

CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

ADDENDUM

TO THE

HOUSE CALENDAR

**Text of House and Senate
Concurrent Resolutions**

of

April 25, 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. 144

House concurrent resolution honoring the tenth bishop of the Episcopal Diocese of Vermont, the Right Reverend Thomas Clark Ely, for his visionary leadership

Offered by: Representatives Ancel of Calais, Noyes of Wolcott, Cina of Burlington, Colburn of Burlington, Donovan of Burlington, Hooper of Burlington, Krowinski of Burlington, McCormack of Burlington, Ode of Burlington, O'Sullivan of Burlington, and Sullivan of Burlington

Offered by: Senators Clarkson and Ingram

Whereas, Bishop Tom Ely graduated cum laude from Western Connecticut State University, earned his master's degree in divinity at the University of the South in Sewanee, Tennessee, and was ordained as a deacon and next as an Episcopal priest in the Diocese of Connecticut, and

Whereas, his first assignment was as an assistant priest in the Middlesex, Connecticut, area, and he subsequently served as Director of Youth Ministry and as Missioner of Connecticut's Greater Hartford Regional Ministry, and

Whereas, in 2001, the then Reverend Tom Ely was honored to be elected as the tenth bishop of the Episcopal Diocese of Vermont, and

Whereas, Tom Ely's inspiring leadership as bishop has centered on a ministry that proclaims social justice and compassion on a wide variety of issues, even those that are controversial, and he has often been pioneering in this regard, and

Whereas, his duties require him to travel thousands of miles each year, and

Whereas, as a member of the Cristosal Foundation Board of Directors, Bishop Tom Ely has worked passionately to improve human rights in El Salvador, and

Whereas, he has spoken in support of full equality for the LGBTQ community, including same-sex marriage and complete inclusion in all aspects of the life of the Episcopal Church, and

Whereas, Bishop Tom Ely's active involvement in Bishops United Against Gun Violence coincides with his concerns on this issue, and

Whereas, the creation of the Bishop Tom Ely Solar Farm at Rock Point in Burlington reflects his belief that we are stewards of our natural resources, and

Whereas, Bishop Tom Ely has been a leader with Vermont Interfaith Action, Kids 4 Peace, and the Vermont Ecumenical Council, through which he has partnered on worthy projects with other Christian denominations, Muslims, and Jews, and

Whereas, Tom Ely is concluding his tenure as bishop, now therefore be it

Resolved by the Senate and House of Representatives:

That the General Assembly honors the tenth bishop of the Episcopal Diocese of Vermont, the Right Reverend Thomas Clark Ely, for his visionary leadership, and be it further

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

H.C.R. 146

House concurrent resolution honoring Joseph L. Choquette III on his multiple career and avocational accomplishments

Offered by: Representatives Marcotte of Coventry, Bancroft of Westford, Batchelor of Derby, Brennan of Colchester, Burditt of West Rutland, Canfield of Fair Haven, Christensen of Weathersfield, Corcoran of Bennington, Cupoli of Rutland City, Dickinson of St. Albans Town, Donahue of Northfield, Fagan of Rutland City, Giambatista of Essex, Goslant of Northfield, Gregoire of Fairfield, Hango of Berkshire, Harrison of Chittenden, Helm of Fair Haven, Higley of Lowell, McCoy of Poultney, McFaun of Barre Town, Myers of Essex, Norris of Shoreham, Page of Newport City, Quimby of Concord, Rosenquist of Georgia, Savage of Swanton, Scheuermann of Stowe, Smith of Derby, and Terenzini of Rutland Town

Offered by: Senator McNeil

Whereas, Joe Choquette has experienced an unusual combination of professional and personal adventures, including working in his early twenties as a daily-delivery milkman in Rutland County, and

Whereas, few persons have experienced his particular mix of work and extracurricular activities, which included classical music, both Alpine skiing and hockey, print and electronic media coverage of sports and of federal and State legislative politics, the petroleum industry, and an internationally prominent service organization, and

Whereas, Joe Choquette skied in the Rockies with the University of Vermont Catamount ski team in his role as the team's public relations expert, and for three decades, he was the rink announcer and official scorer for the

Catamount men's hockey team and fondly recalls the team's first ECAC Division I championship, and

Whereas, Vermont sports journalists held Joe Choquette in such high regard that they elected him Vermont Sportswriters and Sportscasters Association president, and

