

CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

ADDENDUM

TO THE

HOUSE CALENDAR

**Text of House and Senate
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. 47

House concurrent resolution honoring Susan and Richard Collitt for their 40-plus years of dedicated proprietorship of the Ripton Country Store

Offered by: Representative Conlon of Cornwall

Offered by: Senators Bray and Hardy

Whereas, the population of the rural Addison County municipality of Ripton numbers approximately 600 persons, and

Whereas, located on Route 125, the primary highway that traverses the town, and not far from Middlebury College, the Ripton Country Store serves as a hub of local commerce and community socializing, and

Whereas, in the mid-1970s, Sue and Dick Collitt and their children resided in a Philadelphia suburb, and

Whereas, upon reading a *Wall Street Journal* advertisement announcing the sale of the Ripton Country Store, Sue and Dick Collitt were intrigued and became the store's new owners, and according to the available documentation, they were the fifth owners since the store opened in 1879, and

Whereas, ownership of this iconic Vermont mercantile institution, featuring a potbellied stove and an intentionally misspelled ice sign, became an all-encompassing venture for Sue and Dick Collitt, as the Ripton Country Store is open for 12 hours per day, Monday to Friday, 10 hours daily on Saturday and Sunday and is closed only on Christmas and part of Thanksgiving Day, and

Whereas, the Ripton Country Store features a diverse inventory of commercially marketed products, including groceries, penny candy, rock salt, kitty litter, bootlaces, baking supplies, and laundry accessories, and

Whereas, locally produced products, ranging from eggs to pickled beets, are also offered for sale, and

Whereas, the local post office's colocation with the store and the store's proximity to local Alpine and Nordic ski facilities create a steady flow of visitors, and

Whereas, when the Collitts decided to sell the business, Ripton resident and noted environmental activist and author Bill McKibben wrote an affectionate and informative classified ad on behalf of his friends, in the form of an illustrated *New York Times* op-ed that drew many inquiries, and

Whereas, after over 40 years of admirable stewardship, Sue and Dick Collitt have sold the Ripton Country Store, and it will continue the traditions of convenience and hospitality for which it has been known, now therefore be it

Resolved by the Senate and House of Representatives:

That the General Assembly honors Susan and Richard Collitt for their 40-plus years of dedicated proprietorship of the Ripton Country Store, and be it further

Resolved: That the Secretary of State be directed to send a copy of this resolution to Sue and Dick Collitt and to the Ripton Country Store.

H.C.R. 48

House concurrent resolution congratulating Maddie Folsom on being named the 2018 Vermont Gatorade Girls' Volleyball Player of the Year

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

Whereas, girls' volleyball is becoming an increasingly popular interscholastic sport in Vermont, and

Whereas, during the 2018 girls' volleyball season, Essex High School girls' volleyball team captain Maddie Folsom drew upon her mastery of the sport's intricacies and passion for the game to help lead the Hornets to their second consecutive State title and a perfect 17-0 record, and

Whereas, her 2018 personal accomplishments on the volleyball court were impressive, as she recorded 73 point-scoring plays, 62 serves that were never touched by her opponents, and 29 blocks, that prevented the opposing team from gaining any advantage, and

Whereas, these actual numbers translated to an impressive .316 percentage for overall success hitting the ball, and

Whereas, Maddie Folsom's great individual volleyball performance earned her a place on the 2018 first-team all-State girls' volleyball team, and

Whereas, her coach, Jen Ligouri, has stated that Maddie Folsom "owns the volleyball net both offensively and defensively" and "never gives up on a ball and hustles continually on the court to not allow it to hit the court," and

Whereas, Maddie Folsom excels equally in the classroom, maintaining an A average, and

Whereas, she has a strong community focus, which is manifested through her volunteer work with the Bounds for Hounds organization and the local elementary school's literacy outreach program, and

Whereas, Maddie Folsom's interest in instilling the value of athletic competition in children is demonstrated in her roles as a youth volleyball and basketball coach, and

Whereas, in recognition of her fantastic volleyball leadership, academic excellence, and community-mindedness, Maddie Folsom has been honored as the 2018 Vermont Gatorade Girls' Volleyball Player of the Year, now therefore be it

Resolved by the Senate and House of Representatives:

