

CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

ADDENDUM

TO THE

HOUSE CALENDAR

**Text of House Concurrent
Resolutions**

of

March 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. 261.

House concurrent resolution in memory of Guildhall civic leader Richard William Martin

Offered by: Representative Quimby of Concord

Whereas, Richard W. (Stretch) Martin's friendly smile and quiet demeanor were well known on both sides of the Connecticut River's northern shores, and

Whereas, having been raised on his family's Lancaster, New Hampshire, farm, Stretch Martin's agricultural career path was long settled, and

Whereas, he graduated from Lancaster High School, the Thompson School of Agriculture, and the University of New Hampshire, and

Whereas, initially in partnership with his father, Stretch Martin began assembling parcels of land in Guildhall for a farm that would become the younger Martin's homestead, and

Whereas, while still a legal resident of Lancaster, New Hampshire, Stretch Martin served as a member of the town's selectboard, and

Whereas, in 1978, Stretch Martin and his father began constructing a dairy barn on the Guildhall site, and

Whereas, before the first cow entered the new Guildhall dairy barn, Stretch Martin and his bride, Muriel, celebrated their wedding reception in the newly constructed space, and

Whereas, the Martin farm's size increased to 450-plus acres and has been the home to 190 dairy cows, and

Whereas, Stretch Martin's agricultural focus extended beyond his farm as he served as the Farm Bureau's Essex County president, as one of the organization's delegates, and as a member of its State board of directors, and

Whereas, among his numerous other agricultural roles were membership on the University of Vermont Extension's Dairy Advisory Committee and the Lancaster Fair's Board of Directors, the latter for four decades; participation in the Dairy Herd Improvement Association; and serving as a 4-H leader, continuing an association that began in his youth, and

Whereas, as the father of three children, Stretch Martin was strongly committed to

high-quality public education and dedicated 24 years to service on the Guildhall School Board and, more recently, sat as a Guildhall Selectboard member, and

Whereas, this admired local civic and State agricultural leader died on July 27, 2017 at 73 years of age, and his survivors include his wife, Muriel; children, Jennifer, Peter, and Jacqueline; four grandchildren; and several siblings, now therefore be it

Resolved by the Senate and House of Representatives:

That the General Assembly extends its condolences to the family of Richard William Martin, and be it further

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

H.C.R. 262.

House concurrent resolution honoring Ludlow Municipal Manager Francis J. Heald

Offered by: Representatives Devereux of Mount Holly, Cupoli of Rutland City, Fagan of Rutland City, Forguites of Springfield, and Harrison of Chittenden

Offered by: Senators Nitka, Clarkson, McCormack, Collamore, Flory, and Soucy

Whereas, a municipality's chief administrator usually reports to a single elected panel such as the village trustees or the selectboard, and

Whereas, occasionally, a town and village may share the administrative services of a jointly employed municipal manager, and

Whereas, in Ludlow, the municipal manager's daunting responsibilities are even broader as this officer serves the town, the village, and the village water commission, and

Whereas, Frank Heald has held this demanding, triple responsibility post for the past 15 years, and

Whereas, he has been extremely adept at securing federal and State financing for projects and programs, reducing the expenditure of local funds, and

Whereas, Frank Heald is community oriented and regularly volunteers his time for good causes, such as his participation in Rotary fundraisers, and

Whereas, he frequently attends local athletic contests and is undoubtedly one of Black River Union High School's most enthusiastic fans, and

Whereas, the chairs of the Ludlow Selectboard, Ludlow Village Board of Trustees, and the Ludlow Village Water Commission have all praised his work on behalf of their respective municipal units, and

Whereas, among Frank Heald's achievements are the greatly needed water system improvement project; the acquisition of the Vermont National Guard Armory and its current conversion into a community center, featuring a gymnasium, dining area,

conference space, classrooms, a weight room, and offices; an award-winning municipal health and safety program, resulting in insurance premium reimbursements from the Vermont League of Cities and Towns; town hall renovations, including development of the successful \$750,000.00 bond that financed the project; the construction of a new public safety building that houses the police department and ambulance service; and the implementation of community beautification projects, and

Whereas, Frank Heald has decided that May 1, 2018 is the appropriate date for his departure, and his three supervisory boards have thanked him for his exemplary work and extended best wishes for the future, now therefore be it

Resolved by the Senate and House of Representatives:

That the General Assembly honors Ludlow Municipal Manager Francis J. Heald, and be it further

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

H.C.R. 263.

