

CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

ADDENDUM

TO THE

HOUSE CALENDAR

**Text of House Concurrent
Resolutions**

of

April 11, 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. 138

House concurrent resolution congratulating the 2019 Missisquoi Valley Union High School Thunderbirds Division II girls' ice hockey championship team

Offered by: Representatives Savage of Swanton, Fegard of Berkshire, Gamache of Swanton, and Hango of Berkshire

Offered by: Senators Brock and Parent

Whereas, despite a seventh-seed ranking, the Thunderbirds took heart that the playoffs inaugurated an entirely new slate, and

Whereas, Missisquoi Valley, which had last won a divisional crown in 2008, unexpectedly outdistanced its playoff opponents to earn a championship game berth against the eighth-seeded Woodstock Wasps and the right to take the special trip to the University of Vermont's Gutterson Fieldhouse, and

Whereas, the Thunderbirds, with a large fan contingent in attendance, dominated the contest, scoring twice in the first half and once in the second, while limiting the Wasps to a single second-half goal, for a 3-1 victory and the coveted 2019 Division II title, and

Whereas, the proud Thunderbirds were Madison Conley, Brianna Parent, Madilyn Aronson, Lora Fresn, Haley Stefaniak, Abigail Bessette, Naomi Rose Edele, Mallory Bohannon, Reghan Overton, Callie Parks, Savannah Fellows, Madison Aiken, Kayden Lapan, Makayla Young, and Renee Bouchard, and

Whereas, Head Coach Wynn Paradee, who concluded his coaching career with a fantastic farewell championship, assistant coaches Katie Campbell and Brian Fortin, and team managers Lexus Conger, Cheyanne Hubbard, and Makayla Ashline were each a contributor to the team's success, now therefore be it

Resolved by the Senate and House of Representatives:

That the General Assembly congratulates the 2019 Missisquoi Valley Union High School Thunderbirds Division II girls' ice hockey championship team, and be it further

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

H.C.R. 139

House concurrent resolution congratulating the 2019 Rutland High School Raiders Vermont Division I and New England Division II cheerleading championship team

Offered by: Representatives Fagan of Rutland City, Cupoli of Rutland City, Howard of Rutland City, Notte of Rutland City, and Terenzini of Rutland Town

Offered by: Senators Hooker, Collamore, and McNeil

Whereas, prior to the start of the 2017–2018 cheerleading season, Rutland High School had captured nine Division I titles in Vermont, more than one New England championship, and a national competition, and

Whereas, in 2019, the Raiders cheerleaders' performance at the State championship meet in Vergennes featured fantastic creativity, coordination, and timing, leading to a top score of 187.5 points and Rutland's fifth-consecutive Division I title, and

Whereas, following the State victory, the Raiders continued to the New England cheerleading championship tournament, held in Worcester, Massachusetts, winning this regional competition's Division II crown for the second-consecutive year, and

Whereas, the ecstatic Raiders were Eliza Bridge, Laci Forrest, Emma Gilmore, Riley Norton, Kylee Poro, Ana-Sofia Aguilar, Baylee Austin, Katie Haas, Hanna Colwell, Eva Menconi, Madi Smith, Shelly Sobel, Molly Ward, Eliese Bouchard, Olivia Patrick, Maya Sobel, Madison Bourassa, Aubrianna Dydo, Haley Lear, and Alexa Wortman, and

Whereas, Head Coach Cara Gauvin and Assistant Coach Shelby Senecal provided invaluable leadership for the team, now therefore be it

Resolved by the Senate and House of Representatives:

That the General Assembly congratulates the 2019 Rutland High School Raiders Vermont Division I and New England Division II cheerleading championship team, and be it further

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

H.C.R. 140

House concurrent resolution honoring William Eugene Griffin on the completion of an extraordinary career as the Vermont Chief Assistant Attorney General

Offered by: Representatives Grad of Moretown and Ancel of Calais

Offered by: Senator Sears

Whereas, in 1957, recognizing that the lawyers in the Attorney General's office work for an elected official, the General Assembly established the classified position of Chief Assistant Attorney General, for whom political considerations would be irrelevant, and

Whereas, Bill Griffin graduated from the University of Western Ontario in 1965 and in 1968 earned his law degree at Northwestern University School of Law, and

Whereas, his more than half century as a lawyer in public service began in San Francisco, where he worked for the Neighborhood Legal Assistance Program and for the city's Economic Opportunity Council, and

Whereas, in 1970, Bill Griffin, who is an ardent skier, and his wife, Pat Griffin, moved to Vermont, purchasing an old Calais homestead, which they restored, and they farmed its adjacent land, and

Whereas, he began his Vermont legal career as an assistant Attorney General and then worked in other State offices, and

Whereas, in 1980, Attorney General John Easton appointed Bill Griffin as the office's Civil Division Chief and in 1981 named him as the Chief Assistant Attorney General, and

Whereas, Bill Griffin has served the State of Vermont in this role with dignity, wisdom, humor, and always calm, independent legal judgement, and

Whereas, Bill Griffin has served seven Attorneys General, defended numerous State laws, including cases protecting the integrity of the legislative process, recovered millions of dollars for environmental clean-ups, written advisory opinions on a broad scope of issues, and for 26 years chaired the judiciary's Civil Rules Committee, and

