater company, and

Whereas, originally a drama-focused summer stock company, the Weston Playhouse subsequently broadened its repertoire to encompass musicals, and

Whereas, 1988 marked a significant demarcation in the Weston Playhouse's history, with the arrival of the company's trio of stellar producing directors, and

Whereas, Founding Director Tim Fort first appeared on the Weston Playhouse's stage in the 1973 presentation of *The Drunkard*, has directed over 60 productions, and has acted in more than 50 of the company's plays or musicals, and

Whereas, Tim Fort established the Weston Playhouse's Young Company for student performers, has worked extensively in Canadian theaters, including the National Arts Centre in Ottawa, and is a drama department faculty member at Queen's University in Kingston, Ontario, and

Whereas, Founding Director Malcolm Ewen has overseen many Weston Playhouse productions, served as the stage manager for the Tony Award-winning Broadway revival of *Who's Afraid of Virginia Woolf?*, has long been associated with the

Steppenwolf Theater in Chicago, worked in theaters around the world, serves on the Council of Actors' Equity Association, and is a former Trustee of the Actors' Fund of America, and

Whereas, Producing Artistic Director Steve Stettler, unlike his two colleagues, works full time at the Weston Playhouse, is the former Artistic Director of the Obie-winning TNT/The New Theatre of Brooklyn, has taught acting for the O'Neill Theater Center's National Theater Institute, adjudicates for the American College Theatre Festival and Vermont State Drama Festival, and promoted the successful effort to transform the Weston Playhouse into a nonprofit Equity company, and

Whereas, each of these theatrical geniuses has announced that 2018 will be his final season as a Weston Playhouse artistic director, and everyone associated with this revered theatrical enterprise will miss them, and now therefore be it

Resolved by the Senate and House of Representatives:

That the General Assembly honors Tim Fort, Malcolm Ewen, and Steve Stettler for their outstanding artistic leadership of the Weston Playhouse Theatre Company, and be it further

Resolved: That the Secretary of State be directed to send a copy of this resolution to each of the Weston Playhouse artistic directors honored in this resolution.

H.C.R. 252.

House concurrent resolution honoring Karen Ameden for her devotion to community service in the town of Jamaica

Offered by: Representative Pajala of Londonderry

Offered by: Senators Balint and White

Whereas, the loving dedication that Karen Ameden devotes to the well-being of the Jamaica community is of long standing, and

Whereas, in each of her numerous activities, Karen Ameden has reached out to a different segment of the town's citizenry, and

Whereas, Karen Ameden has always given her utmost attention to all the Jamaica endeavors with which she has been associated, working to ensure the best possible results, and

Whereas, one of her annual roles has been helping to facilitate local Christmas offerings that bring wonderful holiday cheer, such as the Secret Santa program and Santa Comes to Town, and

Whereas, Karen Ameden has been a welcomed volunteer at the Jamaica Community Arts Council, and

Whereas, the Jamaica Historical Foundation has greatly appreciated the

assistance she has provided, including service as the organization's president, and

Whereas, the organizers of the Jamaica Old Home Day have regularly relied on Karen Ameden's support in organizing this special local celebration, and

Whereas, Karen Ameden's interest in the political aspects of civic life resulted in her role as a member of the Jamaica Democratic town committee, and

Whereas, on a more personal basis, Karen Ameden has organized fundraisers for families and individuals in need of financial assistance, and

Whereas, Karen Ameden is a cherished member of the Jamaica community, and on Town Meeting Day, an occasion that is one of her favorite annual events, it is fitting to honor this enthusiastic citizen for an outstanding contribution to the quality of life in her hometown, now therefore be it

Resolved by the Senate and House of Representatives:

That the General Assembly honors Karen Ameden for her devotion to community service in the town of Jamaica, and be it further

Resolved: That the Secretary of State be directed to send a copy of this resolution to Karen Ameden in Jamaica.

H.C.R. 253.