Whereas, his professional career included serving on the staff of the American Petroleum Institute, as the Vermont Petroleum Association's executive director and, for the past 19 years, as the external affairs manager for the law firm Downs Rachlin Martin, and

Whereas, while employed at the American Petroleum Institute, he dined at the New York Yacht Club; played on a golf course on Kiawah Island, South Carolina; toured the White House, the U.S. Capitol, and the many museums in our nation's capital city; and enjoyed many opportunities that would not otherwise have been available to him, and

Whereas, on December 13, 2018, he received the Matthew Lyon Award for his lifetime commitment to the First Amendment from the Vermont Press Association and the public's right to know the truth, and

Whereas, Joe Choquette served as president of the Vermont Society of Association Executives, the Montpelier Chamber Orchestra Society, and the Montpelier Rotary Club, and

Whereas, Joe Choquette's career associated with State legislative politics is now concluding, and he anticipates devoting more time to his hobbies of golfing, hunting, racquetball, and skiing, now therefore be it

Resolved by the Senate and House of Representatives:

That the General Assembly honors Joseph L. Choquette III on his multiple career and avocational accomplishments, and be it further

Resolved: That the Secretary of State be directed to send a copy of this resolution to Joe Choquette. +

H.C.R. 147

House concurrent resolution congratulating Essex High School on winning the first Academic WorldQuest Vermont championship

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

Whereas, Academic WorldQuest is the flagship high school educational program of the World Affairs Councils of America, and

Whereas, it challenges the participating students’ mastery of “current international politics, geography, global economics, history, and world cultures,” and

Whereas, teams of students, representing their high schools, initially compete in a locally sponsored Academic WorldQuest event, and

Whereas, in 2019, the Vermont Council on World Affairs sponsored its inaugural Academic WorldQuest competition, which immigration attorney Leigh Cole organized and University of Vermont professor Edward R. McMahon judged, and

Whereas, the 2019 Academic WorldQuest Vermont event attracted over 30 students from five schools: Champlain Valley Union High School, Colchester High School, Essex High School, South Burlington High School, and Vermont Commons, and

Whereas, after the timed question-and-answer competition was completed and the scores were tallied, the Essex team emerged victorious and will represent Vermont at the national Academic WorldQuest competition to be held in Washington, D.C., and

Whereas, the internationally astute Essex team’s roster consisted of seniors Calvin Burnett, Sam Evans, Peregrine Ibarra, and David Wrenner, and Essex faculty member Charlie Burnett advised the students, now therefore be it

Resolved by the Senate and House of Representatives:

That the General Assembly congratulates Essex High School on winning the first Academic WorldQuest Vermont championship and wishes the team every success at the national competition, and be it further

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

H.C.R. 148

House concurrent resolution honoring Vaughn Altemus for his career achievements in academia and Vermont State government

Offered by: Representatives Hooper of Burlington, Austin of Colchester, Brownell of Pownal, Colston of Winooski, Conlon of Cornwall, Cupoli of Rutland City, Giambatista of Essex, Harrison of Chittenden, Hooper of Randolph, Kitzmiller of Montpelier, Macaig of Williston, McCullough of Williston, Palasik of Milton, Toof of St. Albans Town, and Webb of Shelburne

Whereas, Vaughn Altemus was a dedicated scholar who graduated as a political science major with high honors and distinction from the University of Delaware, where he was awarded membership in the prestigious Phi Beta Kappa, Phi Kappa Phi, and Pi Sigma Alpha honor societies, and

Whereas, the University of Wisconsin at Madison awarded him a master's degree in public administration and a doctoral degree in political science, and after earning his doctorate, Vaughn Altemus joined the political science faculty at the University of Vermont, and

Whereas, Vaughn Altemus served as an adjunct faculty member at Trinity College, in the fields of administration of justice and political science, and at Champlain College, teaching an introductory American government course, and

Whereas, in 1997, Vaughn Altemus joined the professional staff of what was then the Department of Education, and in 2001, he assumed the role of education finance manager, a position that made him responsible for analyzing actual and budgeted expenditures of the State's school districts, and

Whereas, later he was assigned to the office of the Secretary of Education to work primarily on legislation that realigned the structure of some of the State's school districts, and he remained in this position until his retirement in 2015, and

Whereas, Vaughn Altemus served from January 1999 through March 2015 on the Board of Trustees of the Vermont State Teachers' Retirement System, a panel responsible for supervising the retirement system for the State's licensed educators, and

