

CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

ADDENDUM

TO THE

HOUSE CALENDAR

**Text of House and Senate
Concurrent Resolutions**

of

February 28, 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. 59

House concurrent resolution honoring former Bridport Selectboard member Thomas Carey Howlett for his outstanding community service

Offered by: Representative Smith of New Haven

Offered by: Senators Bray and Hardy

Whereas, the close nexus between Tom Howlett and the Town of Bridport has existed for nearly a lifetime, and

Whereas, after completing his elementary and secondary school education, Tom Howlett embarked on his one extended absence from Bridport, earning a college degree at Cornell University in 1964, and

Whereas, his family's 1,600-acre Champlainside Farm has been a central focus of his life, as he managed it with his father until 1973, served as its sole proprietor until 1995, and then partnered with his son, Tim, before turning over full control to the next Howlett generation in 2007, and

Whereas, beyond the farm, civic engagement has been of core importance for Tom Howlett, and

Whereas, the central focus of this broader role has been "caring about the community and becoming involved in order to make a difference," and

Whereas, Tom Howlett has fulfilled this goal in many ways, serving on the boards of his church, the Vermont Dairy Herd Improvement Association, and the Tri-Town Water District, and

Whereas, most significantly, he served as a respected member of the Bridport Selectboard during a 21-year tenure lasting from 1980 to 2001, and

Whereas, as a selectboard member, Tom Howlett's budgeting skills proved a great asset as he "always kept the taxpayers' best interest in mind," and

Whereas, Tom Howlett strove to keep his colleagues honest and was always prepared to accept perspectives differing from his own, and

Whereas, he was always interested in the education offered at the town's school and matters pertaining to young people, and

Whereas, the proper closing and capping of the municipality's dump became a project that occupied much of Tom Howlett's selectboard service, and

Whereas, in recognition and appreciation of Tom Howlett's decades of service to the betterment of the Bridport community, the 2018 Bridport Town Report has been dedicated in his honor, now therefore be it

Resolved by the Senate and House of Representatives:

That the General Assembly honors former Bridport Selectboard member Thomas Carey Howlett for his outstanding community service, and be it further

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

H.C.R. 60

House concurrent resolution honoring Betty Bell of New Haven for her devoted community leadership

Offered by: Representative Smith of New Haven

Offered by: Senators Bray and Hardy

Whereas, each March, the New Haven Town Report is dedicated to a citizen whose civic service merits special recognition, and

Whereas, Betty Bell is a respected member of the community, whose elected and voluntary roles have contributed significantly to the high quality of life in New Haven, undoubtedly qualifying her for this distinct honor, and

Whereas, for eight years, as a justice of the peace, Betty Bell assisted in the conduct of elections and the evaluation of property tax appeals, and she was authorized to preside at marriage ceremonies, and

Whereas, matters related to new construction, long-term planning, and zoning were of great importance to Betty Bell, as she served for 14 years on the town's Zoning Board of Adjustment and two years on the Planning Commission, and

Whereas, electoral service has been only one aspect of Betty Bell's community contribution, and

Whereas, the upkeep of public and sacred grounds has long occupied her attention, and

Whereas, for many years, Betty Bell, regularly and on her own initiative, mowed the lawns surrounding the New Haven town office building, and

Whereas, for 31 years, she served as the sexton of Evergreen Cemetery where she mowed the grass, addressed storm damage, and attended to the care of gravesites of those who do not have local relatives to perform this traditional family duty, and

Whereas, in 1996, Betty Bell restored the abandoned Everts Cemetery, and

Whereas, that same year, an interest in town history prompted her to establish the New Haven Historical Society and she served as its president for a decade, arranging an impressive program schedule that she financed with the sales of a calendar she created, and

Whereas, life at the New Haven Congregational Church and the activities of the Beeman Elementary School alumni group, including its annual Memorial Day march to the Evergreen Cemetery, as well as her membership in the local chapter of the Daughters of the American Revolution continue to be high personal priorities, and

Whereas, at 90 years of age, the modest Betty Bell remains New Haven's special ambassador, now therefore be it

Resolved by the Senate and House of Representatives:

That the General Assembly honors Betty Bell of New Haven for her devoted community leadership, and be it further

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

H.C.R. 61

House concurrent resolution in memory of former Representative Richard Cutler Pembroke Sr. of Bennington

Offered by: Representatives Morrissey of Bennington, Bates of Bennington, Carroll of Bennington, and Corcoran of Bennington

Offered by: Senators Campion and Sears

Whereas, Dick Pembroke was born in Montpelier on May 30, 1933, graduated from St. Michael's High School, and served honorably in the U.S. Navy, and