House concurrent resolution in memory of Theodor H. Friedman of Winhall

Offered by: Representative Pajala of Londonderry

Offered by: Senators Campion and Sears

Whereas, Ted Friedman graduated from Worcester Academy, Rutgers University, and the Philadelphia Textile Institute and later co-owned restaurants and worked as a stockbroker in New York City, and

Whereas, in the 1970s, his enthusiasm for Vermont's outdoor recreational activities spurred his move to the community of Bondville in the town of Winhall, hardly envisioning the life of public service that awaited him, and

Whereas, Ted Friedman's first post was on the Winhall Planning Commission, and he acquired an insider's perspective on local public education during a term on the Winhall school board, and

Whereas, beginning in 1975, and except for a brief interlude to serve as a lister, Ted Friedman sat on the Winhall Selectboard until 1997, and he sat on the board of civil authority for 40 years, and

Whereas, the descriptions “selectman’s selectman” and “a selectman for all seasons” have been applied to his remarkable service on the town’s primary governance panel, and

Whereas, during Ted Friedman’s years on the selectboard, the town of Winhall created the Winhall-Stratton Fire District, built a new municipal building and town recycling shed, renovated the town library, improved public safety protection, enacted ordinances covering animal control and sewage disposal, authorized road improvements, and purchased needed equipment for the highway department, and

Whereas, Ted Friedman served as a Windham Regional Commissioner and on many of the Commission’s committees, and

Whereas, he was a member of the Board of Directors of the Vermont League of Cities and Towns, and

Whereas, Ted Friedman, known locally as the Honorary Mayor of Bondville, died on November 3, 2017 at 89 years of age, leaving an enduring legacy of accomplishment and goodwill in his adopted hometown, and his survivors include his brother, Howard; nieces and a nephew; and grandnieces and grandnephews, now therefore be it

Resolved by the Senate and House of Representatives:

That the General Assembly extends its sincere condolences to the family of Theodor H. Friedman of Winhall, and be it further

Resolved: That the Secretary of State be directed to send a copy of this resolution to the members of Ted Friedman’s family and to the Winhall Town Clerk.

H.C.R. 254.

House concurrent resolution honoring international volunteer health care provider and former Civil Air Patrol leader Kathleen R. Fellows of Perkinsville

Offered by: Representatives Christensen of Weathersfield and Partridge of Windham

Whereas, Kathleen Fellows was raised in England, and as a youngster she assisted family members performing volunteer work, and

Whereas, she trained to become a registered nurse in Liverpool, England,

completed midwifery training in Alberta, Canada, and worked as a health care professional in the Canadian Arctic, and

Whereas, Kathleen Fellows married a Windham farmer, later worked and resided in Arizona for a decade, and for the past eight years has called Perkinsville home, and

Whereas, she earned a pilot's license, served as the Commander of the Catamount Composite Squadron of the Civil Air Patrol, and also earned a Federal Aviation Administration airplane mechanic's certification, and

Whereas, in recent years, Kathleen Fellows has embarked on a series of international, volunteer, health care services projects, and she derives a great sense of personal satisfaction helping her patients live healthier lives, and

Whereas, after the devastating 2010 earthquake in Haiti, Kathleen Fellows traveled to the island nation, assisting with the provision of health care services when Haiti's medical infrastructure was inundated and in need of external support, and

Whereas, more recently, Kathleen Fellows has repeatedly journeyed to Pokhara, Nepal, under the auspices of Dharma Khadka who provides free remote health camps, and she arrives at her clinic site in a four-wheel-drive vehicle, traversing a right-of-way she has described as "less than a road, more like a strip devoid of vegetation," and

Whereas, her grateful Nepalese patients refer to her as Amaah Kay, meaning "mother Kay," as the "th" sound does not exist in Nepalese, and

Whereas, Kathleen Fellows served as the de-facto Dharma Nepal Volunteers coordinator and earned the title of North America Coordinator, and

Whereas, she is a remarkable Vermonter, whose breadth of life experiences and dedication to serving humanity is most noteworthy, now therefore be it

Resolved by the Senate and House of Representatives:

That the General Assembly honors international volunteer health care provider and former Civil Air Patrol leader Kathleen R. Fellows of Perkinsville, and be it further

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

H.C.R. 255.

