

CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

ADDENDUM

TO THE

HOUSE CALENDAR

**Text of House and Senate
Concurrent Resolutions**

of

March 15, 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. 272.

House concurrent resolution honoring Manchester Fire Chief Philip Bourn for his laudable public service

Offered by: Representatives Keefe of Manchester, Browning of Arlington, Corcoran of Bennington, Fagan of Rutland City, Harrison of Chittenden, Pajala of Londonderry, Shaw of Pittsford, Sullivan of Dorset, and Turner of Milton

Offered by: Senators Campion, Sears, Collamore, Flory, and Soucy

Whereas, a municipal fire chief must react quickly and wisely in the midst of tension-filled emergency situations and also oversee the department's daily administrative matters, and

Whereas, Manchester Fire Chief Philip (Grub) Bourn has served in this pivotal role twice, initially for a five-year term from 1994 to 1999 and then for a longer period, commencing in 2003 and continuing for 15 years into 2018, and

Whereas, the responsibilities of the Manchester Fire Chief entail devoting approximately 20 hours each week to overseeing the personnel and financial details of the department's operations, and

Whereas, Grub Bourn has performed both the routine and extraordinary supervisory duties of his post while owning Bourn's Tire and Auto Center and personally managing in excess of 100 plowing accounts for his customers in winter, and

Whereas, his fellow firefighters have great confidence in Grub Bourn's leadership, having repeatedly reelected him as their chief, and

Whereas, under Chief Bourn's leadership, the Manchester Fire Department has moved forward with major infrastructure projects, including the installation of an upgraded radio system, the purchase of a fire truck featuring a 95-foot tower, and the construction of a new public safety facility that greatly improved the department's home base, and

Whereas, in directing the firefighting and protection services in Manchester, Grub Bourn continued a family tradition, as his father was chief until 1970, and

Whereas, after a combined 20 years in command as the outstanding Manchester Fire Chief, Grub Bourn is handing over his portfolio of duties to another chief, and

Whereas, although his successful tenure as chief is ending, Grub Broun is not departing and intends to remain an active member of the Manchester Fire Department, responding to the calls to douse a blaze, and to continue his teaching role as a Vermont State Fire Instructor, now therefore be it

Resolved by the Senate and House of Representatives:

That the General Assembly honors Manchester Fire Chief Philip Bourn for his laudable public service, and be it further

Resolved: That the Secretary of State be directed to send a copy of this resolution to Manchester Fire Chief Grub Bourn.

H.C.R. 273.

House concurrent resolution honoring Brendan J. Whittaker of Brunswick for his years of insightful leadership in the State, municipal, and religious sectors

Offered by: Representative Quimby of Concord

Whereas, Brendan Whittaker's life as a forester and conservationist, respected municipal official in the Town of Brunswick, and Episcopal priest represents an unusual blend of passionate interests with which he is equally adept, and

Whereas, after his marriage to Dorothy Alden in 1956, and their respective University of Massachusetts graduations, they settled on a farm in Brunswick, and

Whereas, Brendan Whittaker's work as a forester and conservation advocate was a solid foundation for his role as an Act 250 District Commissioner and later, under Governor Richard Snelling, as Secretary of the Agency of Environmental Conservation (now Natural Resources), and

Whereas, he has continued working as an independent consulting forester,

and his institutional natural resources roles have included membership on the U.S. Department of Agriculture's Farm Service State Committee in Vermont and on the Ammonoosuc Conservation Trust Lands Committee, and

Whereas, in 1966, Brendan Whittaker graduated from the Episcopal Theological (now Divinity) School in Cambridge, Massachusetts, and for 45 years preached at St. Thomas and Grace Episcopal Church in Brandon, and

Whereas, the citizens of Brunswick have known Brendan Whittaker for his extensive and exemplary 57-year record of civic service, dating to his 1961 election as a grand juror, and

Whereas, in 1963, he was elected a justice of the peace, and

Whereas, for a dozen years, beginning in 1980, Brendan Whittaker served as a member of the town's municipal planning board and continued as the zoning administrator for many years thereafter, and

Whereas, for a long tenure of three decades, Brendan Whittaker has sat as a knowledgeable and thoughtful member of the Brunswick Selectboard, and

Whereas, his wealth of experience presiding at meetings has proven invaluable during his seven years serving as both town and school meeting moderator, now therefore be it

Resolved by the Senate and House of Representatives:

That the General Assembly honors Brendan J. Whittaker of Brunswick for his years of insightful leadership in the State, municipal, and religious sectors, and be it further

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

H.C.R. 274.