Whereas, starting when he was a high school student, Dick Pembroke was employed at the First National Stores, originally in Montpelier, and his excellent work habits and proven leadership skills resulted in his eventual promotion to the manager's position at the grocery chain's Ludlow store, and

Whereas, a pivotal event in the life of Dick Pembroke was the opportunity, in 1962, to open a new First National store in Bennington, a move that located him in the town that would repeatedly select him for elective office, and

Whereas, in 1979, Dick Pembroke combined his managerial and landscaping skills to establish the successful R.C. Pembroke and Sons landscaping firm, and

Whereas, Dick Pembroke's effective chairing of the Bennington Zoning Board of Adjustment preceded his 15-year tenure (1987–2002) as one of the town of Bennington's State representatives, and thereafter he served as a member of the Environmental Board, and

Whereas, during the course of his chairmanship of the House Committee on Transportation (1993–2002), he oversaw the development of important transportation-related policies, many of which were encompassed in the annual Transportation Bill, and

Whereas, were it not for the legislative tenacity of former Representative Dick Pembroke, the Bennington Bypass may never have been built, and

Whereas, his legislative leadership contributed to the revival of Amtrak's rail passenger service in Vermont, and

Whereas, he was active in civic and fraternal organizations, including the Lions Club and the Knights of Columbus, and his landscaping skills were an invaluable asset in the construction of the town of Bennington's Little League complex, and

Whereas, Dick Pembroke died on June 22, 2018 at 85 years of age, and his survivors include his wife, Mary Ann, his children, grandchildren, great-grandchildren, and other family members, now therefore be it

Resolved by the Senate and House of Representatives:

That the General Assembly extends its sincere condolences to the family of former Representative Richard Cutler Pembroke Sr., 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 Dick Pembroke.

H.C.R. 62

House concurrent resolution honoring firefighter extraordinaire and former Marshfield Town Moderator Tom Maclay

Offered by: Representative Ancel of Calais

Offered by: Senators Perchlik, Cummings, and Pollina

Whereas, the citizens of Marshfield and all Vermonters are most fortunate that Tom Maclay has dedicated much of his life to volunteer public service of a caliber and longevity that few persons are privileged to achieve, and

Whereas, Tom Maclay's firefighting odyssey began in September 1962 when he joined the Marshfield Volunteer Fire Department, and

Whereas, this new recruit was destined for an illustrious career involving every imaginable aspect of fire protection, from dousing local blazes at all hours to statewide fire protection leadership, and

Whereas, as the department's secretary-treasurer, he kept consistently accurate minutes and carefully oversaw departmental finances, a duty he also exercised for 46 years as a member of the Marshfield budget committee, and

Whereas, from 1995 to 2005, Tom Maclay was the respected Marshfield Fire Chief, mentoring new members and supervising the departmental response to a wide range of emergencies, and

Whereas, a related office that Tom Maclay held with distinction for 36 years was Marshfield Town Fire Warden, and

Whereas, beyond the town's borders, for over 20 years, Tom Maclay served as the exemplary secretary-treasurer of the Coalition of Fire and Rescue Services, an organization advocating at the General Assembly on matters affecting all first responders, and on the coalition's behalf he regularly testified before legislative committees, and

Whereas, for more than two decades he volunteered for the Vermont Dry Hydrant Program, a key resource for rural departments, becoming an expert on all aspects of the program and closely collaborating with the Vermont Association of Conservation Districts, and

Whereas, in a completely different sphere, Tom Maclay developed nimble parliamentary skills, serving for 46 years as the exemplary Marshfield Town Moderator, a tenure that was among the longest in the State and featured lively deliberations under his watchful eye and trusty gavel, which ensured Town Meeting was conducted in accordance with Robert's Rules of Order, and

Whereas, this hardworking Vermonter has received special recognition in the Congressional Record, now therefore be it

Resolved by the Senate and House of Representatives:

That the General Assembly honors firefighter extraordinaire and former Marshfield Town Moderator Tom Maclay, and be it further

Resolved: That the Secretary of State be directed to send a copy of this resolution to Tom Maclay and the Marshfield Volunteer Fire Department.

H.C.R. 63.

