

**CONCURRENT RESOLUTION**

**ADDENDUM**

**TO THE**

**HOUSE CALENDAR**

**Text of House Concurrent  
Resolutions**

**of**

**February 21, 2019**

## **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. 56**

House concurrent resolution honoring Floyd W. Van Alstyne for his six decades of civic leadership in the Town of Barnard

Offered by: Representative Szott of Barnard

Whereas, few persons have served their communities with the dedication and longevity of Floyd Van Alstyne, and

Whereas, he and his brother became orphans as young children and moved to Royalton to live with an aunt, and

Whereas, despite leaving school following eighth grade, Floyd Van Alstyne developed work habits and a commitment to civic duty that lasted a lifetime, and

Whereas, his World War II U.S. Army service ranged from constructing airplane runways in subarctic Churchill, Manitoba, Canada, and serving in North Africa to participating in the Allied invasion of Italy at Salerno and the Battle of Anzio, and

Whereas, upon his military discharge in 1945, Floyd Van Alstyne purchased a farm in East Barnard that has remained his home ever since, and

Whereas, until the 1960s, he maintained a dairy operation, and in 1957 the Van Alstyne Family Farm also became a certified tree farm, and now his sons raise cattle, make maple syrup, and run a sawmill business there, and

Whereas, Floyd Van Alstyne later entered the construction industry, building ski trails and Vermont's interstate highways, and

Whereas, beginning in 1947, Floyd Alstyne launched an impressive municipal service career in Barnard that endured for 63 years, and

Whereas, his numerous public service roles covered nearly every aspect of local government as he was: cemetery commissioner for 10 years, constable for 23 years, fire warden for 32 years, health officer for 12 years, lister for 17 years, planning commissioner for 18 years, pound keeper for 10 years, and selectboard member for three years, and

Whereas, for 17 years, Floyd Van Alstyne represented the Town of Barnard on the Two Rivers–Ottawaquechee Regional Commission, and

Whereas, Floyd Van Alstyne was a cofounder of the Broad Brook Volunteer Fire Association and has maintained memberships in several community and veterans organizations, and

Whereas, at 99 years of age, Floyd Van Alstyne has been married to his wife, Marjorie, for 71 years and they are proud parents, grandparents, and great-grandparents, now therefore be it

Resolved by the Senate and House of Representatives:

That the General Assembly honors Floyd W. Van Alstyne for his six decades of civic leadership in the Town of Barnard, and be it further

Resolved: That the Secretary of State be directed to send a copy of this resolution to Floyd Van Alstyne in

### **H.C.R. 57**

House concurrent resolution honoring former Pittsfield Town Clerk Patty Haskins for her exemplary municipal public service

Offered by: Representative Haas of Rochester

Whereas, Patty Haskins was educated at Rutgers University's Douglas College, where she received a teaching degree, but she decided to try alternative employment first, and

Whereas, the New Jersey resident moved to Vermont and began a 13-year stint working in the ski industry, and

Whereas, Patty Haskins met her husband, Vern, a Killington Ski Resort employee whom she married in 1985, and in 1986 they purchased the house next to the Pittsfield town office building, and

Whereas, in 1991, Gene Martin, then referred to as the unofficial mayor of Pittsfield, suggested to Patty Haskins that she serve as town clerk, and

Whereas, Patty Haskins acceded to Gene Martin's suggestion, and

Whereas, the voters of Pittsfield followed Gene Martin's recommendation and selected Patty Haskins as their new town clerk, and

Whereas, that decision proved one of historic importance as it inaugurated a 27-year tenure that won consistent praise, and

Whereas, Patty Haskins enjoyed both the mundane and unusual inquiries that the public posed to her in hopes of informative and helpful responses, and

Whereas, Pittsfield's historic records, dating back to the town's establishment in 1781, were a matter of special pride to Patty Haskins, and she carefully maintained these vital documents, and

Whereas, at the other end of the historical spectrum, Patty Haskins was on duty in 1996 when the town purchased its first computer, ending the need for her to manually create every tax bill, and

Whereas, when Tropical Storm Irene struck and devastated Pittsfield in 2011, she successfully collaborated with other town officials in a heroic effort to address the immediate aftermath and simultaneously document all key actions that were taken, and

Whereas, in August 2018, Patty Haskins decided to conclude her 27-year tenure as Pittsfield Town Clerk, and she was honored at the town's annual picnic with a colorful banner that read "Thank You Patty" and a cake resembling the town's welcome sign, and a new granite bench, located outside the Pittsfield town office building, is inscribed in her honor, now therefore be it

Resolved by the Senate and House of Representatives:

That the General Assembly honors former Pittsfield Town Clerk Patty Haskins for her exemplary municipal public service, and be it further

Resolved: That the Secretary of State be directed to send a copy of this resolution to Patty Haskins and to the Pittsfield Town Clerk.

### **H.C.R. 58**

House concurrent resolution in memory of former *Rutland Herald* reporter and Renaissance man Bernard H. Crosier

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

Offered by: Senators Nitka, Clarkson, and McCormack

Whereas, Bernard Crosier's insightful journalism as the *Rutland Herald's* greater Springfield area reporter and later as the Windsor County Bureau Chief appeared regularly in print from 1957–1987, and

Whereas, from 1987–2002, Bernard Crosier continued to write occasional feature stories and op-ed columns, and

Whereas, he created newspaper articles that were factually accurate and crafted with a fluency that respected the beauty of the English language, and

Whereas, the hallmarks of his reporting were a clipboard, an opening statement consisting of "Well, you know, tell me your story," or "Tell me what I should know," and a determination "to get the story first," and

Whereas, Bernard Crosier's own story began in Wilmington, where he was born in 1922 and graduated from Wilmington High School, and

Whereas, after graduating from the Vermont State School of Agriculture in Randolph Center, he became employed as a herdsman, only taking a break for World War II U.S. Army service in Italy, and

Whereas, in 1945, he married Agnes Bryant, and the couple relocated to her hometown of North Springfield in 1951 when Bernard Crosier became a heating technician, and

Whereas, in 1987, upon conclusion of his daily *Rutland Herald* duties, Bernard Crosier and his wife toured the nation and part of Canada in their camper, pursuing his love of history and visiting 34 presidential homesteads, all the major Civil War battle sites, and the homes of many novelists and poets, and

Whereas, Bernard Crosier served on the Vermont Humanities Council and the governing board of 4-H Camp Downer and was proud to be a member of the 251 Club of Vermont, and

Whereas, his love of the outdoors included camping, hiking, mountain climbing, gardening, and snowshoeing, and

Whereas, Bernard Crosier died on January 4, 2019, at 96 years of age, and his survivors include children, 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 Bernard H. Crosier, 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 Bernard H. Crosier.