

CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

ADDENDUM

TO THE

HOUSE CALENDAR

**Text of House Concurrent
Resolutions**

of

May 2, 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. 154

House concurrent resolution honoring former Representative David L. Deen of Westminister

Offered by: Representatives Mrowicki of Putney, Hashim of Dummerston, Partridge of Windham, and Trieber of Rockingham

Offered by: Senators Balint and White

Whereas, "point of order" was certainly the phrase most closely associated with former Representative David Deen, as he was always alert to parliamentary missteps, citing his mastery of *Mason's Manual of Legislative Procedure*, and

Whereas, as Chair of the Committee on Natural Resources, Fish, and Wildlife, he devoted considerable attention to environmental matters, and

Whereas, David Deen was born in Abington, Pennsylvania, attended the University of Connecticut, and earned a master's degree in environmental science from the Antioch New England Graduate School, and

Whereas, his first successful foray into electoral politics occurred during the 1987–1988 biennium, serving a term as a Windham County Senator, and

Whereas, in 1991, David Deen returned to the General Assembly as the member of the House from Westminister, starting an extraordinarily productive 27-year tenure, and

Whereas, his conscientious and dedicated work produced critical legislation intended to improve the quality of the State's waters and preserve Vermont's constitutionally enshrined right to hunt and fish, and

Whereas, former Representative David Deen helped oversee State taxation policy as Vice Chair of the Committee on Ways and Means and reviewed municipal affairs as a member of the Committee on Local Government, and

Whereas, David Deen is an avid fisherman, holds memberships in several fishing organizations, and has worked as a professional fishing guide, and

Whereas, he served as a river steward for the Connecticut River Watershed Council, exemplifying his concern for the quality of Vermont's waters, and

Whereas, after nearly three decades as the member of the House from Westminster, former Representative David Deen, husband, father, grandfather, and great-grandfather, cast his final legislative vote in June 2018, concluding a long and illustrious State legislative career, now therefore be it

Resolved by the Senate and House of Representatives:

That the General Assembly honors former Representative David L. Deen of Westminster, and be it further

Resolved: That the Secretary of State be directed to send a copy of this resolution to former Representative David Deen.

H.C.R. 155

House concurrent resolution honoring Fair Haven Grade School principal Wayne Cooke on his exemplary career in public education

Offered by: Representatives Canfield of Fair Haven and Helm of Fair Haven

Offered by: Senators Collamore, Hooker, and McNeil

Whereas, Wayne (Skip) Cooke's first professional association with the Fair Haven public schools was as a student teacher, and

Whereas, in 1969, he graduated from what has become Castleton University, from which he later earned a master's degree, and then he joined the Fair Haven Union High School faculty in 1970 and eventually served as a curriculum coordinator of reading, English, and foreign languages, and

Whereas, outside the classroom, Skip Cooke was a successful baseball, basketball, and football coach, and

Whereas, in 1982, Skip Cooke's faculty peers selected him as the school's outstanding teacher of the year, and in 1983, he served for several months as acting assistant principal, and

Whereas, in 1984, having confirmed his skill as a school administrator, Skip Cooke began an unusual 35-year tenure as the Fair Haven Grade School principal, and

Whereas, in 2008, the National Association of Elementary School Principals named Skip Cooke as a National Distinguished Principal of the Year, and

Whereas, in June 2019, Skip Cooke will end his long and highly successful professional association with the Fair Haven Public Schools, now therefore be it

Resolved by the Senate and House of Representatives:

That the General Assembly honors Fair Haven Grade School principal Wayne Cooke on his exemplary career in public education, and be it further

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

H.C.R. 156

House concurrent resolution in memory of Georgia community leader Harold Edmund Wilcox

Offered by: Representative Rosenquist of Georgia

Offered by: Senators Brock and Parent

Whereas, there was a unique bond between Edmund Wilcox and the Town of Georgia, his lifelong home, and