Whereas, for a decade, beginning in 2008, Vaughn Altemus was a member of the Vermont Pension Investment Committee, which is responsible for the investment and management of the combined funds of the municipal employees', State employees', and teachers' retirement systems, and

Whereas, Vaughn Altemus completed an admirable record of public service, now therefore be it

Resolved by the House of Representatives:

That the General Assembly honors Vaughn Altemus for his career achievements in academia and Vermont State government, and be it further

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

H.C.R. 149

House concurrent resolution congratulating the Rutland County Humane Society on its 60th anniversary

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

Offered by: Senators Collamore, Hooker, and McNeil

Whereas, in the late 1950s, two Rutland County women, Ellen Hollrock Porter and Olive Smith, were worried about the many stray animals that were locally present, and they personally cared for some of these animals, and

Whereas, these women brought together a group of individuals to discuss the establishment of a local humane society, and

Whereas, a Pittsford farmer, Ed Wheeler, served as the incipient organization's first humane agent, and before the construction of a dedicated facility, his farm was home to the original shelter, and

Whereas, on April 29, 1959, this informal group took an important institutional step, incorporating as the Rutland County Humane Society (RCHS), and

Whereas, the organization purchased land from the Stevens Farm in Pittsford for a new shelter, and

Whereas, in October 1966, the RCHS broke ground for the shelter, which cost \$45,000 to build and was opened in October 1967, and

Whereas, in 1975, the RCHS added a stable to the shelter for housing large animals, and

Whereas, improvements to the RCHS shelter, both in 1998 and later in 2009, upgraded the facility's administrative operations, introduced higher health and safety standards, and offered more comfortable accommodations for the animals, and

Whereas, since its establishment, the RCHS has assisted over 113,000 animals of various species, including dogs, cats, guinea pigs, and birds, and in the organization's early years, it also worked with skunks, loons, fawns, goats, and horses, and

Whereas, in addition to sheltering animals, the RCHS has conducted ancillary programs, including dog training, Junior Humane Society, neutering and spaying, pet adoption, pet therapy, and fundraising and membership activities, and

Whereas, since its founding, broad community support has enabled the RCHS to fulfill its mission of caring for animals in Rutland County, now therefore be it

Resolved by the Senate and House of Representatives:

That the General Assembly congratulates the Rutland County Humane Society on its 60th anniversary, and be it further

Resolved: That the Secretary of State be directed to send a copy of this resolution to RCHS Executive Director Beth Saradarian.

H.C.R. 150

House concurrent resolution congratulating the Harwood Union High School Highlanders on winning a second consecutive Division II boys' golf championship

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

Whereas, after having shot and putted their way to the 2017 Division II boys' golf championship, in 2018, the Harwood Highlanders were ready to defend their hard-won title, and

Whereas, unlike in 2017, when Harwood traveled to the challenging and relatively unfamiliar terrain of the Rutland Country Club, the Highlanders enjoyed walking to the tees at their home course, the Country Club of Vermont in Waterbury Center, and

Whereas, the Rice Memorial High School Green Knights claimed an initial five-shot advantage after the early finishers signed their scoring cards, but once all the scores were tallied, Harwood had amassed the fewest number of swings, for a total score of 314, 10 better than second-place Rice Memorial, enabling the Highlanders to renew their Division II championship, and

Whereas, the delighted 2018 Highlander golfers were Sawyer Belongia, Ryan Dessureau, Eamon Gilhuly, Nathaniel Honeywell, Aidan Melville, Brian Gilhuly, Zakary Wing, Liam Guyette, Liam Poulin, Jacob Green, and Jonathan Honeywell, and

Whereas, Head Coach Brian McCarthy and Assistant Coach Dave Honeywell confidently mentored the victorious Highlanders, now therefore be it

Resolved by the Senate and House of Representatives:

That the General Assembly congratulates the Harwood Union High School Highlanders on winning a second consecutive Division II boys' golf championship, 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. 151

House concurrent resolution congratulating the 2019 Enosburg Falls High School Hornets State snowboarding championship team

Offered by: Representatives Leffler of Enosburgh, Hango of Berkshire, Fegard of Berkshire, Gamache of Swanton, Gregoire of Fairfield, and Savage of Swanton