That the General Assembly congratulates Maddie Folsom on being named the 2018 Vermont Gatorade Girls' Volleyball Player of the Year, and be it further

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

H.C.R. 49

House concurrent resolution congratulating the 2018 Harwood Union High School Highlanders Division II championship boys' lacrosse team

Offered by: Representatives Stevens of Waterbury, Dolan of Waitsfield, Grad of Moretown, and Wood of Waterbury

Whereas, every spring, high school athletes from across the State pick up lacrosse sticks to play a game that originated in indigenous communities, and

Whereas, in 2018, Division II lacrosse competition featured teams engaged in exciting and skilled play, and

Whereas, the top-seeded Harwood Union High School Highlanders, who reached the final game in 2017, and the eighth-seeded U-32 Raiders each earned a championship berth, and

Whereas, at the season's concluding contest, the Highlanders developed a 6–0 lead into the second quarter and emerged victorious at the game's conclusion with an overwhelming 10–1 win, clinching the 2018 Division II title, and

Whereas, the talented Highlander squad, which compiled a perfect 14–0–0 record, consisted of Noah Williams, Eamon Gilhuly, Hunter Wimble, Luke Spaulding, Connor Woolley, Robert Morelli, Oliver Hammond, Ian Groom, Connor Cameron, Tyler Skroski, Reid Spaulding, Brendan Gildea, Ely Kalkstein, Jacob Wells, Elijah Friedman, Eli Moskowitz, Cam Alberghini, Cody Kenney, Sully O'Hara, Eriks Ziedins, Jake Lynn, Michael Aiken, Gavin Thomsen, and Zinn Wolfe, and

Whereas, Head Coach Russ Beilke, assistant coaches Mark Woolley, Cam Andrews, and Lee Morse, and student managers Piper Beilke and Meagan Filkowski were each an important contributor to the memorable 2018 season, now therefore be it

Resolved by the Senate and House of Representatives:

That the General Assembly congratulates the 2018 Harwood Union High School Highlanders Division II championship boys' lacrosse team, and be it further

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

H.C.R. 50

House concurrent resolution congratulating Foster Brothers Farm of Addison County on being named the 2019 Innovative Dairy Farmer of the Year

Offered by: Representatives Smith of New Haven, Norris of Shoreham, Scheu of Middlebury, and Sheldon of Middlebury

Offered by: Senators Bray and Hardy

Whereas, annually, the International Dairy Foods Association (IDFA) and *Dairy Herd Management* magazine name an Innovative Dairy Farmer of the Year, and

Whereas, in the award's 21st year, the judges looked for "progressive U.S. dairy farmers who have employed new technology and welcomed industry partnerships to promote greater productivity, embrace sustainable practices, educate consumers and explore new paths to growth," and

Whereas, Robert Foster and his family's Foster Brothers Farm, located in Addison County, were selected as the 2019 Innovative Dairy Farmer of the Year, the first Vermont or New England dairy farm to be so honored, and

Whereas, George and Luella Chaffee founded Foster Brothers Farm in the 1930s, and following a devastating fire in 1957, their grandsons Howard, Ben, and George and their spouses constructed a new barn, and

Whereas, in 1964, the next generation, Robert, Jim, George Jr., and Theodore built a new freestall barn with a double-eight parlor, and

Whereas, this dairy farm was updated in 1972 and operated until the winter of 2018 on a 23 hour-per-day basis, and

Whereas, in March 2018, a magnificent new barn, a 475-cow "Cow Palace" with "eight robotic milkers, freestall water beds, rubber mats and cow brushes that is all climate-controlled with a distinctive ventilation system," was inaugurated, and

Whereas, IDFA CEO and President Michael Dykes was extremely impressed with the farm's innovative technology applications, and

Whereas, as the first Vermont operator of a methane digester, Foster Brothers Farm is committed to sustainable farming practices, and since 1992, the family has also operated Vermont Natural Ag Products, Inc., a producer and marketer of soil products derived from composted manure and other agricultural residuals, and

Whereas, the still family-operated Foster Brothers Farm is proud of its record of success as a practitioner of sustainable agriculture, now therefore be it

Resolved by the Senate and House of Representatives:

That the General Assembly congratulates Foster Brothers Farm of Addison County on being named the 2019 Innovative Dairy Farmer of the Year, and be it further

Resolved: That the Secretary of State be directed to send a copy of this resolution to Robert Foster at Foster Brothers Farm.