Whereas, after graduating from Bellows Free Academy in 1944, at 17 years of age, Edmund Wilcox embarked on his 53-year career operating the Wilcox family dairy farm on Georgia Shore, and

Whereas, as a dairy farmer, he was a member of the Georgia Banner Grange, and during his 60-year association with the Grange rose to the rank of 7th degree, and

Whereas, while the farm provided him an economic livelihood, Edmund Wilcox's life encompassed a far broader expanse as a civic leader, educator, historian, music lover, and writer, and

Whereas, for a decade, Edmund Wilcox served as a town lister, and his other municipal roles included membership on the conservation commission and school board, and he also volunteered for various town assignments, and

Whereas, in 2015, the Georgia Conservation Commission recognized Edmund Wilcox for his 20-plus years of "Outstanding Dedication and Service to the Town of Georgia," and

Whereas, Edmund Wilcox was an active member of the Georgia Historical Society and wrote many articles for its Georgia Town History series, and the society honored him as its 2010 Volunteer of the Year, and

Whereas, Edmund Wilcox's historical interests were reflected in his Green Mountain Folklore Society and Vermont Old Cemetery Association memberships, and

Whereas, he polished his writing skills as a member of the St. Albans Writers Workshop, and

Whereas, as a man of wide talents, Edmund Wilcox was a welcomed volunteer in the Georgia public schools, and

Whereas, Edmund Wilcox loved music and would start singing at a moment's notice, and he shared this passion with the residents of local nursing homes, and

Whereas, Edmund Wilcox died on March 22, 2019, at 92 years of age, and his survivors include his sister and a nephew and nieces, now therefore be it

Resolved by the Senate and House of Representatives:

That the General Assembly extends its sincere condolences to the family of Harold Edmund Wilcox of Georgia, and be it further

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

H.C.R. 157

House concurrent resolution congratulating the Fairbanks Museum & Planetarium on its 125th anniversary of conducting continuous meteorological services

Offered by: Representatives Beck of St. Johnsbury, Campbell of St. Johnsbury, Feltus of Lyndon, Martel of Waterford, Quimby of Concord, Seymour of Sutton, and Toll of Danville

Offered by: Senators Benning and Kitchel

Whereas, in the mid-1800s, St. Johnsbury resident Franklin Fairbanks recorded daily weather data and general meteorological observations, and

Whereas, in 1891, he established the Fairbanks Museum, which in 1961, became the Fairbanks Museum & Planetarium (the museum), and

Whereas, shortly after the museum opened, it began collecting meteorological information for the newly established U.S. Weather Bureau, and since 1894 it has continuously gathered these contemporaneously useful and historically revealing statistics, and

Whereas, because of these pioneering commitments to gathering weather information, St. Johnsbury proudly holds the record as the Vermont community with the longest uninterrupted stream of weather data, and

Whereas, in 1949, the museum's meteorological activities assumed a different dimension when its director, Fred Mold, commenced broadcasting weather forecasts on what has become St. Johnsbury radio station WSTJ, and

Whereas, in 1981, Vermont's weather analysis entered an exciting, new era when the museum established the *Eye on the Sky* forecasting service and hired two full-time meteorologists, Mark Breen and Steve Maleski, not only to broadcast daily forecasts on Vermont Public Radio (VPR), but also to serve as weather science educators and present informative shows at the museum's planetarium, and

Whereas, the *Eye on the Sky* meteorological staff, now including Lawrence Hayes and Chris Kurdek, also produces the VPR astronomy program, *Eye on the Night Sky*, and weather forecasts for several commercial radio stations and newspapers, and its website features current forecasts, monthly weather almanacs, and a treasure trove of historical weather data, and

Whereas, in the early 2000s, the museum presented an *Eye on the Sky* Weather Gallery, and elements of the gallery are now featured in the Soucy Family Exploration Station, and

Whereas, since 2016, the *Eye on the Sky* has been headquartered in the architecturally and technologically state-of-the-art McGuire Center, now therefore be it

Resolved by the Senate and House of Representatives:

That the General Assembly congratulates the Fairbanks Museum & Planetarium on its 125th anniversary of conducting continuous meteorological services, and be it further

Resolved: That the Secretary of State be directed to send a copy of this resolution to the Fairbanks Museum & Planetarium and to each of the *Eye on the Sky* staffers.

