

CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

ADDENDUM

TO THE

HOUSE CALENDAR

**Text of House Concurrent
Resolutions**

of

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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. 37

House concurrent resolution designating Thursday, February 14, 2019 as Suicide Prevention Awareness Day at the State House

Offered by: All Members of the House

Whereas, suicide is the second-leading cause of death for Vermonters between 15 and 34 years of age, and Vermont has the highest rate of suicide deaths in New England, and

Whereas, the Vermont Suicide Prevention Coalition includes public health, education, and State agencies, suicide prevention groups, youth leadership, mental health services, and suicide survivors, and

Whereas, the Vermont Suicide Prevention Center (the Center), in cooperation with the Department of Mental Health, created the Vermont Suicide Prevention Coalition, and

Whereas, the Center, which works to promote and implement the message that suicide is preventable among persons of any age, is a strong advocate for the Umatter suicide prevention program, premised on the idea that "you matter because you may need help, and you matter because you may be in a position to help," and draws upon the support of an individual's family, friends, and community, and ultimately the broader society, and

Whereas, recently, the Center started its Zero Suicide initiative, a commitment to suicide prevention in health care systems that includes specific strategies and tools, and

Whereas, the Zero Suicide initiative is organized around three central elements: core values, systems management, and evidence-based practices, and

Whereas, the initiative encourages mental health specialists to explicitly commit to reduce deaths; develop a competent, confident, and caring workforce; assess patients for suicide risk; engage at-risk patients in a care plan; treat suicidal thoughts and behaviors directly; and follow patients through every transition in care, and

Whereas, the Center is conducting a Zero Suicide webinar series to convey these important concepts to health and mental health professionals, and

Whereas, today, suicide prevention advocates are visiting the State House to convey to the members of the General Assembly their important message promoting effective engagement with persons who are contemplating or susceptible to suicide, now therefore be it

Resolved by the Senate and House of Representatives:

That the General Assembly designates Thursday, February 14, 2019 as Suicide Prevention Awareness 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 the Vermont Suicide Prevention Center.

H.C.R. 38

House concurrent resolution commemorating the bicentennial of Norwich University

Offered by: Representatives Donahue of Northfield, Goslant of Northfield, and Grad of Moretown

Offered by: Senators Cummings, Perchlik, and Pollina

Whereas, West Point graduate, professor, and superintendent Captain Alden Partridge developed a philosophy for military education centered on the concept of “enlightened and useful citizen-soldiers,” and

Whereas, in 1819, Alden Partridge established the American Literary, Scientific and Military Academy, the nation’s first private military college, located in his hometown of Norwich, intending to instill in future military officers a strong appreciation for the precepts of the U.S. Constitution, and

Whereas, in 1823, the academy relocated to Middletown, Connecticut, but by 1829, the school had returned to Norwich, and in 1834, the General Assembly chartered the Academy as Norwich University with a requirement that the school offer “military training that was both theoretical and practical,” and

Whereas, following a devastating 1866 fire, many citizens of Northfield offered to finance the University’s move to their community and the construction of a new campus, and some of the bricks from the former campus are now incorporated into the entryway floor of the Kreitzberg Library, and

Whereas, Norwich University’s curriculum served as an educational model for the Morrill Land-Grant Act, which Vermont U.S. Representative Justin Morrill proposed in 1862, and in 1916, the school established the nation’s first Reserve Officer Training Corps unit, and

Whereas, Norwich University has become an internationally respected institution of higher education, with a student body that since the 1972 merger with Vermont College has included women, and

Whereas, in anticipation of the University’s 200th anniversary, noted author Alex Kershaw has written a commemorative history entitled *Citizens & Soldiers: The First 200 Years of Norwich University*, and proceeds from the “Forging the Future” bicentennial campaign have funded renovations to the Kreitzberg Library and the construction of a new academic center known as Mack Hall, and

Whereas, in celebration of its bicentennial, Norwich University has designated the 2018–2019 academic year as the Year of Distinction, now therefore be it

Resolved by the Senate and House of Representatives:

