

CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

ADDENDUM

TO THE

HOUSE CALENDAR

**Text of House Concurrent
Resolutions**

of

March 29, 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. 291.

House concurrent resolution congratulating the Vermont State Housing Authority on its 50th anniversary

Offered by: Representatives Head of South Burlington, Christie of Hartford, Fields of Bennington, Gonzalez of Winooski, Howard of Rutland City, Read of Fayston, Scheuermann of Stowe, Smith of Derby, Stevens of Waterbury, Strong of Albany, and Walz of Barre City

Offered by: Senator Cummings

Whereas, in 1968, Governor Philip Hoff recognized the growing need to assure sufficient affordable housing in Vermont and determined that a statewide housing authority would be an appropriate entity to help the State gain access to dedicated federal housing funds, and

Whereas, at the Governor's behest, the General Assembly enacted 1968 Acts and Resolves No. 332, which was signed into law on March 23 of that year and created the first statewide housing authority in the United States, the Vermont State Housing Authority, and

Whereas, section 2 of the Act provided that the Vermont State Housing Authority be "a public body corporate and politic of perpetual duration," consisting of five commissioners that the Governor appoints for five-year terms, subject to the advice and consent of the Senate, and

Whereas, the Vermont State Housing Authority's purpose is to improve affordable housing conditions and facilities in Vermont, using federal financial support for housing and related accommodations for people with low income, and

Whereas, it does not discriminate in the offering of its housing support services based on "race, color, creed or religion, national origin, sex, sexual orientation, gender identity, ancestry or place of birth, age, U.S. Military Veteran status, familial status, marital status, disability, HIV status, or because income is derived in whole or in part from public assistance," and

Whereas, since the inception of the Vermont State Housing Authority, it has

been fulfilling its legislative mandate, using primarily federal resources and forming unique partnerships, all without any direct State appropriations and

Whereas, the Vermont State Housing Authority is active in almost every community in Vermont and is the State's largest provider of rental assistance, providing those services to almost 8,500 Vermont families, and

Whereas, for a half-century, with great pride, the Vermont State Housing Authority has worked hard to meet the rental housing requirements of the neediest Vermonters, now therefore be it

Resolved by the Senate and House of Representatives:

That the General Assembly congratulates the Vermont State Housing Authority on its 50th anniversary, and be it further

Resolved: That the Secretary of State be directed to send a copy of this resolution to Vermont State Housing Authority Executive Director Richard M. Williams.

H.C.R. 292.

House concurrent resolution congratulating the 2018 Rutland High School Division I championship cheerleading team

Offered by: Representatives Fagan of Rutland City, Cupoli of Rutland City, Gage of Rutland City, Harrison of Chittenden, Howard of Rutland City, Myers of Essex, and Terenzini of Rutland Town

Offered by: Senators Collamore, Flory, and Soucy

Whereas, enthusiastic cheerleaders, who rally the crowd at varsity high school athletic contests, are not merely enticing fans to support their school's team but are engaged in the distinctive sport of cheerleading, and

Whereas, cheerleading is a collage of athleticism, color, carefully planned choreography, music, and yes, lots of enthusiasm that is genuine, but the result of much practice and refinement, and

Whereas, similar to other varsity sports, there is an annual State cheerleading championship meet to determine the best high school teams in their respective divisions, and

Whereas, in 2018, the State cheerleading championship was held at Vergennes Union High School, and

Whereas, in Division I competition, the Rutland High Raiders were the undeniable champions, amassing 186 points, 36 ahead of second-place Essex High School, and

Whereas, the talented Rutland cheerleaders were Abigail Clark, Ainsley Pagano, Coral Robert, Gabby Chadwick, Kelsey Lockerby, Kiara Wilkins, Revi Cooper, Summer Amerio, Zoe McFadden, Aubrianna Dydo, Haley Lear, Madison Bourassa, Amy Lacross, Eliese Bouchard, Maya Sobel, Olivia Patrick, Baylee Austin, Eleese Pedro, Eva Menconi, Katie Haas, Kiara LaPenna, Madison Smith, and Shelly Sobel, and

Whereas, Head Coach Cara Gauvin and Assistant Coach Dominique Gatto were thrilled with the team's victory, now therefore be it

Resolved by the Senate and House of Representatives:

That the General Assembly congratulates the 2018 Rutland High School Division I championship cheerleading team, and be it further

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

H.C.R. 293.