House concurrent resolution congratulating Charles Bothfeld of Cabot on his 100th birthday

Offered by: Representative Toll of Danville

Offered by: Senators Cummings, Perchlik, and Pollina

Whereas, starting on his family farm in Sherborn, Massachusetts, gardening acumen, skill, and wisdom have been central in Charlie Bothfeld's long life, and

Whereas, the prestigious Massachusetts Horticultural Society gave young Charlie Bothfeld a medal in recognition of his gardening talent, and

Whereas, Charlie Bothfeld studied at the Stockbridge School of Agriculture in Amherst, Massachusetts, and an internship on the farm of the Medfield State Hospital led to immediate postgraduation employment, and

Whereas, he enjoyed his work on the hospital's large farm, which featured dairy, poultry, and pig operations, along with a 35- to 40-acre garden, and

Whereas, following the bombing of Pearl Harbor, Charlie Bothfeld was drafted into the U.S. Army, selected to attend Officer's Training School, and assigned to a tank battalion, and

Whereas, late in World War II, Charlie Bothfeld drove tanks from France to Belgium, where he recovered corpses of soldiers killed during the Battle of the Bulge, and he was awarded a bronze star medal for military bravery, and

Whereas, while later stationed in Germany, Charlie Bothfeld assisted in the liberation of several Nazi slave labor camps where he viewed the ultimate ravages of war—images that have remained in his memory ever since, and

Whereas, after being discharged with the rank of captain, Charlie Bothfeld and his wife, Norma, with whom he enjoyed a nearly 72-year marriage, briefly owned a farm in New Albion, New York, and he later returned to the Medfield State Hospital as the assistant head farmer, and

Whereas, in 1974, Charlie and Norma Bothfeld purchased a 14-acre farm in Cabot, built a new house and greenhouse, and created gardens where for 45 years Charlie Bothfeld has lovingly cultivated a diverse assortment of vegetables, and

Whereas, the Twin Valley Senior Center in East Montpelier has been a pleased beneficiary of his amazing green thumb, and WCAX television has honored Charlie Bothfeld with its Super Seniors Award, and

Whereas, on December 15, 2018, Charlie Bothfeld marked the centenary of his birth, now therefore be it

Resolved by the Senate and House of Representatives:

That the General Assembly congratulates Charles Bothfeld of Cabot on his 100th birthday, and be it further

Resolved: That the Secretary of State be directed to send a copy of this resolution to Charlie Bothfeld in Cabot.

H.C.R. 64

House concurrent resolution congratulating Jon Wilbur on achieving a perfect 900 bowling score

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

Offered by: Senators Collamore, Hooker, and McNeil

Whereas, a league session of professional tenpin bowling consists of three consecutive games, each worth a maximum of 300 points, and a perfect score of 900 points is a rare occurrence, and

Whereas, until recently, the United States Bowling Congress had only certified 33 bowlers as achieving this ultimate bowling score, and

Whereas, Jon Wilbur of Rutland is a respected bowling professional who joined the Professional Bowlers Association at 17 years of age and is now an active member of the New England Bowlers Association, and

Whereas, on January 14, 2019, he added his name to the list of elite bowlers who have bowled a perfect 900, and

Whereas, bowling 900 requires the bowler to knock down every pin for 30 consecutive frames of bowling, an accomplishment requiring both physical dexterity and intense mental concentration, and

Whereas, on the occasion of his 900 score, Jon Wilbur was bowling at the Rutland Bowlerama in a Monday Night Commercial League event, and

Whereas, Jon Wilbur was one of three members of the Head Over Heels team, along with teammates Candice Munson and Michael Forte, and

Whereas, the 900 score was a bowling career highlight for Jon Wilbur, who had previously won two singles titles and a doubles title in New England Bowlers Association competitions, and who is listed as the Association's Vermont Area Ambassador, and

Whereas, although only in his middle 30s, Jon Wilbur has already achieved special recognition with his 2016 induction into the Vermont State United States Bowling Congress's Hall of Fame, and

Whereas, this superb bowler has demonstrated an admirable proficiency in his chosen sport, now therefore be it

Resolved by the Senate and House of Representatives:

That the General Assembly congratulates Jon Wilbur on achieving a perfect 900 bowling score, and be it further

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

H.C.R. 65

House concurrent resolution honoring Vernon's extraordinary resident historian Barbara Ann Emery Moseley

Offered by: Representative Coffey of Guilford

Whereas, Barbara Emery was born in 1928, representing the 10th consecutive generation of her family to reside in Vermont, and

Whereas, her first classroom experience was as a student at Vernon's one-room Pond School, and working in public education would become her life's vocation, and

Whereas, this traditional Vermont school provided a solid academic foundation for Barbara Moseley, whose postsecondary education included earning a bachelor's degree from Boston University and a master's degree from Wesleyan University in Connecticut, and

Whereas, early in her career, Barbara Moseley was employed as an art teacher and a school librarian in Massachusetts and Connecticut, and after her 1962 marriage to Roger Sterns Moseley, she returned to her hometown and became Vernon Elementary School's first art teacher, and

Whereas, following her husband's death, Barbara Moseley earned her school librarian's certification, and she assumed this new role at the Vernon Elementary School, continuing in the position until she retired in 1994, and

Whereas, Barbara Moseley has a special passion for preserving, writing about, and promoting the history of Vernon, and in 1968, she was a cofounder of the Vernon Historians Inc., an organization to which she has dedicated much time and love during the past half century, and