That the General Assembly commemorates the bicentennial of Norwich University, and be it further

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

H.C.R. 39

House concurrent resolution congratulating the Milton High School Yellowjackets on achieving a fourth consecutive Division II girls' soccer championship

Offered by: Representatives Mattos of Milton, Johnson of South Hero, Morgan of Milton, and Palasik of Milton

Whereas, although winning three consecutive Division II girls' soccer championships was an admirable achievement, the Milton Yellowjackets set out in 2018 to extend this commanding winning streak, and

Whereas, having secured the top seed during regular-season competition, Milton proceeded on the winning path, securing a championship game berth against the formidable second-seeded Rice Memorial High School Green Knights, and

Whereas, the Green Knights attained the first half's only goal, but all the post-halftime scoring belonged to Milton, as the team tied the score early in the second half and persevered into overtime play to kick the tie-breaking goal that enabled the jubilant Yellowjackets to capture a fourth consecutive Division II crown, and

Whereas, with a 15–2 record this year, the Yellowjackets' roster consisted of Lauren Dabagian, Morgan Bushey, Kiera Robie, Molly Loucy, Sam Pallas, Samantha Orest, Grace Rowley, Elizabeth Poirier, Emma Wennar, Lauryn Holsopple, Lilly Thayer, Gwen Jumper, Avril Desautels, Tatum Shappy, Emily Battistoni, Marcy Dockham, Olivia King, Madison North, Rachel Clark, and Michaelyn Fagan, and Head Coach Shawntel Burke, assistant coaches Rich Couture and Matt Lumsden, and statistician Brenda Sweeney were all essential for success in 2018, now therefore be it

Resolved by the Senate and House of Representatives:

That the General Assembly congratulates the Milton High School Yellowjackets on achieving a fourth consecutive Division II girls' soccer championship, 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. 40

House concurrent resolution in memory of former Berlin and Northfield Chief of Police William Michael Jennings

Offered by: Representatives Donahue of Northfield, Goslant of Northfield, and Grad of Moretown

Whereas, law enforcement officials in central Vermont respected Bill Jennings as a police chief who exercised his command duties expertly and responsibly, and

Whereas, the Town of Berlin had long relied on external police services to fulfill the municipality's law enforcement requirements, but the commercial, retail, and residential growth in the community, plus the presence of a continuously expanding regional medical center, necessitated a new approach to the provision of this essential public service, and

Whereas, in 1991, Berlin called upon Bill Jennings to establish a town police department, and

Whereas, Bill Jennings commanded a police force that performed its role with a high degree of professionalism, and

Whereas, after many years on the job, Bill Jennings retired as Berlin's exemplary police chief, with much appreciation from his fellow citizens, and

Whereas, however, Bill Jennings' law enforcement career was not yet concluded, as he accepted a position with the Montpelier Police Department, and

Whereas, when officials in the Town of Northfield were searching for a new police chief they turned to Bill Jennings, knowing that his performance in Berlin constituted an ideal resume for this job, and

Whereas, once again, Bill Jennings exceeded his employer's expectations, and his distinguished service continued in Northfield until 2017, and

Whereas, beyond Vermont's borders, Bill Jennings was honored to work on the security detail at the 1996 Summer Olympics in Atlanta, Georgia, and the 2002 Winter Olympics in Salt Lake City, Utah, and

Whereas, after a courageous battle against cancer, Bill Jennings died on December 26, 2018, and his survivors include his mother, Mary Jennings, and his children, now therefore be it

Resolved by the Senate and House of Representatives:

That the General Assembly extends its sincere condolences to the family of William Michael Jennings of Northfield, and be it further

Resolved: That the Secretary of State be directed to send a copy of this resolution to Mary Jennings and the children of Bill Jennings.