H.C.R. 158

House concurrent resolution congratulating the 2019 St. Johnsbury Academy Hilltoppers boys' Alpine ski team on winning its second consecutive State championship

Offered by: Representatives Beck of St. Johnsbury, Campbell of St. Johnsbury, Feltus of Lyndon, Seymour of Sutton, Toll of Danville, Martel of Waterford, and Quimby of Concord

Offered by: Senators Kitchel and Benning

Whereas, the winter of 2018–2019 afforded the St. Johnsbury Hilltoppers the opportunity to defend their State crown, and

Whereas, as in 2018, the Hilltoppers were encouraged that the two-day State championship Alpine ski meet was scheduled for nearby Burke Mountain, skiing terrain that is home territory, and

Whereas, in the first day's giant slalom competition, St. Johnsbury placed four skiers among the top 20, resulting in a 36-point lead; and in the second day's slalom racing, the Hilltoppers scored five mistake-free runs, easily defeated second-place Stowe 101–148, and repeated as State champions, and

Whereas, the expertly skiing Hilltoppers were Adrian Burrington, Camdyn Meigs, Leo Desrochers, Hugo Hong, Gavin Bangs, Cody Van Dine, and Thomas Zschau, and

Whereas, coaches Patrick Anderson and David Eckhardt provided their skiers with great advice throughout the 2018–2019 season, now therefore be it

Resolved by the Senate and House of Representatives:

That the General Assembly congratulates the 2019 St. Johnsbury Academy Hilltoppers boys' Alpine ski team on winning its second consecutive State championship, and be it further

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

H.C.R. 159

House concurrent resolution congratulating the 2019 St. Johnsbury Academy Hilltoppers boys' and girls' Alpine ski teams on winning the trophy for the highest combined score at the State championship meet

Offered by: Representatives Beck of St. Johnsbury, Campbell of St. Johnsbury, Feltus of Lyndon, Seymour of Sutton, Toll of Danville, Martel of Waterford, and Quimby of Concord

Offered by: Senators Kitchel and Benning

Whereas, the 2018–2019 Alpine skiing season was a memorable one for both the boys' and girls' St. Johnsbury Academy ski teams, and

Whereas, each team had trained extensively for the season's pivotal competition, and

Whereas, at the two-day State championship meet, the Hilltopper boys were victorious, defeating Stowe High School 101–148, and

Whereas, the girls, although not crowned State champions, earned fourth place in their 14-school competition, and

Whereas, for the second consecutive year, the Vermont Ski Coaches awarded a trophy to the school that had the top combined score for its boys' and girls' teams, and this honor was bestowed on St. Johnsbury Academy, and

Whereas, the boy Alpine skiers were Adrian Burrington, Camdyn Meigs, Leo Desrochers, Hugo Hong, Gavin Bangs, Cody Van Dine, and Thomas Zschau, and

Whereas, the girl Hilltoppers were Maggie Anderson, Julia Chadderdon, Keating Maurer, Madigan Maurer, and Avery Tomczyk, and

Whereas, coaches Patrick Anderson and David Eckhardt deserve credit for a job well done, now therefore be it

Resolved by the Senate and House of Representatives:

That the General Assembly congratulates the 2019 St. Johnsbury Academy Hilltoppers boys' and girls' Alpine ski teams on winning the trophy for the highest combined score at the State championship meet, and be it further