House concurrent resolution in memory of Gordon E. Tallman of Hyde Park

Offered by: Representatives Higley of Lowell, Hill of Wolcott, and Noyes of Wolcott

Offered by: Senator Westman

Whereas, Gordon Tallman of Hyde Park, the youngest of 11 children, graduated in 1956 from Lamoille Central Academy (LCA), and his mastery of soccer, basketball, and baseball helped his school win divisional championships, and

Whereas, in partnership with his brother Donald, he contributed to LCA's 1953 State baseball title and to bringing the 1954 team into the championship game against Stowe High School, and

Whereas, competitive sports continued to be central for the adult Gordon Tallman, who coached his sons' Hyde Park Little League baseball teams, and

Whereas, once his sons were past Little League age, Gordon Tallman pursued his personal passion for competition on the diamond, playing on local adult baseball and slow-pitch softball teams in northern Vermont, and

Whereas, during his career at Bullard's Mill manufacturing golf tees, Gordon Tallman enjoyed a moment of fame by appearing on the national television show *What's My Line*, trying to stump the panelists regarding his vocation, and

Whereas, Gordon Tallman was an avid outdoorsman and enjoyed deer hunting and collecting moose sheds, and he was a dedicated Boston Red Sox fan, and

Whereas, when not at work, on the playing fields, or in the woods, Gordon Tallman, who knew the way to construct a rhyming stanza, wrote poetry reflecting his rural Vermont roots, and

Whereas, his poems were published in two volumes, *Backroads and Bygones* and *Backroads and Bygones, Volume II*, and

Whereas, in 2002, Gordon Tallman and his brother Clifford were the joint recipients of the Vermont Life and Heritage Center Award for Traditional Artists (Poetry), and

Whereas, he was privileged to recite his poetry as the devotional speaker on several occasions at the opening of legislative sessions in Montpelier, and

Whereas, Gordon E. Tallman died on February 9, 2018, at 79 years of age, and his survivors include his sons, Kevin and Wyatt, and their mother, Hilda; his partner, Barbara Hawley; and his grandchildren and 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 Gordon E. Tallman of Hyde Park, and be it further

Resolved: That the Secretary of State be directed to send a copy of this

resolution to the members of Gordon Tallman's family.

H.C.R. 275.

House concurrent resolution congratulating William Busier of Essex on his 100th birthday

Offered by: Representative Bissonnette of Winooski

Whereas, Bill Busier was born on March 8, 1918, the year the World War I Armistice was signed, and

Whereas, he served our nation heroically in World War II, and

Whereas, as a member of the U.S. Army, Bill Busier was deployed to the European Theater of Operations, and

Whereas, in December 1944, as thousands of Allied troops, including Bill Busier, headed eastward towards Germany through the Ardennes region of Wallonia in France, Belgium, and Luxenberg, the Germans launched a surprise counteroffensive in an attempt to halt the Allied advance, and

Whereas, this campaign that the Germans designated as Operation Watch on the Rhine and that became known as the Battle of the Bulge resulted in the highest number of American casualties in any World War II operation, and

Whereas, among those Americans the Germans took prisoner was Bill Busier of Essex, and he was forced to endure the brutal conditions of a German prisoner of war camp for the duration of the war in Europe, and

Whereas, after he was freed, he was awarded the Purple Heart, and

Whereas, Bill Busier returned home to Vermont and, despite his harrowing wartime experience, has since lived a long life, and

Whereas, he will observe his 100th birthday on March 8, 2018, and

Whereas, in celebration of this special occasion, Veterans of Foreign Wars Post No. 1767 is throwing Bill Busier a most deserved surprise birthday party on March 3, 2018 at the post's headquarters in Winooski, and

Whereas, this party will honor a man who can especially appreciate the sacrifices Americans have made to protect their freedom, now therefore be it

Resolved by the Senate and House of Representatives:

That the General Assembly congratulates William Busier of Essex on his 100th birthday, and be it further

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

H.C.R. 276.

House concurrent resolution commemorating the 100th anniversary of the Wayside Restaurant in Berlin

Offered by: Representatives Lewis of Berlin, Donahue of Northfield, Hooper of Montpelier, Kitzmiller of Montpelier, LaClair of Barre Town, McFaun of Barre Town, Poirier of Barre City, and Walz of Barre City

Offered by: Senators Brooks, Cummings, and Pollina

Whereas, the Wayside, an eating establishment that offers “Home cooking away from home,” served its first customer in July 1918, and

Whereas, the original proprietor, Effie Ballou, prepared some of the menu at her hillside home and then carried the cooked meals to the small roadside eatery she operated adjacent to the Barre-Montpelier Road, and