H.C.R. 41

House concurrent resolution in memory of Scott Skinner of Middlesex

Offered by: Representatives Ancel of Calais, Hooper of Montpelier, Jessup of Middlesex, and Kitzmiller of Montpelier

Offered by: Senators Cummings, Perchlik, and Pollina

Whereas, working as a lawyer who advocated for causes in which he believed, meeting athletic challenges, and helping the nation of Nepal were among the key elements in the 76-year life of Scott Skinner, and

Whereas, his skill for “ferreting obscure merit badges” enabled him to become an Eagle Scout shortly after his 13th birthday, and

Whereas, Scott Skinner attended the prestigious Lawrenceville School, was a passionate multi-sport athlete, edited the school literary magazine, and graduated with top honors, and

Whereas, he was a scholarship student at Clifton College, a British boarding school, and graduated with high honors from Dartmouth College, and

Whereas, desiring to make a societal contribution, Scott Skinner enrolled in the Peace Corps, teaching English in Nepal, and his association with this Himalayan nation endured through his volunteer work with the Phulmaya Foundation and hiking excursions, and

Whereas, Scott Skinner earned a law degree from Columbia Law School and initially practiced law in New York City, and

Whereas, Scott Skinner served as the first executive director of the Vermont Public Interest Research Group (VPIRG), successfully advocating legislative enactment of laws restricting future nuclear and coal power facilities and of the Tooth Fairy dental program for low income children, and he introduced the concept of “lifeline” electric rates for public discussion, and

Whereas, based on his VPIRG experience, Scott Skinner ran in the 1976 U.S. Senate Democratic primary on a platform centered on opposition to nuclear power, not winning but earning a respectable 47 percent of the vote, and in 1980, he ran a strong though ultimately unsuccessful effort as the Democratic candidate for Vermont Attorney General, and

Whereas, in the early 1980s, Scott Skinner served as the executive director of the American Civil Liberties Union of Vermont and then practiced law for many years in Montpelier, and

Whereas, Scott Skinner was an avid hiker who supposedly cofounded the annual and never-canceled mid-February Mount Hunger snowshoe climb, and in retirement he was an active volunteer at the Barre Historical Society, and

Whereas, Scott Skinner died on December 15, 2018, and his survivors include his wife, former Washington County State Senator Mary Just Skinner, and their children and 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 Scott Skinner, and be it further

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

H.C.R. 42

House concurrent resolution in memory of Cornelius Hogan of Plainfield

Offered by: Representatives Ancel of Calais, Colston of Winooski, Emmons of Springfield, Hooper of Montpelier, Lippert of Hinesburg, McFaun of Barre Town, Patt of Worcester, Pugh of South Burlington, Troiano of Stannard, Wood of Waterbury, and Yacovone of Morristown

Offered by: Senators Collamore, Cummings, Hardy, Kitchel, Lyons, Nitka, Perchlik, Pollina, Sears, Starr, and Westman

Whereas, Con Hogan was a nationally recognized innovative leader in deliberations related to health care, especially with respect to children and families, and

Whereas, he graduated from Rutgers University, studied at the Columbia University Graduate School of Social Work, and earned a master's degree in government administration from the Wharton School of Business at the University of Pennsylvania, and

Whereas, at the Department of Corrections, Con Hogan rose through the ranks to become Deputy Commissioner, and thereafter Governor Snelling appointed him as Commissioner of Corrections, and

Whereas, after leading the Department, he worked in the private sector as chief executive officer of International Coins and Currency, and

Whereas, in 1991, Governor Snelling appointed Con Hogan as Secretary of Human Services, and

Whereas, later in 1991, following the sudden death of Governor Snelling, newly sworn-in Governor Dean quickly requested that Secretary Hogan remain in his position, and

Whereas, over the next seven years, Secretary Hogan enhanced his reputation as an effective administrator who could work across partisan lines, especially in developing and implementing a major expansion of the children's health insurance program, and

Whereas, after leaving the Agency of Human Services, Con Hogan engaged in national nonprofit roles in the health care field, and in Vermont, he served on the board of directors of Fletcher Allen Health Care, and

Whereas, his health care policy expertise was invaluable when he served as an original member of the Green Mountain Care Board, and

Whereas, Con Hogan was a published author of books on health care policy and three short story collections, and

Whereas, Con Hogan was an enthusiastic bluegrass musician, and his Cold Country Bluegrass Band performed at public and private events in northern New England and New York State, and

Whereas, Con Hogan died on August 26, 2018 at 77 years of age, and his survivors include his wife, Jeannette, and children, now therefore be it

Resolved by the Senate and House of Representatives:

That the General Assembly extends its sincere condolences to the family of Cornelius Hogan of Plainfield, 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 Con Hogan.