House concurrent resolution congratulating the Mount Holly Community Historical Museum on celebrating its 50th Anniversary

Offered by: Representatives Devereux of Mount Holly and Potter of Clarendon

Offered by: Senators Nitka, Clarkson, Collamore, Flory, and McCormack

Whereas, in 1968, Edna Mae DesJardins originated the concept of a Mount Holly Community Historical Museum, and the W.H. White blacksmith shop in Belmont that was for sale was the ideal location, and

Whereas, at the time, the Edminster family owned the proposed museum's possible home that had served as a casket shop, tearoom, children's playhouse, and most recently as the compounding center for J. Warner Edminster, one of the State's last traveling druggists, and

Whereas, Randolph Smith presided as acting chair at an exploratory meeting of interested citizens, and John Hurd and his wife, who were associated with the Weathersfield Historical Society, provided advice, and

Whereas, subsequently, the group elected Milton Unterman as its first Chair, Leland Dudley and Katherine Laumann as vice chairs, Edna Mae DesJardins as Secretary-Treasurer, and Harriet Parmenter as Historian, and Katherine Laumann also served as Curator, a position that James Holden, Janice Bamforth, Katherine Laumann's daughter, and Robin Eatmon have since held, and

Whereas, the Edminster family agreed to sell the house, and after major renovations in 1969, the museum opened, and

Whereas, on display are several permanent exhibits that feature, not surprisingly, blacksmith tools, as well as information on the town's one-room schoolhouses, the

old post office boxes used in the village, a cheesemaking display, and a surrey used to bring guests to local inns, and

Whereas, in 2004, Alice Perkins Bennett and her nephew, Todd McCabe, descendants of the Taylor-Perkins family, donated the Perkins House on the Mount Holly village green to the museum, and after a major fundraising campaign that financed restoration work, the house opened as a second museum site in 2010, displaying information on the home's family history, Mount Holly's civil war artifacts, photo albums, early quilts, and a mammoth tooth and tusk that in accordance with 1 V.S.A. § 509(b) is designated as the State Terrestrial Fossil, and

Whereas, 2018 marks a half-century since the founding of the Mount Holly Community Historical Museum, now therefore be it

Resolved by the Senate and House of Representatives:

That the General Assembly congratulates the Mount Holly Community Historical Museum on its 50th anniversary, and be it further

Resolved: That the Secretary of State be directed to send a copy of this resolution to the Mount Holly Community Historical Museum.

H.C.R. 264.

House concurrent resolution designating the week of May 6–12, 2018 as Teacher Appreciation Week in Vermont

Offered by: Representatives Sharpe of Bristol, Belaski of Windsor, Bissonnette of Winooski, Botzow of Pownal, Brumsted of Shelburne, Carr of Brandon, Christensen of Weathersfield, Christie of Hartford, Conlon of Cornwall, Connor of Fairfield, Conquest of Newbury, Dakin of Colchester, Donovan of Burlington, Emmons of Springfield, Fields of Bennington, Forguites of Springfield, Gannon of Wilmington, Giambatista of Essex, Houghton of Essex, Howard of Rutland City, Jessup of Middlesex, LaLonde of South Burlington, Lanpher of Vergennes, Lippert of Hinesburg, Long of Newfane, Macaig of Williston, Masland of Thetford, McCullough of Williston, Miller of Shaftsbury, Mrowicki of Putney, Noyes of Wolcott, Ode of Burlington, Partridge of Windham, Potter of Clarendon, Pugh of South Burlington, Scheu of Middlebury, Squirrell of Underhill, Sullivan of Dorset, Sullivan of Burlington, Till of Jericho, Toleno of Brattleboro, Toll of Danville, Townsend of South Burlington, Troiano of Stannard, Walz of Barre City, Webb of Shelburne, Weed of Enosburgh, Wood of Waterbury, Yacovone of Morristown, Yantachka of Charlotte, and Young of Glover