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

H.C.R. 160

House concurrent resolution congratulating the 2019 St. Johnsbury Academy Division I girls' indoor track team on winning the school's fifth consecutive Division I championship

Offered by: Representatives Beck of St. Johnsbury, Campbell of St. Johnsbury, Feltus of Lyndon, Seymour of Sutton, Toll of Danville, Martel of Waterford, and Quimby of Concord

Offered by: Senators Kitchel and Benning

Whereas, despite the loss of last year's strong senior athletes, the 2019 St. Johnsbury girls' indoor track team was primed to clinch a fifth consecutive Division I title, and

Whereas, the 2019 State indoor track championship meet was held in Burlington, and followers of the Division I girls' competition were closely watching the Hilltoppers' performance, and

Whereas, a Hilltopper secured first place in the 55-meter hurdles and the 1,000- and 1,500-meter races, another first in the triple jump, a second-place finish in the long jump, and myriad third, fourth, and fifth placements that culminated in St. Johnsbury's solid 176.5–101 victory over runner-up Essex High School, and

Whereas, the Hilltoppers who contributed to their earning the 2019 Division I crown were Callahan Beck, Danielle Chesborough, Alexis Collins, Breanna Fearon, Rebecca Green, Riley Higgs, Lia Rotti, Jen Rotti, Taryn Tremblay, Rory Young, Hannah Davis, Lilly Leach, Mikaela Strzempko, Kayla Talbot, Katherine Barney, Isabella Bostic, Molly Brennan, Charlotte Flanders, Lilly Laufenberg, Pearl Myers, Morgan Pettee, Hazel Fay, Desiree Mendez, Katie Ryan, and Sadie Bushway, and Head Coach Chip Langmaid and assistant coaches Dale Urie, Stephen Badgley, and Michael Zahner were outstanding mentors, now therefore be it

Resolved by the Senate and House of Representatives:

That the General Assembly congratulates the 2019 St. Johnsbury Academy Division I girls' indoor track team on winning the school's fifth consecutive Division I championship, and be it further

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

H.C.R. 161

House concurrent resolution congratulating the 2019 Division I St. Johnsbury Academy Hilltoppers boys' basketball team

Offered by: Representatives Beck of St. Johnsbury, Campbell of St. Johnsbury, Feltus of Lyndon, Seymour of Sutton, Toll of Danville, Martel of Waterford, and Quimby of Concord

Offered by: Senators Kitchel and Benning

Whereas, the 2019 St. Johnsbury Hilltoppers boys' basketball team proved that, initial indications to the contrary, they were a focused and talented group of athletes, and

Whereas, the Hilltoppers were seeded fifth for the playoffs, a ranking that has produced only two prior Division I boys' basketball champions, and

Whereas, once the playoffs started, St. Johnsbury boldly announced its presence, defeating the top-seeded Rice Memorial High School Green Knights en route to a berth in the championship game against the third-seeded Rutland High School Raiders, and

Whereas, at the University of Vermont's Patrick Gymnasium, the Hilltoppers' halftime 4-point deficit was deceiving, as they persisted, gaining a 43-42 fourth-quarter lead that developed into a 54-50 Division I championship game victory, the Hilltopper's first since 1997, over the Rutland Raiders, and

Whereas, the persevering Hilltoppers were Trey Alercio, Nick Guckin, Alex Carlisle, Austin Fenoff, Carter Hilliker, Brian Lamar, Logan Wendell, Andrew Cowan, Noah Sorin, Dylon Bunnell, and Asom Hayman-Jones, and

Whereas, Head Coach David McGinn, Assistant Coach David Hale, and student manager Jahla Kimball each played a significant role in the Hilltoppers' victory, now therefore be it

Resolved by the Senate and House of Representatives:

That the General Assembly congratulates the 2019 Division I St. Johnsbury Academy Hilltoppers boys' basketball team, and be it further

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

H.C.R. 162

House concurrent resolution congratulating the 2018 St. Johnsbury Academy Hilltoppers Division III championship field hockey team