H.C.R. 43

House concurrent resolution congratulating the Vermont Center for Independent Living on its 40th anniversary

Offered by: Representative Pugh of South Burlington

Whereas, the mission of the Vermont Center for Independent Living (VCIL) is "to empower people with disabilities to work together to promote dignity, independence and civil rights," and

Whereas, the federal Rehabilitation Act of 1973, Pub.L. No. 93-112 (the Act) facilitated the establishment of organizations assisting persons with disabilities to live independently, and

Whereas, in accordance with the provisions of the Act, on February 13, 1979, VCIL was established, and as are its counterparts in other states, it is "committed to cross-disability services, the promotion of active citizenship and working with others to create services that support self-determination and full participation in community life," and

Whereas, VCIL was the first organization in Vermont to have persons with disabilities constituting a majority of both its staff and board, and

Whereas, VCIL has been a devoted partner, statewide and nationally, to other organizations and individuals in improving the lives of people with disabilities, and

Whereas, among the innovative programs that VCIL sponsors is AgrAbility, which “supports farmers and farmworkers with disabilities who are engaged in production agriculture and want to continue farming,” and

Whereas, another VCIL program is the Vermont Interpreter Referral Service, which provides American Sign Language–spoken English interpreters to enable persons who are Deaf to participate more broadly in Vermont society, and

Whereas, VCIL is “dedicated to the truism that people with disabilities are full and equal citizens of this State and this nation,” and

Whereas, the four decades during which VCIL has promoted remarkable strides forward for Vermonters with disabilities are an accomplishment worthy of legislative commemoration, now therefore be it

Resolved by the Senate and House of Representatives:

That the General Assembly congratulates the Vermont Center for Independent Living on its 40th anniversary, and be it further

Resolved: That the Secretary of State be directed to send a copy of this resolution to the Vermont Center for Independent Living.

H.C.R. 44

House concurrent resolution in memory of community volunteer and restorative justice advocate Susan Kendall Wisheart of Waterville

Offered by: Representatives Rogers of Waterville, Hill of Wolcott, Noyes of Wolcott, Patt of Worcester, and Yacovone of Morrystown

Offered by: Senator Westman

Whereas, Susan Wisheart was born in Evanston, Illinois, and graduated with a nursing degree from the University of Vermont, where she met her husband, Howard Duchacek, and they married in 1975, and

Whereas, while they lived in Seattle, she worked on the nursing staff of the Children’s Orthopedic Hospital, specializing in pediatric oncology, and the empathy she gained from treating critically ill babies there became a cornerstone value in her subsequent professional and volunteer roles, and

Whereas, in 1981, Susan and Howard returned to Vermont, moving into a hillside farmhouse in Waterville, which proved an ideal location to conduct maple sugaring and raise their son and daughter, and

Whereas, Susan Wisheart cared deeply about the health of the Lamoille County community, both as a visiting nurse who was employed for a quarter of a century at

Lamoille Home Health and Hospice and as a volunteer who contributed countless hours to various local organizations, and

Whereas, the Waterville public schools, the Waterville town gardens, and the Waterville Historical Society each benefited from her volunteer services, and

Whereas, the Lamoille Restorative Center's mission of "fostering the dignity and resilience of individuals and families through restorative justice, relationship building and empowering self-sufficiency" was dear to her heart, and Susan Wisheart devoted considerable energy and genuine enthusiasm to her service as one of the organization's volunteer leaders, and

Whereas, for three decades, Susan Wisheart served on the Lamoille Restorative Center's board of directors, chairing the panel during the last ten years, and she offered leadership filled with warmth and a keen attention to detail, and

Whereas, today, February 14, 2019, the 40th anniversary of Vermont's Court Diversion program, the General Assembly honors Susan Wisheart, who died at 68 years of age, in September 2018, now therefore be it

Resolved by the Senate and House of Representatives:

That the General Assembly extends its sincere sympathy to the family of Susan Kendall Wisheart and be it further

Resolved: That the Secretary of State be directed to send a copy of this resolution to the members of Susan Wisheart's family and to the Lamoille Restorative Center.