Offered by: Senators Balint, Baruth, Benning, Branagan, Bray, and Ingram

Whereas, a democratic society cannot thrive without a smoothly functioning system of public education, and all too often the importance of teachers is not acknowledged properly, and

Whereas, preschool, elementary, and secondary school teachers play an essential role in youngsters' mastering fundamental mathematical and verbal skills that will be

drawn upon for a lifetime, and

Whereas, teachers often work far beyond their regular classroom hours, preparing lesson plans, organizing projects, grading assignments, meeting parents, and attending in-service training seminars, and

Whereas, they are dedicated to their profession, regardless of their students' economic status or academic ability, and

Whereas, teachers bring to their classrooms both a substantive knowledge of the subjects they teach and a degree of patience and perseverance that is often remarkable, and

Whereas, when a student meets an academic goal that the teacher initially considered unachievable, both the student and the teacher feel a sense of accomplishment and pride, and

Whereas, in order to honor these often unsung heroes, beginning in 1984, the National Parent Teacher Association (known as National PTA) established Teacher Appreciation Week, and

Whereas, in 2018, Teacher Appreciation Week will be observed on May 6–12, and a specific Vermont commemoration of this event is a way to recognize officially the thousands of dedicated teachers in our State, now therefore be it

Resolved by the Senate and House of Representatives:

That the General Assembly designates the week of May 6–12, 2018 as Teacher Appreciation 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 Agency of Education, to the Vermont-NEA, and to the Vermont State PTA.

H.C.R. 265.

House concurrent resolution designating Thursday, March 1, 2018 as Vermont Coalition of Runaway and Homeless Youth Programs and Vermont Youth Development Program Awareness Day

Offered by: Representatives Haas of Rochester, Gamache of Swanton, Keefe of Manchester, Mrowicki of Putney, Noyes of Wolcott, Pajala of Londonderry, Pugh of South Burlington, Troiano of Stannard, and Wood of Waterbury

Whereas, the youths of Vermont will determine the future strength of our country and be the bearers of our democracy, and

Whereas, youths need safety, permanent connections, stable housing, and educational and employment opportunities to support their well-being so they are able to fill their essential roles as vital community members, and

Whereas, more than 450 Vermont youths sought housing support during fiscal year 2017 through the Vermont Coalition of Runaway and Homeless Youth Programs, and

Whereas, the Vermont Youth Development Program supported nearly 500 youths transitioning successfully into young adulthood each year, and

Whereas, youths 12 to 25 years of age are in a vital stage of adolescent development and deserve resources that are appropriate for their unique needs, and

Whereas, youths can teach us what works best to support them, and it is important to create opportunities for them to influence programming designed for them, and

Whereas, effective programs supporting youths who have run away, experienced homelessness, been housed precariously, or who are aging out of Vermont's foster care system are a crucial resource for our State's most vulnerable youths, now therefore be it

Resolved by the Senate and House of Representatives:

That the General Assembly designates Thursday, March 1, 2018 as Vermont Coalition of Runaway and Homeless Youth Programs and Vermont Youth Development Program Awareness Day, and be it further

Resolved: That the Secretary of State be directed to send a copy of this resolution to the Vermont Coalition of Runaway and Homeless Youth Programs and the Vermont Youth Development Program.

H.C.R. 266.