Whereas, in 1945, Joseph and Amy Fish assumed ownership, and their son and daughter-in-law, George (Roy) and Vivian, succeeded them in 1954, and

Whereas, in 1966, Eugene and Harriet Galfetti purchased the Wayside and over 33 years constructed seven additions, greatly expanding the premises, and

Whereas, in 1998, a new generation took command at the Wayside when Karen (Galfetti) Zecchinelli and her husband, Brian, succeeded her parents with the goal of maintaining all the Wayside’s wonderful dining traditions, and

Whereas, the Wayside’s outstanding Yankee cookery has been publicized in the *New York Times*, the *Burlington Free Press*, the *Times Argus*, and *Seven Days*, and

Whereas, in 2014, the restaurant was the winner of a Vermont Legacy Award, and Senator Leahy has offered a personal tribute, and

Whereas, the Wayside includes a bakery that offers a variety of pies, breads, and muffins for take-out sale and a creamery that produces 14 flavors of ice cream for consumption after a meal or as a standalone treat, and

Whereas, the Wayside was Montpelier’s first green restaurant and the fifth in the State, and has taken multiple steps to reduce its carbon footprint, such as installing six solar tube panels on its back roof that preheat the dishwasher’s water, and

Whereas, a locally-oriented initiative is working with area farmers and fishermen to offer Vermont fresh food products, and

Whereas, in celebration of its 100th birthday, a book, *It’s Worth the Ride to the Wayside: Celebrating 100 Years with Anniversary Ale, Yankee Cooking and Ice Cream*, and that includes favorite recipes, has been published, and

Whereas, on July 29, 2018, a customer appreciation party, featuring a free ice cream social and a fireworks display, will take place to commemorate a century of delightful family-friendly dining, now therefore be it

Resolved by the Senate and House of Representatives:

That the General Assembly commemorates the 100th anniversary of the Wayside Restaurant in Berlin, and be it further

Resolved: That the Secretary of State be directed to send a copy of this resolution to the Wayside Restaurant in Berlin.

H.C.R. 277.

House concurrent resolution congratulating the 2018 Milton High School Yellowjackets Division II boys' championship indoor track and field team

Offered by: Representatives Turner of Milton, Mattos of Milton, Johnson of South Hero, and Joseph of North Hero

Whereas, until 2018, Milton High School had never won a track title, either indoor or outdoor, and winning a championship in either setting would mark an historic event in competitive athletic competition at the school, and

Whereas, the 2017–2018 Milton boys' indoor track and field team featured skilled competitors who trained assiduously and looked forward to the State championship meet held at the University of Vermont, and

Whereas, the Yellowjacket boys demonstrated they were worthy of the 2018 championship, securing first place in both the 600- and 1,000-meter races, and they concluded the day with a winning 92 points, outdistancing second place Rice Memorial High School at 79 points, and

Whereas, the Yellowjackets who rewrote their school's sports history were Joshua Adams, Colby Allard, Samuel Armstrong, Anthony Barbieri, Carson Bianchi, Michael Ferro, Sawyer McNanley, Jake McNeil, Michael Outama, Zach Popke, Ethan Roussin, Isaiah Williams, and Levi Yoder, and

Whereas, Head Coach Ryan Hayes was thrilled with the boys' winning performances at the State championship meet, now therefore be it

Resolved by the Senate and House of Representatives:

That the General Assembly congratulates the 2018 Milton High School Yellowjackets Division II boys' championship indoor track and field team, and be it further

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

H.C.R. 278.

House concurrent resolution honoring those who care for, educate, and advocate for young Vermonters and designating March 14, 2018 as Early Childhood Day at the State House