House concurrent resolution congratulating Milton High School senior Nick Johnson on his varsity athletic achievements

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

Whereas, Milton High School senior Nick Johnson has demonstrated outstanding leadership in athletics and as a member of the class of 2018, and

Whereas, Nick Johnson's skills on the gridiron, combined with an ability to inspire his teammates, secured him the honor of being selected captain of the 2017 Milton High School football Yellowjackets, and

Whereas, when the football season concluded at the sounding of the last game's final whistle, Nick Johnson turned his attention to the wrestling mat, and he is also a member of the school's track and field team, and

Whereas, as a wrestler in the 220-pound weight class, Nick Johnson projects an unmistakable presence when competing, and

Whereas, at the 2017 New England high school wrestling championship meet, he commanded this weight class and brought home an individual title, and

Whereas, Nick Johnson entered the 2018 State wrestling championship tournament, held at Otter Valley Union High School in Brandon, confident of his potential for success, and

Whereas, his focus and skills proved worthy of the challenge, and he won

the individual 220 weight class State championship, and

Whereas, Nick Johnson described his individual championship victory as a “win by fall in 33 seconds,” as he executed a cradle to pin his opponent and finished with a perfect season record of 48 wins and no losses, and

Whereas, aside from his varsity sports roles, Nick Johnson is President of Milton High School’s Interact Club, a Rotary-sponsored organization that promotes community service, and

Whereas, Nick Johnson has been admitted to the University of Vermont, where he will enter this fall as a member of the class of 2022, and

Whereas, he can be proud of his accomplishments at Milton High School, now therefore be it

Resolved by the Senate and House of Representatives:

That the General Assembly congratulates Milton High School senior Nick Johnson on his varsity athletic achievements, and be it further

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

H.C.R. 294.

House concurrent resolution congratulating Southwestern Vermont Medical Center on its centennial anniversary

Offered by: Representatives Morrissey of Bennington, Botzow of Pownal, Browning of Arlington, Corcoran of Bennington, Fields of Bennington, Gannon of Wilmington, Keefe of Manchester, Miller of Shaftsbury, Morris of Bennington, Sibilias of Dover, and Sullivan of Dorset

Offered by: Senators Campion and Sears

Whereas, during the second decade of the 20th century, two philanthropic members of the Putnam Family, Henry W. Putnam and Henry W. Putnam Jr., recognized that the lack of a hospital in Bennington County limited access to health care services in southwestern Vermont, and

Whereas, the Putnams decided improved health care was essential in southwestern Vermont, and they financed the construction of a 35-bed hospital that opened on June 10, 1918 and was known as the Putnam Memorial Hospital, and

Whereas, nurse Mary Baker oversaw the hospital’s administration for its first quarter-century, including a major reconstruction project following a devastating fire in 1933, and

Whereas, starting in 1955 and through the early 1990s, various infrastructure projects introduced or enhanced ambulatory and emergency services, cancer care, intensive care, long-term care, radiation therapy, and surgical care, improving the hospital's facilities to introduce advances in medical technology and meet the community's evolving health care requirements, and

Whereas, in 1984, the hospital was renamed the Southwestern Vermont Medical Center and the Putnam Memorial Health Corporation was established as its parent organization; in 2000, the corporation was renamed Southwestern Vermont Health Care; and in 2012, Dartmouth-Hitchcock Putnam Physicians was established, and

