

CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

ADDENDUM

TO THE

**SENATE AND HOUSE
CALENDARS**

**Text of Senate
Concurrent Resolutions**

of

Wednesday, May 17, 2017

CONSENT CALENDAR
Concurrent Resolutions for Notice under Joint Rule 16

The following joint concurrent resolutions have been introduced for approval by the Senate and House and will be adopted by the Senate unless a Senator or Representative requests floor consideration before the end of the session of the next legislative day. Requests for floor consideration should be communicated to the Secretary's Office and/or the House Clerk's Office, respectively.

S.C.R. 16.

By Senator Mazza,

By Representative Condon of Colchester,

S.C.R. 16. Senate concurrent resolution honoring the Martin Family for its pioneering role in Vermont television broadcasting.

Whereas, although regularly scheduled U.S. television broadcasts started in the late 1940s, it was not until 1954 that Charles Hasbrook and his stepson, Stuart Martin, decided it was time that Vermont enter the television age, and

Whereas, in preparation for this momentous event, notwithstanding two hurricanes, a television transmission tower was constructed on the summit of Mt. Mansfield, the State's highest geographic location, which also required the building of a road, providing access to the tower's site, and

Whereas, starting on September 7, 1954, WCAX Television—Channel 3 (Burlington) began transmitting test patterns, a development prompting over 200 letters from eager Vermonters excited that a Vermont-based television station was soon to be inaugurated, and

Whereas, several days later, on September 11, 1954, WCAX Television signed on the air for the first time, and two weeks later, on September 26, 1954, the first Vermont-originated programs were aired, and

Whereas, two of WCAX's original local programs, *Across the Fence* and *You Can Quote Me* have remained on the air for the past 63 years, and

Whereas, WCAX Television has an award-winning news operation with bureaus in Montpelier, Rutland, the Upper Valley, and Plattsburgh, New York as well as the main newsroom in South Burlington, and

Whereas, Channel 3 can originate remote telecasts, using its own microwave network and a state-of-the-art satellite truck, and

Whereas, since WCAX Television's first day on the air, the Martin family, first Stuart Martin, who died in 2005, his son, Peter Martin, who initially worked at the station in 1955, and in more recent years, the next generation,

Alex Martin, has been at the station's helm, providing continuous local and family ownership for 63 years, and

Whereas, the tectonic changes in the television industry have made this type of ownership structure difficult to maintain, and reluctantly, the Martins have decided to sell Channel 3, the last family-owned CBS affiliate, to Gray Television in Atlanta, ending a 63-year saga in Vermont's broadcasting history, *now therefore be it*

Resolved by the Senate and House of Representatives:

That the General Assembly honors the Martin Family for its pioneering role in Vermont television broadcasting, and be it further

Resolved: That the Secretary of State be directed to send a copy of this resolution to Peter Martin, to Alex Martin, and to WCAX Television.

S.C.R. 17.

By Senator Mullin, Collamore and Flory,

S.C.R. 17. Senate concurrent resolution congratulating and thanking all the participants in the 25th Annual Letter Carriers' Food Drive in Rutland County.

Whereas, for a quarter century, the United Way of Rutland County has overseen a countywide one-day food drive, known as the Annual Letter Carriers Food Drive, to replenish area food shelves prior to the summer season when food demands are increased, and

Whereas, as the name implies, this food drive is facilitated through the generous participation of U.S. postal carriers from every post office in Rutland County, who collect the donated food, and with the enthusiastic support of the National Association of Letter Carriers Union Branch # 495, especially Chris Greeno, and

Whereas, once the food is collected, it must be sorted and distributed, and these tasks were accomplished with a large group of volunteers, including students and staff from the 77 Park Street program, and

Whereas, special support came from local media outlets that publicized the food drive, and from Stewart's Shops and Fassett's Thrift Store that donated refreshments for the hard working volunteers at the sorting center, and

Whereas, the silver anniversary edition of this vital community effort was a rousing success as 23,411 pounds of food were collected on May 13, 2017, and this year marked the one-million-pound milestone for the drive's 25-year history, and

Whereas, in Rutland City, recipients of the food donations included BROCC Community Action, the Rutland Community Cupboard, and the Salvation

Army, and beyond the city's borders, food was distributed to Fair Haven Concerned and to food shelves in Brandon, Pittsford, Poultney, and West Rutland, *now therefore be it*

Resolved by the Senate and House of Representatives:

That the General Assembly congratulates and thanks all the participants in the 25th Annual Letter Carriers' Food Drive in Rutland County, *and be it further*

Resolved: That the Secretary of State be directed to send a copy of this resolution to the United Way of Rutland County, to the Letter Carriers Union Branch # 495, to the 77 Park Street Program, to Stewart's Shops, and to Fassett's Thrift Store.