Offered by: Representatives Pugh of South Burlington, Ancel of Calais, Bancroft of Westford, Batchelor of Derby, Belaski of Windsor, Bissonnette of Winooski, Botzow of Pownal, Briglin of Thetford, Brumsted of Shelburne, Buckholz of Hartford, Burke of Brattleboro, Carr of Brandon, Chesnut-Tangerman of Middletown Springs, Christensen of Weathersfield, Christie of Hartford, Cina of Burlington, Colburn of Burlington, Conlon of Cornwall, Conquest of Newbury, Copeland-Hanzas of Bradford, Corcoran of Bennington, Cupoli of Rutland City, Deen of Westminster, Devereux of Mount Holly, Dunn of Essex, Emmons of Springfield, Feltus of Lyndon, Fields of Bennington, Forguites of Springfield, Gamache of Swanton, Gardner of Richmond, Giambatista of Essex, Graham of Williamstown, Haas of Rochester, Harrison of Chittenden, Higley of Lowell, Hooper of Randolph, Houghton of Essex, Howard of Rutland City, Jessup of Middlesex, Jickling of Randolph, Joseph of North Hero, Juskiewicz of Cambridge, Keefe of Manchester, Krowinski of Burlington, LaClair of Barre Town, LaLonde of South Burlington, Lanpher of Vergennes, Lawrence of Lyndon, Lefebvre of Newark, Long of Newfane, Lucke of Hartford, Marcotte of Coventry, Masland of Thetford, Mattos of Milton, McCormack of Burlington, McCoy of Poultney, McCullough of Williston, McFaun of Barre Town, Miller of Shaftsbury, Morrissey of Bennington, Murphy of Fairfax, Myers of Essex, Nolan of Morristown, Norris of Shoreham, Noyes of Wolcott, Ode of Burlington, O'Sullivan of Burlington, Pajala of Londonderry, Partridge of Windham, Pearce of Richford, Potter of Clarendon, Quimby of Concord, Rosenquist of Georgia, Savage of Swanton, Scheu of Middlebury, Scheuermann of Stowe, Sharpe of Bristol, Sheldon of Middlebury, Sibia of Dover, Stevens of Waterbury, Stuart of Brattleboro, Sullivan of Dorset, Sullivan of Burlington, Toleno of Brattleboro, Troiano of Stannard, Van Wyck of Ferrisburgh, Walz of Barre City, Webb of Shelburne, Weed of Enosburgh, Wood of Waterbury, and Yantachka of Charlotte

Whereas, today's young children are tomorrow's voters, workers, taxpayers, and parents, and

Whereas, a good start helps ensure both a child's and Vermont's future prosperity, and

Whereas, scientific research has shown that early life experiences establish the architecture of a child's developing brain, and nurturing and individualized interactions with adults at home and in the community are important, and

Whereas, the quality of early childhood experiences can establish either a sturdy or fragile foundation for all subsequent development, and a fragile foundation presents more challenges for a child's future, and

Whereas, all Vermonters want children to grow into healthy adults, solid community members, and active participants in our economy, and

Whereas, concerned Vermonters will gather at the State House on March 14, 2018 to discuss, with their State legislators, youth-related public policies and services and, especially, matters pertaining to accessibility and affordability, and

Whereas, the topics of interest include high-quality early child care, health and education, food security and safety, and the economic security of Vermont's families, now therefore be it

Resolved by the Senate and House of Representatives:

That the General Assembly honors those who care for, educate, and advocate for young Vermonters and designates March 14, 2018 as Early Childhood Day, and be it further

Resolved: That the Secretary of State be directed to send a copy of this resolution to the Vermont Early Childhood Advocacy Alliance, Let's Grow Kids, and Building Bright Futures.

S.C.R. 21.

Senate concurrent resolution congratulating the Woodstock Stoners on winning the 2017 Maine-iac 'Spiel curling championship.

Whereas, the sport of curling entails players sliding stones on a sheet of ice toward a target area, and

Whereas, the U.S. men's curling team and its leader, John Shuster, recently won the United States' historic first curling gold medal at the 2018 Winter Olympics, giving the game a new national prominence, and

Whereas, closer to home, in 2008, the Woodstock Curling Club was established, and its enthusiastic members play as a team commonly referred to as the Woodstock Stoners, and

Whereas, the Woodstock Stoners, unlike most of their competitors, lacks a dedicated practice and playing facility, and the team must play all home games in ice hockey arenas that feature an irregular ice surface, and

Whereas, notwithstanding these challenges, the Woodstock Stoners bravely entered the Maine-iac 'Spiel curling tournament, held in Belfast, Maine, with teams from Maine, New Brunswick, New Hampshire, Ohio, Pennsylvania,

Quebec, and Washington, D.C., and

Whereas, the winner of the 2017 Maine-iac 'Spiel brings home the Larry the Lobster trophy that during the prior two years has resided in the Province of Quebec, and

Whereas, despite the seemingly insurmountable and far less favorable odds than those of John Shuster and the U.S. Olympic team's bringing home a gold medal, the Woodstock Stoners emerged victorious at the 2017 Maine-iac 'Spiel, and

Whereas, the Woodstock Stoners proudly brought the Larry the Lobster trophy and its own lobster trap carrying case to Vermont for the first time, and

Whereas, the skilled curlers of the Woodstock Stoners are Bob Holt, Lisa Holt, Bruce Seely, and Phil Swanson, *now therefore be it*

Resolved by the Senate and House of Representatives:

That the General Assembly congratulates the Woodstock Stoners on winning the 2017 Maine-iac 'Spiel curling championship, *and be it further*

Resolved: That the Secretary of State be directed to send a copy of this resolution to the members of the Woodstock Stoners.