Whereas, Barbara Moseley adheres to the idea that "history doesn't have to be on a grand scale to be meaningful, important, interesting and useful to this day and age," and

Whereas, under the auspices of the Vernon Historians Inc., she transformed an 1848 one-room brick schoolhouse into a local history museum, which exhibits the original schoolroom, a farmhouse kitchen, farm tools, historic photographs, and local artifacts, and

Whereas, an associated project was the restoration of the Pond Road Chapel, the original 1860 home of an Advent Christian congregation, which is now listed on the National Register of Historic Places, and

Whereas, along with her roles as teacher and historian, Barbara Moseley has served as a Vernon Library trustee and town cemetery committee member, and she is a lifelong member of, and an organist at, the Vernon Union Church and is an accomplished artist, now therefore be it

Resolved by the Senate and House of Representatives:

That the General Assembly honors Vernon's extraordinary resident historian, Barbara Ann Emery Moseley, and be it further

Resolved: That the Secretary of State be directed to send a copy of this resolution to Barbara Moseley and to the Vernon Historians Inc.

H.C.R. 66

House concurrent resolution designating March 13, 2019 as the 25th Early Childhood Day at the State House

Offered by: Representative Redmond of Essex

Whereas, today's young children are tomorrow's voters, workers, taxpayers, and parents, and

Whereas, a good start helps ensure both a child's and Vermont's future prosperity, and

Whereas, scientific research has shown that early life experiences establish the architecture of a child's developing brain, and nurturing and individualized interactions with adults at home and in the community are important, and

Whereas, the quality of early childhood experiences can establish either a sturdy or a fragile foundation for all development that follows, and a fragile foundation presents challenges for a child's development and growth, and

Whereas, Vermonters want young children to grow into healthy adults, solid community members, and active participants in our economy, and

Whereas, Vermonters concerned about our youngest residents will gather at the State House on March 13, 2019 to discuss with their State legislators issues associated with accessibility to and affordability of high-quality early child care, health care, and educational services, and

Whereas, other topics of conversation will be ways of ensuring the safety and food security of our youngest citizens, options for improving the economic security of Vermont's families, and recognizing the members of the early childhood workforce who deserve our praise, now therefore be it

Resolved by the Senate and House of Representatives:

That the General Assembly designates March 13, 2019 as the 25th Early Childhood 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 Early Childhood Advocacy Alliance, Let's Grow Kids, and Building Bright Futures, which are jointly sponsoring the 2019 Early Childhood Day at the General Assembly.

S.C.R. 5

Senate concurrent resolution honoring Ralph Pace of Ludlow for his community leadership and public service.

Offered by Senators Nitka, Clarkson and McCormack,

Offered by Representative Nicoll of Ludlow

Whereas, Ralph Pace graduated from American International College and worked in project management in information systems and communications and associated consulting, and

Whereas, in 1997, he and his wife purchased a home in Ludlow, where he became a much appreciated and respected citizen, and

Whereas, one of Ralph Pace's major endeavors was his association with the Ludlow Town Hall restoration project, and

Whereas, in 2005, he served on a committee to bring this older structure into compliance with the requirements of the Americans with Disabilities Act, and he spearheaded the associated effort to modernize the building's second-floor auditorium, which added contemporary amenities but retained the room's historic character and charm, and

Whereas, to ensure that the restored room, also known as the Heald Auditorium, would flourish as a popular venue for events, Ralph Pace founded the Friends of the Ludlow Auditorium to host programs, which have included the presentation of movies, musicals, plays, and political debates, and

Whereas, his weekly news and public affairs cable television program called *That Was the Week That Was*, which he produced and hosted for over

300 episodes, was a popular forum for local information and civic engagement, and

Whereas, in 2009, Ralph Pace tackled another building project, serving on the Ludlow Armory Committee, which transformed the former military edifice into the multipurpose Ludlow Community Center, and it now hosts a cafeteria, a commercial kitchen, a large gymnasium, and the headquarters for both the Black River Good Neighbor Services and Okemo Valley TV, and

Whereas, as a public official, Ralph Pace has served as Ludlow's town health officer and he continues to serve as the town's tree warden and fence viewer, and

Whereas, WCAX television honored Ralph Pace on the station's show *Super Seniors* for his service to the Ludlow community, and recently he was the recipient of the Ludlow–Plymouth–Cavendish Television Community Service Award, *now therefore be it*

Resolved by the Senate and House of Representatives:

That the General Assembly honors Ralph Pace of Ludlow for his community leadership and public service, *and be it further*

Resolved: That the Secretary of State be directed to send a copy of this resolution to Ralph Pace and the Ludlow Town Clerk.