H.C.R. 51

House concurrent resolution in memory of Rutland Town municipal leader Richard S. Lloyd

Offered by: Representatives Terenzini of Rutland Town, Burditt of West Rutland, Canfield of Fair Haven, Chesnut-Tangerman of Middletown Springs, Cupoli of Rutland City, Fagan of Rutland City, Harrison of Chittenden, Helm of Fair Haven, Jerome of Brandon, McCoy of Poultney, Notte of Rutland City, Shaw of Pittsford, and Sullivan of Dorset

Offered by: Senators Collamore, Hooker, and McNeil

Whereas, Dick Lloyd served his community in many roles with dedication and distinction, and

Whereas, he was a graduate of Rutland High School and resided in Rutland Town for a half century, and

Whereas, for four decades, Dick Lloyd was employed at Moore Business Forms and rose to the rank of foreman, and he also worked as a Rutland County Deputy Sheriff, and

Whereas, Dick Lloyd was an avid skier and served as both a member of and instructor for the National Ski Patrol, and his knowledge of first aid proved to be a useful resource in his role as a Red Cross instructor, and

Whereas, Dick Lloyd's most notable achievement was his versatile municipal service on behalf of the citizens of Rutland Town, and

Whereas, in the realm of public safety, he responded to the fire alarm at all hours as a member of the Rutland Town Fire Department, and

Whereas, Dick Lloyd served in the sensitive role of tax collector, and

Whereas, as a justice of the peace, he was involved in electoral, matrimonial, and taxation matters, and

Whereas, on several occasions, he sat on the Rutland Town Planning Commission, where his presence was respected and welcomed, and

Whereas, in recent years, Dick Lloyd had assumed leadership in the important realm of waste disposal, managing the Rutland Town transfer station, and

Whereas, Dick Lloyd approached this office with great attention, as he oversaw a major modernization of the transfer station facilities, and

Whereas, Dick Lloyd fostered an atmosphere that made the transfer station a popular community gathering place to catch up on local happenings, and

Whereas, this respected community leader died on December 7, 2018, at 74 years of age, and his survivors include his wife of 50 years, Mary Fran, and their daughter and grandson, now therefore be it

Resolved by the Senate and House of Representatives:

That the General Assembly extends its sincere condolences to the family of Richard S. Lloyd, and be it further

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

H.C.R. 52

House concurrent resolution congratulating Thetford Academy on the observance of its bicentennial

Offered by: Representatives Briglin of Thetford and Masland of Thetford

Whereas, the illustrious history of Thetford Academy can be traced over two centuries, and

Whereas, the citizens of the town of Thetford organized the school under the leadership of Reverend Asa Burton and Judge Simeon Short, and

Whereas, in an unusually progressive decision for the early 19th century, the organizers of Thetford Academy chose to operate the school as a full-time, coeducational institution, and

Whereas, the academy's founders sought immediate State recognition for their new school, and the General Assembly granted Thetford Academy a charter on October 29, 1819, and

Whereas, an early description of the school specified its location as in "the pleasant and quiet village of Thetford, Vt., two miles from the Connecticut and Passumpsic Railroad," and

Whereas, the same description stated that "the society is characterized by intelligence and morality, and a deep interest is felt in the welfare of the students and the prosperity of the school," and

Whereas, Thetford Academy was divided into English and classical departments, and instruction was given in the "Elementary and Higher English Branches," and it was intended to "excite in the mind of the pupil a love of study," with the goal of preparing students for college admission, and

Whereas, one of Thetford Academy's most illustrious 19th-century alumni was Vermont U.S. Representative and Senator Justin Morrill, the author of the 1862 Morrill Land-Grant College Act, and

Whereas, when Thetford Academy became an approved secondary school in 1908 following a change in State education law, the curriculum was revised to serve the broader educational requirements of the town's youths, and not only of those youngsters preparing for higher education, and

Whereas, after the original campus was destroyed by a devastating fire in 1942, the school relocated within the town of Thetford and today is proud of its outstanding campus, featuring excellent academic, athletic, and cultural facilities, and

Whereas, to commemorate the 200th anniversary of the State's oldest secondary school, on Friday, February 8, 2019, an official State historic marker was dedicated at the school's original site, now therefore be it