House concurrent resolution honoring former University of Vermont Morgan Horse Farm Director Stephen P. Davis

Offered by: Representative Smith of New Haven

Offered by: Senators Ayer and Bray

Whereas, the University of Vermont (UVM) Morgan Horse Farm in Weybridge, through sophisticated breeding activities, professional training programs, and public education events, assures the future of Vermont's, and the nation's, oldest domestically originated horse breed, which is the Vermont State Animal, and

Whereas, for 45 years, Steve Davis worked on the UVM Morgan Horse Farm's staff, including 32 years as the facility's outstanding director, and

Whereas, Steve Davis has served as an expert judge at major equine competitions, including at the Morgan World Championship, and

Whereas, he has been awarded numerous State, regional, and national titles in recognition of the excellence of the horses he has trained, bred, or shown, and

Whereas, in 2010, the American Morgan Horse Association honored Steve Davis, presenting him the organization's Professional Horseman Award in recognition of his support and promotion of the Morgan breed, volunteer mentoring at clinics, raising of training and educational horsemanship standards, and success over many years in sustaining the farm's important mission, and

Whereas, in 2017, Steve Davis concluded his admirable career at the UVM Morgan Horse Farm, leaving an exemplary legacy, now therefore be it

Resolved by the Senate and House of Representatives:

That the General Assembly honors former University of Vermont Morgan Horse Farm Director Stephen P. Davis, and be it further

Resolved: That the Secretary of State be directed to send a copy of this resolution to Steve Davis and to the UVM Morgan Horse Farm.

H.C.R. 256.

House concurrent resolution honoring F. William Holiday Jr. of Dummerston on his life of athletic and scholastic accomplishments and outstanding municipal civic service

Offered by: Representatives Mrowicki of Putney and Deen of Westminster

Offered by: Senators Balint and White

Whereas, as a student at Brattleboro Union High School (BUHS), Bill Holiday played on the 1965 Division I championship football team, was named captain of both the basketball and baseball teams, and won statewide athletic honors, and

Whereas, he graduated from Windham College, winning baseball pitching accolades and captaining the basketball team, and then earned a master's degree from Keene State College in New Hampshire, and

Whereas, from 1972 to 1984, Bill Holiday taught at the Dummerston School, and in 1984, he returned full-time to BUHS as a social studies teacher whose curriculum has featured special classes on the JFK assassination and the troubles in Northern Ireland, and

Whereas, Bill Holiday has worked as an adjunct faculty member at Keene State College and Castleton State College, now Castleton University, and

Whereas, he was the founder of the White Rose Project that introduced British education concepts in Vermont and maintained a long-term association with the College of Ripon and York St. John, in England, and

Whereas, Bill Holiday has participated in numerous State and national education projects, conferences, and seminars, and

Whereas, he served as the BUHS varsity football assistant coach, including for the 1973 Division I championship squad; as the varsity football head coach; as the boys' varsity basketball head coach, including for the 1986 Division I championship team; and as the girls' varsity basketball head coach; and he has won several statewide coach-of-the-year awards, and

Whereas, since 1994, the voice of Bill Holiday has been heard on WTSA Radio in Brattleboro calling BUHS sports play-by-play, and

Whereas, in 2018, he is being honored with membership in the Vermont Principals' Association Hall of Fame, in recognition of his many achievements in high school athletics over half a century, and

Whereas, Bill Holiday applies his insightfulness and wise judgment to his responsibilities as a selectboard member, justice of the peace, and Chair of the Dummerston Board of Civil Authority, now therefore be it

Resolved by the Senate and House of Representatives:

That the General Assembly honors F. William Holiday Jr. of Dummerston on his life of athletic and scholastic accomplishments and outstanding municipal civic service, and be it further

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

H.C.R. 257.