House concurrent resolution congratulating the Robb Family Farm in West Brattleboro on its 110th anniversary

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

Whereas, in 1907, Thomas and Christine Betterly began milking Jersey cows at a West Brattleboro site that became the Robb Family Farm, and

Whereas, the farm's spacious barn originally sat in Halifax prior to its relocation to West Brattleboro in 1912, and the farmhouse was constructed in 1914, and

Whereas, over the decades, the farm transitioned to Guernseys and eventually added Holsteins to its milking herd, and

Whereas, in 2011, erratic milk prices forced Charles Sr. and Helen Robb, the farm's fourth generation, to sell the remaining Holsteins and pursue an alternative business path centered on the farm's many acres of sugar maple trees, as well as the

initiation of an organically raised beef herd, and

Whereas, the farm's extensive sugar bush currently includes 3,500 taps, but there are plans to expand this number to 5,000, and the annual maple syrup production equals 800 gallons, and

Whereas, the Robb Family Farm current sugarhouse, constructed in 1998, replaced its predecessor that dated from the 1920s, and the Robbs proudly produce 100 percent natural maple syrup with no formaldehyde, pesticides, or chemicals, and

Whereas, part of the dairy barn's milking room was converted into a kitchen where a variety of value-added maple products are manufactured, such as maple candy, maple ice cream, and maple coated nuts, and

Whereas, the Robb Family sells its panoply of maple products both at its store, located at the farm on Ames Road in West Brattleboro, and online, and

Whereas, for the 2016 holiday season, the actress Brooke Shields promoted the Robb Family Farm's maple products in *People Magazine's* celebrity Holiday Gift Guide, and

Whereas, the Robb Family Farm's specialty natural beef is derived from a mixed herd of Hereford, Simmental, and Charolais cattle that are neither raised in feed lots nor fed any grain, but rather pastured and not injected with either hormones or steroids, and

Whereas, the multigenerational and thriving Robb Family Farm marked its 110th anniversary in 2017, now therefore be it

Resolved by the Senate and House of Representatives:

That the General Assembly congratulates the Robb Family Farm on its 110th anniversary, and be it further

Resolved: That the Secretary of State be directed to send a copy of this resolution to the Robb Family Farm in West Brattleboro.

H.C.R. 267.

House concurrent resolution honoring Donna Fitch for her outstanding municipal public service in the Town of Calais

Offered by: Representative Ancel of Calais

Whereas, Donna Fitch has resided in Calais since her birth, graduated from the University of Vermont, and cares deeply about her hometown, and

Whereas, her professional career included employment as the Operations Manager at Annie's Naturals and as Director of Corporate Communication at the National Life Insurance Company, and

Whereas, while working in these positions, she developed an expertise in

administration, data management, fundraising, and public relations, fields of endeavor that proved invaluable for her leadership roles in Calais municipal government, and

Whereas, in 1997, Donna Fitch stood successfully for a seat on the Calais Selectboard, introducing her to all aspects of town government, including the conduct of elections as a member of the board of civil authority, and

Whereas, Donna Fitch's 14 years as a selectboard member prepared her well for her election in 2011 to the combined posts of Calais Town Clerk and Treasurer, and

Whereas, in these new roles, Donna Fitch oversaw a major transformation of the town's government, supervising the digitization of manual procedures, such as the use of electronic tabulators for vote counting, computerizing financial administration and human resource management, and the implementation of E-911, and

Whereas, Donna Fitch and her architect husband, John McCullough, were leaders in the 2004 design and construction of the current town office and more recently have actively supported historic preservation projects at the Calais Town Hall, Memorial Hall, the Old West Church, and the Maple Corner Community Center, and

Whereas, her trove of old Calais photographs entertains the town's residents and reminds them of their shared history, and

Whereas, Town Meeting Day 2018 marks the conclusion of Donna Fitch's tenure in town office but she intends to remain active in the community, now therefore be it

Resolved by the Senate and House of Representatives:

That the General Assembly honors Donna Fitch for her outstanding municipal public service in the Town of Calais, and be it further

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

H.C.R. 268.