Resolved by the Senate and House of Representatives:

That the General Assembly congratulates Thetford Academy on the observance of its bicentennial, and be it further

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

H.C.R. 53

House concurrent resolution recognizing the importance of Public, Educational, and Government Access cable television channels and their associated Community Media Access Centers

Offered by: Representative McCarthy of St. Albans City

Whereas, the Cable Communications Policy Act of 1984, Pub.L. No. 98-549, mandated that the nation's cable television systems provide Public, Educational, and Government Access (PEG Access) channels, and

Whereas, in Vermont, the Public Utilities Commission (PUC) is the exclusive licensing authority for cable television systems and has adopted PUC Rule 8.400 to implement this federal statutory mandate, and

Whereas, PEG Access channels provide the opportunity for community members to produce local programming, including coverage of electoral, governmental, and political events and offer a broad range of citizen viewpoints on matters of public policy, and

Whereas, the role of PEG Access channels is a contemporary version of the right set forth in Chapter I, Article 13 of the Vermont Constitution, which states that "the people have a right to freedom of speech, and of writing and publishing their sentiments, concerning the transactions of government," and

Whereas, in Vermont, 25 Community Media Access Centers (CMACs) operate more than 80 local channels that annually produce over 18,000 hours of cable television programming, and

Whereas, the CMACs provide 101 jobs, and the 25 centers have coalesced through the Vermont Access Network to exchange ideas, coordinate administrative and production projects, and educate Vermonters on the importance of PEG Access television for an informed citizenry, and

Whereas, through the technical facilities of the CMACs, local organizations and individuals create cablecasts that tell their own special stories, share unique ideas, and present a menu of television programs not accessible elsewhere, and

Whereas, the continuing operation of the CMACs provides a vital democratic forum, now therefore be it

Resolved by the Senate and House of Representatives:

That the General Assembly recognizes the importance of Public, Educational, and Government Access cable television channels and their associated Community Media Access Centers, and be it further

Resolved: That the Secretary of State be directed to send a copy of this resolution to the Vermont Access Network and to Northwest Access TV.

H.C.R. 54

House concurrent resolution congratulating Vermont Court Diversion on its 40th anniversary

Offered by: Representative Grad of Moretown

Whereas, since 1979, Vermonters in every county have successfully addressed crime at the community level through Court Diversion programs, and

Whereas, Court Diversion holds accountable youths and adults who violate the law, providing a restorative justice response to address their needs as well as the needs of victims and communities, and

Whereas, this innovative alternative to formal judicial proceedings has responded to the needs of crime victims and has overseen the distribution of over \$3,500,000.00 in restitution payments to these persons, and

Whereas, through its individualized approach to crime, Court Diversion promotes the development of safer Vermont communities and supports the establishment of relationships among community members, persons responsible for causing harm, and the victims of those harmful actions, and

Whereas, Court Diversion programs have redirected over 90,000 people out of the court system and reduced the work of prosecutors, defense counsel, and the courts, saving the State significant dollars, and

Whereas, in response to societal and legislative changes, Court Diversion has developed new programs to meet current needs, and

Whereas, for underage youths who possess alcohol and marijuana, Court Diversion provides screening and education as alternatives to the civil court process, and

Whereas, Vermonters have found ways to pay personal financial obligations and regain their driver's licenses as a result of participating in Court Diversion, and

Whereas, with increasing frequency, Court Diversion works with individuals whose crimes are rooted in addiction and connects them to treatment and recovery support services, and

Whereas, thousands of Vermonters who have successfully completed a Court Diversion process can be proud of their personal achievements, and

Whereas, 2019 marks the 40th anniversary of the establishment of Court Diversion in Vermont, now therefore be it

Resolved by the Senate and House of Representatives:

That the General Assembly congratulates Vermont Court Diversion 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 Director of Court Diversion and Pretrial Services.