House concurrent resolution honoring former Caledonia County Victim Advocate Susan Carr

Offered by: Representatives Willhoit of St. Johnsbury, Beck of St. Johnsbury, Conquest of Newbury, Feltus of Lyndon, Lawrence of Lyndon, Lefebvre of Newark, Martel of Waterford, Quimby of Concord, Stevens of Waterbury, Toll of Danville, Troiano of Stannard, and Young of Glover

Offered by: Senators Benning and Kitchel

Whereas, the original victims assistance program that the General Assembly adopted in 1986 Acts and Resolves No. 182, Sec. 2, now codified as 13 V.S.A. § 5304, came to fruition after a number of individuals, including Susan Carr, then a secretary in the office of the Caledonia County State's Attorney, visited Maine to examine that state's already operating victims assistance service, and

Whereas, this concerned group of Vermonters also reviewed similar laws enacted in other states and developed a proposal for which it advocated successfully at the General Assembly, and

Whereas, not only did Susan Carr help launch State-supported victim advocacy in Vermont, in 1990, she assumed the important role of victim advocate in the office of the Caledonia County State's Attorney, and

Whereas, she assisted thousands of victims in a professional manner and consistently demonstrated compassion and the ability to provide useful feedback, and

Whereas, Susan Carr offered victims necessary and appreciated guidance through the criminal justice system, directed them to various support services, and explained the restitution process, and

Whereas, she went above and beyond the call of duty, providing personal contact information that enabled victims to communicate with her outside regular business hours, and

Whereas, Susan Carr's history of State employment dates to 1974 and includes positions at the Agency of Transportation and the Department of Public Service, and

Whereas, her public service has extended beyond her job through her elected positions as a school board member and justice of the peace in the town of Burke, and she regularly volunteers for the American Cancer Society's Relay for Life, and

Whereas, Susan Carr recently concluded her outstanding tenure as the Caledonia County Victim Advocate, ending a laudable 40-plus-year State

employment career, and she looks forward to spending time with her four grandchildren and their many extracurricular activities, now therefore be it

Resolved by the Senate and House of Representatives:

That the General Assembly honors former Caledonia County Victim Advocate Susan Carr, and be it further

Resolved: That the Secretary of State be directed to send a copy of this resolution to Susan Carr in East Burke.

H.C.R. 258.

House concurrent resolution in memory of former Granby Selectboard Chair Fredrick W. Hodgdon Sr. of Granby

Offered by: Representative Quimby of Concord

Whereas, Fred Hodgdon was born in the kitchen of his parents' farmhouse on Shores Hill Road in 1933, attended the Granby Central School, and boarded weekdays through his high school years at the Lyndon Institute, and

Whereas, his farming career featured a special knack for raising pigs, and his many talents extended to carpentry, construction work, and masonry, and

Whereas, on marrying Priscilla Hill in 1954, Fred Hodgdon built his new home up the road from his parents' house, and he voluntarily assisted with other building and renovation projects, especially the construction of fireplaces, and

Whereas, in March 1963, 29-year-old Fred Hodgdon successfully stood for election to the Granby Selectboard, and he so impressed his new colleagues that they elected him chair, an office he retained for an impressive 48 years, and

Whereas, his 48 years membership on the Granby Board of Civil Authority also included a 45-year tenure as a justice of the peace, and

Whereas, among the many town offices Fred Hodgdon held were pound keeper, energy coordinator, town service officer, civil defense chairperson, and health officer, and

Whereas, as the Granby Road Commissioner, a role his father held before him, and as the owner of his own road repair equipment, he raked roads, replaced culverts, and sometimes conducted winter plowing, both in Granby and in the neighboring town of Victory, and

Whereas, Fred Hodgdon was the Granby town representative to the Northeast Kingdom Waste Management District and to the Northeastern Vermont Development Association, and

Whereas, he chaired the Granby town Republican committee, prayed at Granby Congregational Church, and belonged to the Essex County Farm Bureau, and

Whereas, no one deserved the title of Mr. Granby more than Fred Hodgdon, and the 2010 Granby Town Report was dedicated in his honor, and

Whereas, Fred Hodgdon died on November 8, 2017 at 84 years of age, and his survivors include his wife, Priscilla; children, Fredrick Jr., Kenneth, Jerry, and Mary; sister, Barbara; four grandchildren; and numerous great-grandchildren and great-great-grandchildren; now therefore be it

Resolved by the Senate and House of Representatives:

That the General Assembly extends its sincere condolences to the family of Fredrick W. Hodgdon Sr. of Granby, and be it further

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

H.C.R. 259.