Whereas, Southwestern Vermont Medical Center is one of only 43 hospitals worldwide to have achieved four designations as a Magnet Center for Nursing Excellence; and in 2017, it received the Magnet Prize, an award for extraordinary innovation that annually only one U.S. hospital receives, and

Whereas, in 2017, Southwestern Vermont Medical Center was also awarded the 5-Star Rating for quality patient safety, and patient experience from the Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services, making it the only 5-Star hospital in Vermont, and

Whereas, in 2018, in celebration of its centennial, Southwestern Vermont Medical Center is publishing a commemorative book, presenting a medical artifacts exhibit, and conducting a festive community day, now therefore be it

Resolved by the Senate and House of Representatives:

That the General Assembly congratulates Southwestern Vermont Medical Center on its centennial anniversary, and be it further

Resolved: That the Secretary of State be directed to send a copy of this resolution to Southwestern Vermont Medical Center.

H.C.R. 295.

House concurrent resolution congratulating the Vermont teams participating in the 2017–2018 FIRST robotics competitions

Offered by: Representatives Jickling of Randolph and Hooper of Randolph

Whereas, FIRST (For Inspiration and Recognition of Science and Technology) is a national nonprofit organization that conducts robotics competitions primarily intended to motivate young people to pursue education and career opportunities in science, technology, engineering, and math (STEM), and

Whereas, students participating in FIRST competitions are taught to practice Gracious Professionalism, meaning they help members of opposing teams even though they are engaged in fierce competition, and the students are taught to act respectfully toward other students and advisors, and

Whereas, in Vermont, the FIRST organization's robotics competitions are conducted in partnership with the University of Vermont, Norwich University, Castleton State University, the Vermont Principals' Association, Essex High School, South Burlington High School, and Champlain Maker Faire Inc., and

Whereas, the four categories of FIRST competitions, the Vermont communities that fielded 2017–2018 FIRST teams, and the age bracket for each category are: FIRST LEGO League Jr. (ages 6–9), Barnet, Middletown Springs, Montpelier (three teams), Rutland, Shelburne (three teams), and South Burlington; FIRST LEGO League (ages 9–16), Berlin, Burlington (two teams), Canaan, Colchester, Montpelier (three teams), Northfield, South Burlington, Rutland (three teams), Westford, White River Junction (three teams), and Williston; FIRST Tech Challenge (ages 12–18), Bristol, Burlington, Canaan, East Montpelier, Essex Junction, Fairfax-Grand Isle, Hinesburg, Jericho, Milton, Randolph, Rutland, St. Albans, Saxtons River, and South Burlington (two teams); and FIRST Robotics Competition (ages 14–18), Randolph Center, Rutland, St. Johnsbury, Sharon, and White River Junction, and

Whereas, many of the teams have adopted creative names, incorporating high-tech terminology, humorous phrases, or school mascots, and

Whereas, today, March 30, 2018, Vermont students participating in FIRST competitions are visiting the State House, and their engagement in STEM-related educational activities is to be commended, now therefore be it

Resolved by the Senate and House of Representatives:

That the General Assembly congratulates the Vermont teams participating in the 2017–2018 FIRST robotics competitions, and be it further

Resolved: That the Secretary of State be directed to send a copy of this resolution to each team's sponsoring school and to the Vermont FIRST coordinator, Martha Hafner.

H.C.R. 296.