Whereas, on March 11, 2019, at the State snowboarding championship, held at Okemo Mountain, the Enosburg Falls High School Hornets clinched their first State team title with the day's top score, and

Whereas, the thrilled Hornet snowboarders were Travis Bartholomew, Nick Blaney, Hunter Choiniere, Brendan Deuso, Aleem Leach-Peel, Chris Mansfield, Ethan Metivier, Austin Noel, Brandon Ryea, Josh Ryea, Jonas Walker-Cook, and Dawson Wright, and

Whereas, Head Coach C.J. Caforia inspired the team to reach new heights on the snowboarding trail, now therefore be it

Resolved by the Senate and House of Representatives:

That the General Assembly congratulates the 2019 Enosburg Falls High School Hornets State snowboarding championship team, and be it further

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

H.C.R. 152

House concurrent resolution congratulating Nicholas John Blaney of Berkshire on his outstanding snowboarding accomplishments

Offered by: Representatives Fegard of Berkshire, Hango of Berkshire, and Leffler of Enosburgh

Whereas, Enosburg Falls High School senior and aspiring professional snowboarder Nick Blaney contributed to the Hornets' first State team

snowboarding championship, as he placed first in the giant slalom, third in the slopestyle, and third in the halfpipe event, and

Whereas, as an individual snowboarder, representing the Smugglers Notch Ski and Snowboard Club, Nick Blaney competed at the 2019 United States of America Snowboard and Freeski Association National Championships at Copper Mountain Resort in Frisco, Colorado, winning first place overall in the Snowboard Jams Division (men 18–22 years of age), scoring over 1,500 points more than his nearest divisional opponent, and

Whereas, this stellar achievement resulted from his capturing gold medals in the halfpipe and slopestyle, a silver medal in the giant slalom, and a bronze medal in snowboard cross, and

Whereas, the club coaches who worked with Nick Blaney were Rick Witham, Dylan Pipe, Ken Hammond, Sandy Hango, and Shay Manning, now therefore be it

Resolved by the Senate and House of Representatives:

That the General Assembly congratulates Nicholas John Blaney of Berkshire on his outstanding snowboarding accomplishments, and be it further

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

H.C.R. 153

House concurrent resolution congratulating the 2019 Vermont Shamrocks USA Hockey girls' Tier II 16U national championship team

Offered by: Representatives Till of Jericho, Anthony of Barre City, Austin of Colchester, Birong of Vergennes, Brennan of Colchester, Briglin of Thetford, Donahue of Northfield, Donovan of Burlington, Giambatista of Essex, Houghton of Essex, Killacky of South Burlington, Krowinski of Burlington, LaClair of Barre Town, LaLonde of South Burlington, Lanpher of Vergennes, Masland of Thetford, Myers of Essex, O'Sullivan of Burlington, Pajala of Londonderry, Patt of Worcester, Pugh of South Burlington, Redmond of Essex, Scheu of Middlebury, Taylor of Colchester, Townsend of South Burlington, and Yacovone of Morristown

Whereas, one of the 2018–2019 Vermont Shamrocks team's favorite songs, "Living on a Prayer," adeptly described its district championship win on a decisive goal, with only 3.5 seconds remaining to play, and

Whereas, winning on the district level was a prerequisite for entry into the national championship tournament in Amherst, New York, and

Whereas, the Shamrocks reached the national tournament's final contest, against the Baldwin-River Falls, Wisconsin, BlackCats, and the Vermont team's other favorite song, "Tonight's the Night," described its impressive 5–0 victory, and

Whereas, the proud Shamrock players were Shannon Moran, Sophie Forcier, Taylor Heywood, Molly French, Lydia Bullock, Kelly Citera, Nicole Wright, Madison Chagnon, Abby Robbins, Lilly Truchon, Abby Chauvin, Lucie Turcotte, Grace Wiggett, Corinne Bolding, Lane Sky, Carlisle Brush, and Madison Tetreault, and

Whereas, coaches Dan French, Brent Truchon, Dan Bullock, and Matt Brush were each a superb mentor, now therefore be it

Resolved by the Senate and House of Representatives:

That the General Assembly congratulates the 2019 Vermont Shamrocks USA Hockey girls' Tier II 16U national championship team, and be it further

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

S.C.R. 11

By Senators Cummings, Perchlik, and Pollina,

S.C.R. 11. Senate concurrent resolution congratulating Katherine Womeldorf Paterson of Montpelier on winning the 2019 E.B. White Award for her achievement in children's literature.