House concurrent resolution congratulating the 2017 Harwood Union High School Highlanders Division II championship boys' golf team

Offered by: Representatives Stevens of Waterbury, Grad of Moretown, Read of Fayston, and Wood of Waterbury

Whereas, 2017 marked an historic year for boys' high school golf competition in Vermont as the championship tournament was switched from the spring to the fall in hopes of better ground conditions, and

Whereas, this past fall's tournament also proved historic for the Harwood Union High School Highlanders boys' golf team, and

Whereas, having not won a State title in five years, the Highlanders were especially well prepared to tee off at the Green Mountain National Golf Course in Killington against their Division II competitors, and

Whereas, the Highlanders not only outplayed second-place Lake Region 334-376, they also achieved a better score than either the Division I winner, Essex High School (337), or the Division III champion, Stowe High School, (356), and

Whereas, the Highlander golfers whose success on the links earned them the 2017 Division II championship were Aidan Melville, Ivan Morse, Ian Groom, Nate Honeywell, and Brian Gilhuly, and

Whereas, Head Coach Brian McCarthy and Assistant Coach Erik Bertalan instructed the team on the game's finer points, now therefore be it

Resolved by the Senate and House of Representatives:

That the General Assembly congratulates the 2017 Harwood Union High School Highlanders Division II championship boys' golf team, and be it further

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

H.C.R. 260.

House concurrent resolution in memory of former Speaker of the House and Brattleboro Town Moderator Timothy J. O'Connor Jr.

Offered by: Representatives Deen of Westminster, Burke of Brattleboro, Gannon of Wilmington, Hebert of Vernon, Long of Newfane, Mrowicki of Putney, Pajala of Londonderry, Partridge of Windham, Sibia of Dover, Stuart of Brattleboro, Toleno of Brattleboro, Trieber of Rockingham, and All Other Members of the House

Offered by: Senators Balint and White

Whereas, Tim O'Connor, a lifelong resident of Brattleboro, graduated from St. Michael School, the College of the Holy Cross, and the Georgetown University Law Center and was a respected attorney in private practice, and

Whereas, his illustrious State legislative career began in 1969, and

Whereas, Tim O'Connor served on the House Committee on Health and Welfare and both as a member and as Chair of the House Committee on Judiciary, and

Whereas, in 1975, in an unprecedented event, the Republican-majority House of Representatives elected Democrat Tim O'Connor for the first of three consecutive terms as Speaker, and

Whereas, Speaker O'Connor served as the first Democratic Speaker since the 1850s, and he always presided with the utmost integrity, and

Whereas, his successor, former Speaker Stephan Morse, wrote that "Tim O'Connor's success as Speaker of the House was driven solely by his desire to get the work of the State of Vermont completed in a timely fashion" and that "he was not driven by personal or political motivations," and

Whereas, Tim O'Connor served as a model for House Speakers, with Speaker Michael Obuchowski remembering Tim by saying, "Tim overflowed with kindness, integrity, and interest in the common good at the podium," and "protected and respected the minority," and

Whereas, U.S. Senator Bernie Sanders described the former Speaker as "a model for bringing people together," and U.S. Senator Patrick Leahy remembered, "Tim lived his life with a commitment to making a difference, and he did—in his community and in our state," and

Whereas, after concluding his speakership, Tim O'Connor, known to his neighbors as Mr. Brattleboro, wielded the gavel at Town Meeting for over two decades with fairness and equanimity, and

Whereas, this much admired civic leader died on January 16, 2018 at 81 years of age, and his survivors include his wife, Martha; children Kerry, Kate, and Kevin; three grandchildren; and a brother, W. Brian, now therefore be it

Resolved by the Senate and House of Representatives:

That the General Assembly expresses its ongoing admiration for former Speaker Timothy J. O'Connor as what an elected official should be, and be it further

Resolved: That the General Assembly expresses its sincere condolences to the family of former Speaker and Brattleboro Town Moderator Timothy J. O'Connor Jr., and be it further

Resolved: That the Secretary of State be directed to send a copy of this resolution to the members of the family of former Speaker Tim O'Connor.