House concurrent resolution congratulating the 2017 Northfield High School Marauders Division III championship girls' cross-country team

Offered by: Representatives Donahue of Northfield and Lewis of Berlin

Offered by: Senators Brooks, Cummings, and Pollina

Whereas, prior to 2017, neither a boys' nor girls' team of Northfield High School Marauders had won a cross-country title, and

Whereas, at the 2017 cross-country championship meet, run at Thetford Academy, Northfield's third- and fourth-fastest girl runners were unfortunately sidelined due to prior injuries, and

Whereas, despite the two girls' absence from the competition, Marauders still placed seventh, 15th, 18th, 20th, and 21st, in the Division III girls' race, resulting in Northfield finishing with the best team time and winning a narrow, but historic, one-point victory over the second-place Oxbow Union High School Olympians, and

Whereas, the entire Marauder team, consisting of Elizabeth Andrews, Tess Ayres, Corinne Bolding, Jaylyn Davidson, Lucy Gray, Faith Hoagland, Maya Humbert, Bella Martel, Ruth Milne, Avery Motyka, Emily Van Dyke, Violette Maring, Jolene Cafarelli, Savannah Covey, and Matelyn Thygesen, ran its best throughout the 2017 cross-country season, and

Whereas, second-year Head Coach Luke Foley was thrilled to contribute to Northfield's first cross-country championship, and team manager Alyssa Atwood provided great support to the Marauder girl runners, now therefore be it

Resolved by the Senate and House of Representatives:

That the General Assembly congratulates the 2017 Northfield High School Marauders Division III championship girls' cross-country team, and be it further

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

H.C.R. 297.

House concurrent resolution congratulating William O'Neil on his 2018 induction into the National Federation of State High School Associations' Hall of Fame

Offered by: Representatives Myers of Essex, Bancroft of Westford, Dunn of Essex, Giambatista of Essex, Houghton of Essex, Christie of Hartford, McFaun of Barre Town, Noyes of Wolcott, Parent of St. Albans Town, Poirier of Barre City, and Read of Fayston

Whereas, for 44 years (1973–2017), Bill O'Neil, was a superb varsity sports coach at Essex High School and an essential factor in his teams' decades of

success on the hockey arena ice, softball diamond, and soccer field, and

Whereas, each of his distinctive Division I coaching records is impressive on its own accord, and

Whereas, for 36 years (1979–2015), Bill O’Neil served as the Essex High School girls’ soccer coach, compiling an impressive record, tallying 396 victories, 176 losses, and 52 ties, and

Whereas, for 22 years (in 1979 and from 1992 through 2012) as the Hornets’ softball coach, Bill O’Neil’s teams were scoring far more runs than their opponents, earning 261 wins in comparison to the far fewer 124 defeats, and

Whereas, Bill O’Neil is most closely associated with the Hornets’ boys’ ice hockey team that he coached for an amazing 44 years, concluding his great tenure with 14 titles, 636 wins, 292 setbacks, and 33 ties, and

Whereas, in 2006, Bill O’Neil was named the national high school boys’ ice hockey coach of the year, and

Whereas, in 2007–2008, all three of his teams scored a Division I championship, a rarity, if not a unique occurrence, in Vermont, and

Whereas, in combination, Bill O’Neil’s winning statistical legacy amounts to an enviable 1,293 victories, 592 losses, and 85 ties, a record that may be insurmountable for any varsity coach now working at a Vermont high school, and

Whereas, although Bill O’Neil takes great pleasure in the success of his teams and their many championships, he assigns much of the credit to the athletic directors and assistant coaches with whom he was associated, and

Whereas, Bill O’Neil, who is continuing his role as an outstanding English teacher at Essex High School, is a pillar of the high school athletics coaching community, and in 2018, the National Federation of State High School Associations is inducting him into its hall of fame, now therefore be it

Resolved by the Senate and House of Representatives:

That the General Assembly congratulates William O’Neil on his induction into the National Federation of State High School Associations’ Hall of Fame, and be it further

Resolved: That the Secretary of State be directed to send a copy of this resolution to Bill O’Neil and to Essex High School.

H.C.R. 298.