H.C.R. 55

House concurrent resolution honoring Garry Montague on the conclusion of 53 years as a barber and 47 years as the owner of Garry's Barbershop in Essex Junction

Offered by: Representatives Giambatista of Essex, Bancroft of Westford, Gregoire of Fairfield, Houghton of Essex, Myers of Essex, and Redmond of Essex

Whereas, one of Vermont's most esteemed barbers is Garry Montague of Bakersfield, who officially entered the profession on March 22, 1966 and has stated that his own barber convinced him it was the right career decision, and

Whereas, at the time he first stood behind a barber's chair, a haircut typically cost the customer one dollar, and

Whereas, initially, Garry Montague worked in a Burlington barbershop and was employed subsequently in Hardwick, and during this time he mastered the finer points of providing his clients with the best possible barbering services, and

Whereas, in 1972, Garry Montague decided to test his entrepreneurial skills and purchased the Vogue Barbershop on Pearl Street in Essex Junction, immediately renaming the establishment Garry's Barbershop, and

Whereas, despite the challenges of surviving the 1970s, a period Garry Montague refers to as "the hippie stage" when many potential customers wore longer hair, he persevered, and the shop attracted a pleased clientele of faithful customers, and

Whereas, Garry's Barbershop has a distinctive ambiance with displays of: combs that recall the hairstyling of the 1950s; framed photos of fighter jets,

reflecting Garry Montague's admiration for the Vermont Air National Guard; signed photos of National Hockey League players, including fellow Franklin County native John LeClair; and an old-fashioned, but reliable, cash register that long predates the digital era, and

Whereas, on sale in the shop are a broad assortment of grooming products, and

Whereas, the conversation in Garry's Barbershop is often lively, and

Whereas, on February 23, 2019, after 47 years in Essex Junction and 53 years in the barbering profession, Garry's Barbershop will close and Garry Montague will conclude his barbering career, now therefore be it

Resolved by the Senate and House of Representatives:

That the General Assembly honors Garry Montague on the conclusion of 53 years as a barber and 47 years as the owner of Garry's Barbershop in Essex Junction, and be it further

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

S.C.R. 4

Senate concurrent resolution in memory of former NOFA-VT Executive Director and organic farming pioneer advocate, Enid Wonnacott.

By Senators Pollina, Collamore, Hardy, Pearson, and Starr,

By Representatives Bartholomew of Hartland, Bock of Chester, Fegard of Berkshire, Graham of Williamstown, Norris of Shoreham, O'Brien of Tunbridge, Partridge of Windham, Sheldon of Middlebury, and Strong of Albany,

Whereas, as a youth, Enid Wonnacott spent time at a Weybridge dairy farm, showed livestock at a local fair, and worked with a large-animal veterinarian, and

Whereas, her first acquaintance with organic farming occurred when she was a student at St. Lawrence University in Canton, New York, and

Whereas, after graduation, Enid Wonnacott won a Thomas J. Watson Fellowship that enabled her to work at organic farms in New Zealand, Nepal, Norway, and England, and

Whereas, on returning home, she taught biology and environmental education, became an organic certification inspector, and earned a graduate degree at the University of Vermont, and

Whereas, in 1987, Enid Wonnacott became the executive director and sole employee of the Northeast Organic Farming Association of Vermont (NOFA-

VT), and at the time of her hiring she was presented with its core documents in a brown milk crate, which she retained throughout her 30-year NOFA-VT career, and

Whereas, NOFA-VT now employs 20 full-time staff and is the State's primary advocacy and technical-support organization for organic farmers and gardeners, runs a model farm-to-school food program, arranges subsidized farm shares, certifies hundreds of organic farmers, and serves as an information resource, and

Whereas, a favorite NOFA-VT promotion for Enid Wonnacott was the organization's mobile pizza oven that she and other employees used to bake pizza at community events, and

Whereas, she was a leading national advocate for organic farming, and she encouraged farmers to consider sustainable cultivation practices even if they were not yet ready for a complete transition to organics, and

Whereas, in 2018, Enid Wonnacott was the first individual to be inducted into the Vermont Agricultural Hall of Fame whose affiliation with agriculture was exclusively with organic farming, and

Whereas, Enid Wonnacott died on January 19, 2019, after a valiant battle against cancer, and her survivors include her husband, Harry, and their children, *now therefore be it*

Resolved by the Senate and House of Representatives:

That the General Assembly extends condolences to the family of Enid Wonnacott and to the staff of NOFA-VT, *and be it further*

Resolved: That the Secretary of State be directed to send a copy of this resolution to the members of Enid's family and to Northeast Organic Farming Association of Vermont.