H.C.R. 45

House concurrent resolution congratulating the 2018 class of Eagle Scouts in the State of Vermont

Offered by: Representatives Fagan of Rutland City, Anthony of Barre City, Austin of Colchester, Bancroft of Westford, Batchelor of Derby, Birong of Vergennes, Brennan of Colchester, Briglin of Thetford, Brownell of Pownal, Browning of Arlington, Brumsted of Shelburne, Burke of Brattleboro, Carroll of Bennington, Chase of Colchester, Chesnut-Tangerman of Middletown Springs, Christensen of Weathersfield, Christie of Hartford, Cina of Burlington, Coffey of Guilford, Conlon of Cornwall, Conquest of Newbury, Corcoran of Bennington, Cupoli of Rutland City, Demrow of Corinth, Dolan of Waitsfield, Durfee of Shaftsbury, Elder of Starksboro, Emmons of Springfield, Fegard of Berkshire, Feltus of Lyndon, Forguites of Springfield, Gardner of Richmond, Giambatista of Essex, Gonzalez of Winooski, Goslant of Northfield, Grad of Moretown, Graham of Williamstown, Gregoire of Fairfield, Harrison of Chittenden, Hashim of Dummerston, Helm of Fair Haven, Higley of Lowell, Hill of Wolcott, Hooper of Montpelier, Hooper of Burlington, Houghton of Essex, James of Manchester, Jerome of Brandon, Johnson of South Hero, Killacky of South Burlington, Kimbell of Woodstock, LaClair of Barre Town, LaLonde of South Burlington, Lanpher of Vergennes,

Lippert of Hinesburg, Macaig of Williston, Marcotte of Coventry, Martel of Waterford, Masland of Thetford, Mattos of Milton, McCormack of Burlington, McCoy of Poultney, McCullough of Williston, McFaun of Barre Town, Morgan of Milton, Morrissey of Bennington, Murphy of Fairfax, Myers of Essex, Nicoll of Ludlow, Notte of Rutland City, Noyes of Wolcott, O'Brien of Tunbridge, Ode of Burlington, O'Sullivan of Burlington, Page of Newport City, Partridge of Windham, Potter of Clarendon, Quimby of Concord, Redmond of Essex, Rogers of Waterville, Rosenquist of Georgia, Savage of Swanton, Scheuermann of Stowe, Seymour of Sutton, Shaw of Pittsford, Smith of New Haven, Squirrell of Underhill, Stevens of Waterbury, Strong of Albany, Sullivan of Burlington, Taylor of Colchester, Terenzini of Rutland Town, Till of Jericho, Toll of Danville, Toof of St. Albans Town, Townsend of South Burlington, Troiano of Stannard, Walz of Barre City, Webb of Shelburne, White of Hartford, Wood of Waterbury, Yacovone of Morristown, and Yantachka of Charlotte

Offered by: All Members of the Senate

Whereas, Eagle is the highest rank that a member of Boy Scouts of America can achieve, and

Whereas, earning the rank of Eagle requires commitment and perseverance, and

Whereas, the myriad merit badge requirements an Eagle Scout must complete to reach this honor encompass many useful skills, and