House concurrent resolution honoring the TRIO academic programs in Vermont and designating March 29, 2018 as TRIO Day at the State House

Offered by: Representatives Giambatista of Essex, Beck of St. Johnsbury, Conlon of Cornwall, Cupoli of Rutland City, Forguites of Springfield, Harrison of Chittenden, Jickling of Randolph, Joseph of North Hero, Mattos of Milton, Miller of Shaftsbury, Pearce of Richford, Sharpe of Bristol, Webb of Shelburne, and Weed of Enosburgh

Whereas, promoting the academic success of students who come from families with minimal economic resources and who aspire to be the first member of their family to attend college is the laudable goal of the federal TRIO programs, and, in Vermont, these important academic preparatory programs serve students through the Vermont Student Assistance Corporation and, separately, at seven colleges: Castleton University, Community College of Vermont, Johnson State College, Lyndon State College, Southern Vermont College, the University of Vermont, and Vermont Technical College, and

Whereas, Upward Bound, the original federally financed college incentive program for disadvantaged students, was established in 1964 under the auspices of the federal Office of Economic Opportunity, and it helps secondary school students prepare for college, and

Whereas, the Talent Search program, initially authorized in the Higher Education Act of 1965, assists students early in the college admissions and financial aid process, and

Whereas, the federal Education Amendments of 1968 added the Student Support Services program, which was originally known as Special Services for Disadvantaged Students, and, in the late 1960s, the term TRIO was coined to describe these three programs, and

Whereas, over the years, TRIO, through additional federal legislation or U.S. Department of Education administrative action, has been expanded to encompass a total of eight student support programs, including a veterans-specific Upward Bound program, and

Whereas, in a major change in 2001, the Student Support Services program began offering direct grants to certain students who were already the recipients of federal financial support from the Pell Grant program, and

Whereas, students and administrators representing the federal TRIO programs in Vermont are visiting the State House today, Thursday, March 29, 2018, now therefore be it

Resolved by the Senate and House of Representatives:

That the General Assembly honors the TRIO academic programs in Vermont and designates March 29, 2018 as TRIO 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 Robin Goodall at Vermont Technical College.

H.C.R. 299.

House concurrent resolution congratulating the Brattleboro Floral Arts and Garden Club on its 50th anniversary

Offered by: Representatives Stuart of Brattleboro, Burke of Brattleboro, Toleno of Brattleboro, Deen of Westminster, and Mrowicki of Putney

Offered by: Senators Balint and White

Whereas, in 1967, as a way to beautify its community, a group of dedicated Brattleboro area volunteers created the garden at the Creamery Bridge in West Brattleboro, and

Whereas, these botanical enthusiasts decided to formalize their association and established the Brattleboro Floral Arts and Garden Club (the Club) that today is a member club of the Federated Garden Clubs of Vermont, Inc., and

Whereas, the Club has complementary objectives to: promote an interest in gardens, their design, and management; educate Club members and local residents in horticultural practices; encourage participation in floral design and the allied arts; foster local floral beautification projects; and offer environmentally related educational programs, and

Whereas, in commemoration of the organization's 50th anniversary and through the inspiration of 50-year member Frances Gibson, the Club has reinvigorated the Creamery Bridge garden, and

Whereas, this endeavor has entailed the planting of an effectively new garden that eliminated invasive plants and introduced environmentally appropriate and friendlier alternatives, and

Whereas, the Club members who led this wonderful botanical rejuvenation were Mary Heninger, Jil MacMenamin, and Fran Jerard, and

Whereas, plans are in process for the creation of a new garden at the Landmark Trust Scott Farm and Stone Trust in Dummerston, and

Whereas, aside from these projects, the Club assists in the maintenance of the gardens at Brattleboro's Green Mountain Chapel and World War I Memorial, and

Whereas, the organization awards annual scholarships to college-bound students pursuing majors in horticulturally related fields, and

Whereas, in 2017, Alice Stockwell also observed her personal 50th membership anniversary, and Sandy McCauley reaches the half-century membership milestone this year, now therefore be it

Resolved by the Senate and House of Representatives:

That the General Assembly congratulates the Brattleboro Floral Arts and Garden Club 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 Brattleboro Floral Arts and Garden Club.