Whereas, as a lover of opera, he studied Italian in Italy, and

Whereas, in recognition of his service to the State of Vermont, a commendation that all living Attorneys General and Governors of Vermont have signed is being presented to Bill Griffin with much gratitude, now therefore be it

Resolved by the Senate and House of Representatives:

That the General Assembly honors William Eugene Griffin on the completion of an extraordinary career as the Vermont Chief Assistant Attorney General, and be it further

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

H.C.R. 141

House concurrent resolution congratulating the Capitol Police on the department's 20th anniversary

Offered by: Representative Kitzmiller of Montpelier

Whereas, in 1972, Ray H. Quero was appointed as the first State House Security Officer, and

Whereas, by the late 1990s, as security concerns were increasing at the State House, the General Assembly determined it prudent to protect the legislative premises with its own full-time police force, and

Whereas, to meet this emerging need, in the 1999 Capital Bill, the General Assembly created the Capitol Police Department, under the jurisdiction of the Sergeant at Arms, and

Whereas, in accordance with this new statutory provision, codified as 2 V.S.A. § 70, “[a] Capitol Police officer shall have all the same powers and authority as sheriffs and other law enforcement officers anywhere in the State,” and

Whereas, the Sergeant at Arms appointed David Alan Janawicz, a graduate of the Vermont Police Academy, as the force's first chief, and

Whereas, under his leadership, the Capitol Police gained the respect of the General Assembly's members and staff and expanded in size and technical sophistication, and

Whereas, in 2008, following David Janawicz's death, the Sergeant at Arms appointed Leslie Robert Dimick, a veteran of the Hardwick Police Force, a graduate of the U.S. Army Military Police Academy, and a veteran Capitol Police officer as the second Capitol Police Chief, and he continued and improved upon the excellent work of his predecessor, and

Whereas, most recently, upon Leslie Dimick's retirement, the Sergeant at Arms appointed law enforcement veteran Matthew Romei, a graduate of Norwich University, as the third Capitol Police Chief, and he has the able support of Sergeant Dale Manning and officers Brian Hoar, Jason Gould, Sara Quesnel, and Kurt Snyder, and

Whereas, in 2019 the Capitol Police continue to perform, with distinction, their security roles at the State House, which now include cyber-related issues, now therefore be it

Resolved by the Senate and House of Representatives:

That the General Assembly congratulates the Capitol Police on the department's 20th anniversary, and be it further

Resolved: That the Secretary of State be directed to send a copy of this resolution to Capitol Police Chief Matthew Romei.

H.C.R. 142

House concurrent resolution recognizing the second full week in May as Women's Lung Health Week in Vermont

Offered by: Representatives Burke of Brattleboro, Austin of Colchester, Bartholomew of Hartland, Batchelor of Derby, Birong of Vergennes, Browning of Arlington, Brumsted of Shelburne, Campbell of St. Johnsbury, Chesnut-Tangerman of Middletown Springs, Christensen of Weathersfield, Christie of Hartford, Cina of Burlington, Coffey of Guilford, Colburn of Burlington, Corcoran of Bennington, Dolan of Waitsfield, Donovan of Burlington, Elder of Starksboro, Fegard of Berkshire, Gardner of Richmond, Haas of Rochester, Hashim of Dummerston, Houghton of Essex, Kitzmiller of Montpelier, Krowinski of Burlington, Lanpher of Vergennes, Long of Newfane, McCarthy of St. Albans City, McCormack of Burlington, Morrissey of Bennington, Murphy of Fairfax, Noyes of Wolcott, O'Sullivan of Burlington, Potter of Clarendon, Pugh of South Burlington, Quimby of Concord, Ralph of Hartland, Redmond of Essex, Rogers of Waterville, Savage of Swanton, Sheldon of Middlebury, Squirrell of Underhill, Sullivan of Dorset, Sullivan of Burlington, Till of Jericho, Toleno of Brattleboro, Townsend of South Burlington, Troiano of Stannard, White of Hartford, and Wood of Waterbury

Offered by: Senators Balint, Clarkson, Hooker, Lyons, Nitka, and Pollina

Whereas, despite the lower percentage of American adults who smoke tobacco products than in prior generations, the detrimental impact of lung cancer remains a major health issue in Vermont and throughout the United States, and

Whereas, in 2018, lung cancer killed more Americans, including Vermonters, than any other variant of the disease, and

Whereas, according to the American Lung Association, every five minutes a woman in the United States is informed she has lung cancer, and

Whereas, the Association also reports that during the past four decades, for men, the rate for new cases of lung cancer has declined 35 percent, but unfortunately, for women, the comparable rate has increased 87 percent, and

Whereas, the most recent Vermont Department of Health data indicate that 176 women die from lung cancer on an annual basis, and

Whereas, increased awareness of the potential for developing lung cancer and the devastating consequences that can result, especially among women, plus continued advocacy for further research should lead to increased early detection and improved treatment options, and

Whereas, Lung Force is a special initiative of the American Lung Association with the goal of “bringing women together to make lung cancer history,” and

Whereas, an important method for increasing public awareness of lung cancer’s consequences is the public information activity that the American Lung Association conducts, now therefore be it

Resolved by the Senate and House of Representatives:

That the General Assembly recognizes the second full week in May as Women’s Lung Health Week in Vermont, and be it further

Resolved: That the Secretary of State be directed to send a copy of this resolution to the Williston office of the American Lung Association.