House concurrent resolution honoring H. Kent Wright III for his civic engagement in the town of Bridport

Offered by: Representative Smith of New Haven

Offered by: Senators Ayer and Bray

Whereas, Kent Wright has a special affinity for the town of Bridport where he was a student at the Converse and Village schoolhouses and still resides on his family's

farm, and

Whereas, his early school experiences instilled in Kent Wright a great appreciation for the role of public education, and

Whereas, during the five years in the early 1960s that he served as a Bridport School Director, Kent Wright advocated for providing the town's elementary schoolchildren with a solid scholastic foundation, and

Whereas, in the early 1970s, he followed Bridport's students to Middlebury Union High School, serving as the town's representative on this secondary educational institution's governance panel, and

Whereas, Kent Wright served on the Bridport Planning Commission for 17 years and represented the town on the Addison County Regional Planning Commission for an extended period of time, and

Whereas, his agricultural roots remain vibrant, and he still serves as the Bridport representative to the Vermont Farm Bureau, and

Whereas, local history is a matter of importance for Kent Wright, and he is a member of the Bridport Historical Society, and

Whereas, for 58 years, Kent Wright has prized his membership in the Bridport Morning Sun Masonic Lodge #3, and he achieved the position of Master of the Lodge and other leadership roles, and

Whereas, Kent Wright's contemporary community connections are maintained through his active membership in the Bridport Seniors, and

Whereas, one of his favorite hobbies is restoring old tractors and farm implements, especially John Deeres, and

Whereas, Kent Wright's musical inclinations have led him to play the fiddle and the harmonica, pastimes that bring him great pleasure, and

Whereas, his ongoing attention to the vitality of the town's civic affairs is reflective in his regular attendance at Bridport's selectboard and planning commission meetings, and

Whereas, in recognition of Kent Wright's special place in the community, the 2017 Bridport Town Report has been dedicated in his honor, now therefore be it

Resolved by the Senate and House of Representatives:

That the General Assembly honors H. Kent Wright III for his civic engagement in the town of Bridport, and be it further

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

H.C.R. 269.

House concurrent resolution in memory of former Representative and Rockingham

Town Moderator Michael P. Harty

Offered by: Representatives Partridge of Windham, Trieber of Rockingham, Bock of Chester, Long of Newfane, and Stuart of Brattleboro

Offered by: Senators Balint and White

Whereas, Mike Harty, a life-long resident of the Village of Bellows Falls, was a civically engaged citizen, and

Whereas, a graduate of Bellows Falls High School and the University of Vermont, Mike Harty's first public service role was as a faculty member at Green Mountain High School, where he worked for 14 years, and

Whereas, he represented Rockingham in the General Assembly during the 1983–1984 biennium and sat as a member of the Committee on Municipal Elections and Corporations, and

Whereas, Mike Harty earned a law degree from Western New England School of Law and had a second career in the legal profession, and

Whereas, after his admission to the Vermont bar, Mike Harty served as a Windham County Deputy State's Attorney, playing an important role in the criminal justice system in his home county, and

Whereas, in the second stage of his legal career, Mike Harty worked as a private practitioner, and

Whereas, in the town of Rockingham, Mike Harty served for six years as a lister, performing the technical responsibilities associated with that position, and

Whereas, in the years since his legislative service, Mike Harty was perhaps best known locally for his leadership as Rockingham Town Moderator, and on the first Tuesday in March, at Town Meeting, he wielded the gavel with due respect for citizen participation, while assuring adherence to *Robert's Rules of Order* and parliamentary decorum, and

Whereas, on February 11, 2018, Mike Harty died at 68 years of age, and his combined public service as an educator and an appointed and elected official benefited the communities he served, and

Whereas, his survivors include his wife of 42 years, Wendy; his mother, Gerry; his children, Edward and Emily; his brothers, Dennis and Thomas; his grandchildren; and several nieces and nephews, now therefore be it

Resolved by the Senate and House of Representatives:

That the General Assembly extends its sincere condolences to the family of Michael P. Harty of Bellows Falls, and be it further

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

H.C.R. 270.