Whereas, in 2018, Vermonters Alan Aldrich, David Antillon, Ethan Asselin, Jared Baron, Nathan Belluche, Benjamin Blanchard, William Bonser, Noah Borden, Nathaniel Brangan, Jeremy Brennan, Brandon Bryant, Kolby Carpenter, David Charlton, Thomas Chasse, Scott Chirico Soto, Peter Christiana, Elijah Collier, William Cribb, Christopher Cummings, Robert Dearborn, Aaron Dempsey, Drew Dunlap, Collin Elliott, Isaiah Ellis-Monaghan, Samuel Evans, Michael Fitzpatrick, Robin Forcier, Alan Frank, Sean Garey, Garrett Gruending, Christopher Gurney, Christopher Hartell, Caleb Harvie, Jasper Henderson, Jordan Inman, Michael Jewett, Ross Johnson, Nicholas Johnson, Byrom Jomaa, Richard Jones, Kyle Koehler, Rierden Kuney, Nicholas LaCoille, Joshua Lajeunesse, Spencer Lane, Koby LaRose, Brandon Lawyer, Jacob Lemieux, Gardner Leroux, James Lowe, Levi Lynds, Drew Marcotte, Patrick Marshall, William Martin, Devyn Martin, Owen Massey, Jacob Maxham, Joshua McDonald, David Mills, Benjamin Mutolo, Conor O'Brien, Lucas Pencak, Brian Redmond, Jameson Roach, Jonathan Saunders, Alexander Savoie, Colton Schaal, Owen Senesac, Reilly Shannon, Andrew Shepard, Matthew Sibley, Eli Silman, Benjamin Slattery, Spencer Slattery, Brett Stankiewicz, Seamus Stein, Wesley Stocken, Adam Stokarski,

Logan Taylor, Jeremy Taylor, Parker Thompson Soares, Trey Uttecht, Thomas Vanbuskirk Postans, Hunter Noble Wasser, Jesse Wild, Aidan Williams, Joseph Wray, Kaleb Wright, Timothy Yandow, and Jack ZuWallack reached this ultimate scouting plateau, now therefore be it

Resolved by the Senate and House of Representatives:

That the General Assembly congratulates the 2018 class of Eagle Scouts in the State of Vermont, and be it further

Resolved: That the Secretary of State be directed to send a copy of this resolution to each Eagle Scout honored in this resolution.

H.C.R. 46

House concurrent resolution honoring Mariette Bock for her extraordinary devotion to the Whiting Library in Chester

Offered by: Representatives Forguites of Springfield, Emmons of Springfield, and Bock of Chester

Whereas, the success of a public library is assessed in large measure by the effectiveness of its librarian and board of trustees, and

Whereas, typically, an individual will serve in either one of these roles, but not both, and usually not at the same library, and

Whereas, Mariette Bock is a special exception to this practice, as she has worked with great passion at the historic Whiting Library of Chester as both a staff member and a trustee, and

Whereas, from 1986 until 1989, Mariette Bock served as the respected library director, combining her love of books and excellent administrative skills into a solid work performance, and

Whereas, in 1989, Mariette Bock transitioned to assuming responsibility for the treasurer's portfolio as a newly designated member of the Whiting Library Board of Trustees, and

Whereas, although in 1993 she relinquished the treasurer's duties and left the board, the superb quality of her work made a lasting impression, and

Whereas, in 2010, Mariette Bock agreed to serve a new term as both trustee and treasurer, and

Whereas, despite her involvement with a number of other local organizations, the major time commitment she allocated to her treasurer's duties enabled the Whiting Library to improve its administrative operations, and

Whereas, she secured substantial financial support from the business community, greatly assisting the library in meeting its annual operating budget, and

Whereas, Mariette Bock devoted innumerable hours to enhancing the Whiting Library's donor database, improving its accuracy and institutional value as a fundraising tool, and

Whereas, in the nonfinancial sphere, the beauty of the Whiting Library's gardens is due to her planting, weeding, and associated efforts, and

Whereas, in March 2019, Mariette Bock will conclude her official role at the Whiting Library, but she leaves an enduring and appreciated legacy, now therefore be it

Resolved by the Senate and House of Representatives:

That the General Assembly honors Mariette Bock for her extraordinary devotion to the Whiting Library in Chester, and be it further

Resolved: That the Secretary of State be directed to send a copy of this resolution to Mariette Bock and to the Whiting Library.