H.C.R. 300.

House concurrent resolution congratulating Melba Masse on her induction into the Vermont Sports Hall of Fame

Offered by: Representatives Myers of Essex, Bancroft of Westford, Dunn of Essex, Giambatista of Essex, and Houghton of Essex

Whereas, the Vermont Sports Hall of Fame, which in 2018 is inducting Melba Masse into the organization's ranks, has described this half-century veteran of Essex High School athletics as the "queen of master schedules," and

Whereas, this affectionate moniker describes Melba Masse's decades-long and ongoing role devising the sports schedules of the Northern Vermont Athletic Conference, an organization she cofounded and for which she served for many years as executive secretary, and

Whereas, her extraordinary leadership in expanding the scope of girls' varsity athletics opportunities in our State is legendary, and

Whereas, Melba Masse's career at Essex High School included a 36-year tenure teaching mathematics and physical education; coaching seven sports; and serving a short stint as the school's athletic director, and

Whereas, even after her official retirement from the Essex High School faculty, she remained employed for another 15 years as the administrative assistant to the school's athletic director, and

Whereas, near the conclusion of her second career at Essex High School, the National Federation of State High School Associations presented Melba Masse with an honorary citation, and

Whereas, the influential career of Melba Masse had its origins at the former Cambridge High School, where she played on the girls' basketball team, and

she continued playing the sport as a Johnson State College student, and

Whereas, in 1954, her first coaching duties at Essex were with the girls' basketball team and the cheerleading squad, girls' only sports options, and

Whereas, she introduced softball to Essex High School and coached the school's and Vermont's first State championship field hockey team, and

Whereas, the entire scheme of State high school championships was one Melba Masse helped pioneer, and she later served as the championship coordinator for the Vermont Principals' Association, and

Whereas, her induction into the Vermont Sports Hall of Fame is richly deserved, now therefore be it

Resolved by the Senate and House of Representatives:

That the General Assembly congratulates Melba Masse on her induction into the Vermont Sports Hall of Fame, and be it further

Resolved: That the Secretary of State be directed to send a copy of this resolution to Melba Masse and to Essex High School.

H.C.R. 301.

House concurrent resolution congratulating the 2018 Fair Haven Union High School Slaters Division II championship boys' basketball team

Offered by: Representatives Canfield of Fair Haven, Helm of Fair Haven, and Norris of Shoreham

Offered by: Senators Collamore, Flory, and Soucy

Whereas, it was hardly surprising that the top-seeded Fair Haven Union High School Slaters earned a berth in the 2018 Division II boys' basketball championship game, played at the Barre Auditorium, where their formidable opponent was the third-seeded and first-championship-game-appearing Milton High School Yellowjackets, and

Whereas, despite the Slaters' advancement on the scoreboard, the Yellowjackets reminded the crowd that Milton remained in contention, and

Whereas, comfortably in the lead 22–10 at the first quarter's conclusion and commanding a 36–21 halftime advantage, the Slaters' final leap to victory proved daunting as in the fourth quarter, the Yellowjackets tied the contest at 47–all before Fair Haven emerged with a narrow but cherished 59–57 victory and the 2018 Division II crown, and

Whereas, the winning Slaters were Zack Murray, Drew Eddy, Austin Ellis, Brandon Parker, Nathan Bathalon, Cameron Coloutti, Parker Morse, Austin

Beayon, Andrew Ferrara, Doug Hendee, Mike Bizon, Aubrey Ramey, Joey Gannon, Kohlby Murray, and Zack Ellis, and

Whereas, Head Coach Bob Prenevost, assistant coaches Greg Cummings, Luke Vadnais, and DJ Perry, and team manager A.J. Munger each contributed to Fair Haven's championship season, now therefore be it

Resolved by the Senate and House of Representatives:

That the General Assembly congratulates the 2018 Fair Haven Union High School Slaters Division II championship boys' basketball team, and be it further

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