House concurrent resolution honoring Alan Curler of New Haven for his outstanding civic service

Offered by: Representative Smith of New Haven

Offered by: Senators Ayer and Bray

Whereas, as a youth, Alan Curler worked on Addison County farms, gaining extensive agricultural knowledge that he strengthened while studying at Vermont Technical College (VTC), from which he graduated, and

Whereas, Alan Curler's ties to his alma mater remain strong as he currently serves as the VTC Alumni Association President, and

Whereas, he is an agricultural leader through his roles as an Eastern States Exposition Trustee and as the Vermont Dairy Industry Association Treasurer, and

Whereas, at the Future Farmers of America (FFA), Alan Curler is a State Foundation Officer, and he is the recipient of a 2017 Honorary American FFA Degree in recognition of his dedication to the organization and for his making an extraordinary long-term difference in the lives of students, and

Whereas, another agricultural organization to which Alan Curler is dedicated is 4-H; he serves as Addison County 4-H Foundation President, and each August at Addison County Field Days he volunteers at the Dusty Chuck food booth, assisting in raising funds for the organization, and

Whereas, for the Boy Scouts, Alan Curler has served as a Cub Scout pack leader, and

Whereas, on the Little League baseball diamond, Alan Curler has coordinated the New Haven teams and served as the Mt. Abe Little League District President, and

Whereas, Alan Curler was a pioneer participant in the New Haven recycling effort, dating to his moving to the community in 1990 when all the recycled materials were collected and sorted in a box trailer behind the town hall, and

Whereas, he is an active member of the New Haven Congregational Church where he regularly worships, and

Whereas, amazingly, despite all of these diverse commitments, Alan Curler has found time to serve as president of his bowling league, and he plays the banjo with an ensemble known as Old Bones, is a regular at the Sod Busters Horseshoe Club, and bakes cookies for meetings he attends, and

Whereas, in recognition of his many civic roles and community dedication, the 2017 Town of New Haven Annual Report has been dedicated in his honor, now therefore be it

Resolved by the Senate and House of Representatives:

That the General Assembly honors Alan Curler for his outstanding civic service, and be it further

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

H.C.R. 271.

House concurrent resolution in memory of former Mendon Town Clerk Helen Ruth Johnson Lawrence

Offered by: Representative Harrison of Chittenden

Offered by: Senators Collamore, Flory, and Soucy

Whereas, Helen Johnson Lawrence was a native of Rochester and graduated from the town's high school, and

Whereas, after graduating from the Rutland Business College, she was employed at Provident Mutual Insurance Company, and

Whereas, for over half a century, Helen Johnson Lawrence served the Town of Mendon in a variety of leadership roles, initially starting in 1965 and continuing until 1978 as auditor, and

Whereas, in 1980, she was elected treasurer, and

Whereas, in 1981, Helen Johnson Lawrence assumed the companion role of town clerk and continued serving effectively in both positions until stepping down in 1996, and

Whereas, unlike the typical clerk-treasurer who advances in the job, Helen Johnson Lawrence immediately became the combined assistant clerk-treasurer in Mendon for a term that ended in 2001, and

Whereas, even after leaving these combined assistant posts, Helen Johnson Lawrence remained involved in Mendon municipal government until 2016 as an election official and also served on the New Town Office Committee, and

Whereas, Helen Johnson Lawrence volunteered for the Vermont Marine Corps League Toys for Kids, assisting in the distribution of Christmas gifts for needy children; the Rutland Area Visiting Nurses & Hospice; and the Mendon Historical Society of which she was a cofounder and the organization's first treasurer, and

Whereas, the 1995 Mendon Annual Report was dedicated in honor of Helen Johnson Lawrence and her husband, Leo, and in 2005, the New Town Office Committee was similarly recognized, and

Whereas, on June 3, 2017, Helen Johnson Lawrence died at 86 years of age, and the Mendon Selectboard is naming the town office's conference room the Helen Lawrence Conference Room, and

Whereas, her survivors include her husband of 65 years, Leo; her five children, Elaine, Doug, Dean, Brian, and Kevin; six grandchildren; and seven great-grandchildren, now therefore be it

Resolved by the Senate and House of Representatives:

That the General Assembly extends sincere gratitude and condolences to the family of former Mendon Town Clerk Helen Ruth Johnson Lawrence, and be it further

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