Whereas, Katherine Paterson was born to Christian missionary parents in China, and Chinese was her first language, and

Whereas, although she experienced early challenges mastering English, Katherine Paterson persevered and graduated summa cum laude, as an English major, from King College in Bristol, Tennessee, and earned a master's degree from the Presbyterian School of Christian Education in Richmond, Virginia, and

Whereas, because political restrictions prohibited her from serving as a Christian missionary in China, she instead worked in Japan, and her study there of Japanese and Chinese culture influenced her future writing, and

Whereas, Katherine Paterson began her career as an author with the 1966 religious education book *Who Am I*, and her first novel, published in 1973, *The Sign of the Chrysanthemum*, was set in the Japanese medieval period, and

Whereas, her most popular work, *Bridge to Terabithia*, for which she won the 1978 Newbery Medal for American children's literature, was based on the death of her son David's friend, and in 1981, Katherine Paterson was the recipient of a second Newbery Medal for her novel *Jacob Have I Loved*, and

Whereas, on two occasions, Katherine Paterson was the recipient of the prestigious National Book Award, in 1977 for *The Master Puppeteer* and in 1979 for *The Great Gilly Hopkins*, and

Whereas, Katherine Paterson is the author of more than 30 books, including 16 novels for children, and the recipient of numerous honors, including the Hans Christian Andersen Award, what has become the Children's Literature Legacy Award, and special recognition from several major American libraries, and

Whereas, her 2006 novel *Bread and Roses, Too* gained its inspiration from a historic photograph of children standing on the steps of the Old Labor Hall in Barre, and

Whereas, in 2019, Katherine Paterson was one of 17 writers whom the American Academy of Arts and Letters honored with a lifetime achievement award, in her instance, the E.B. White Award, for her contributions to children's literature, *now therefore be it*

Resolved by the Senate and House of Representatives:

That the General Assembly congratulates Katherine Womeldorf Paterson of Montpelier on winning the 2019 E.B. White Award for her achievement in children's literature, *and be it further*

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

S.C.R. 12

By Senators Campion and Sears,

By Representatives Browning of Arlington, James of Manchester, and Morrissey of Bennington

S.C.R. 12. Senate concurrent resolution honoring former Representative and Senator Seth B. Bongartz for his impressive leadership as president of Hildene.

Whereas, Seth Bongartz graduated from Burr & Burton Academy, Skidmore College, and after an interlude as a woodworker, State Representative, State Senator, and board member of the Nature Conservancy

and the Ottaquechee Land Trust, he earned a law degree at Case Western Reserve University School of Law, and

Whereas, for over a decade, he worked at a private law firm in Bennington where environmental law was an important component of his legal practice, and

Whereas, in 1904, Robert Lincoln, the only surviving son of President Abraham Lincoln, purchased acreage in Manchester and had built a large “ancestral home” for himself and his wife, and he applied the name Hildene to the property, and

Whereas, in the 1970s, after the last Hildene-residing Lincoln descendant died, the Manchester community succeeded in halting Hildene’s sale to developers, and a new nonprofit organization, the Friends of Hildene, was formed to restore this magnificent homestead, and

Whereas, in 2002, Hildene hired as its president Seth Bongartz, a man truly dedicated to the organization’s core values of integrity, perseverance, and civic responsibility and to its action agenda of land conservation, historic preservation, sustainability, and civil civic discourse, and

Whereas, Seth Bongartz has stated that placing Hildene on the international tourist map has been his greatest accomplishment, and

Whereas, in 2007, the restored historic carriage barn was opened as a welcome center and museum store, creating a spacious entryway and a new revenue resource, and

Whereas, in 2011, the Many Voices exhibit, featuring a restored Sunbeam Pullman Car, debuted, and it tells the racially charged story of the Pullman railroad porters, an especially symbolic example of civil civic discourse, as Robert Lincoln was president and board chair of the Pullman Palace Car Company, and

Whereas, in December 2019, Seth Bongartz will complete his innovative and successful 18-year tenure as president of Hildene, now therefore be it

Resolved by the Senate and House of Representatives:

That the General Assembly honors former Representative and Senator Seth B. Bongartz for his impressive leadership as president of Hildene, *and be it further*

Resolved: That the Secretary of State be directed to send a copy of this resolution to Seth Bongartz and to Hildene.