Offered by: Representatives Beck of St. Johnsbury, Feltus of Lyndon, Martel of Waterford, Quimby of Concord, Seymour of Sutton, and Toll of Danville

Offered by: Senators Kitchel and Benning

Whereas, until 2018, no St. Johnsbury Academy field hockey team had ever won a divisional championship, but this past fall's team comprised a talented squad, including 10 returning players, and

Whereas, the fourth-seeded Hilltoppers earned a berth in the decisive Division III contest against second-seeded Stowe, and the two teams played under less than ideal weather conditions at the University of Vermont's Moulton Winder Field, and

Whereas, after a scoreless first half, St. Johnsbury took a more offensive tack, scoring two goals to seal a 2-0 Division III championship victory, and concluded the season with both a 13-3-1 record and an impressive 11-game unbeaten streak, and

Whereas, Hilltoppers Anona Henning, Morgan Belknap, Michaela Roy, Natalie Cartwright, Haleigh Daft, Morgan Stanton, Madi Labounty, Ella Ceppetelli, Taryn Tremblay, Izzy Wajda, Grace Limoges, Polly Currier, Sydney Strohm, Alexa Maher, Hannah Roberts, Grace Clark, Ozora Rice, Ally Corrow, Jane Goodrich, Mikaela Strzempko, Delaney Payeur, Breanna Fearon, Lilly Laufenberg, Madison Duranleau, Hannah Angell, Alexis Duranleau, Melanie Coons, and Elizabeth Mastroianni-Douglass were each dedicated to the team's success, and

Whereas, Head Coach Tara Bailey, assistant coaches Olivia Cunningham and Kathryn Vereline, and team manager Jahla Kimball each contributed to the Hilltoppers' great 2018 season, now therefore be it

Resolved by the Senate and House of Representatives:

That the General Assembly congratulates the 2018 St. Johnsbury Academy Hilltoppers Division III championship field hockey team, and be it further

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

H.C.R. 163

House concurrent resolution congratulating the 2019 St. Johnsbury Academy girls' basketball team on winning the school's second consecutive Division I championship

Offered by: Representatives Beck of St. Johnsbury, Campbell of St. Johnsbury, Feltus of Lyndon, Seymour of Sutton, Toll of Danville, Martel of Waterford, and Quimby of Concord

Offered by: Senators Kitchel and Benning

Whereas, girls' basketball at St. Johnsbury Academy enjoyed great success during the 2017–2018 season, when the team clinched the Division I championship, and

Whereas, the reconstituted squad for 2018–2019 was again of top caliber and merited a second seed in the playoff competition, a ranking that proved accurate as the Hilltoppers earned a championship berth against the top-seeded Champlain Valley Union High School Redhawks, who had defeated the Hilltoppers twice during the regular season, and

Whereas, the decisive 2019 contest, played at the University of Vermont's Patrick Gymnasium, ended its first half tied at 17, but the second half told a different tale as the Hilltoppers completed a 14–2 third-quarter scoring spree, won the game 42–35, and emerged as the 2019 Division I champions, and

Whereas, this talented basketball squad featured Saleena Porter, Mya Rutledge, Kylee LaPete, Sadie Stetson, Delaney Payeur, Sydney Huntington-Strohm, Lara Rohkohl, Josie Moulton, Neva Bostic, and Josie Choiniere, and Head Coach Jack Driscoll and Assistant Coach Beth Choiniere were ideal instructors, now therefore be it

Resolved by the Senate and House of Representatives:

That the General Assembly congratulates the 2019 St. Johnsbury Academy girls' basketball team on winning the school's second consecutive Division I championship, and be it further

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

H.C.R. 164.

House concurrent resolution congratulating the 2018–2019 Colchester High School debate program for its outstanding record and State championship victory

Offered by: Representatives Austin of Colchester, Brennan of Colchester, Chase of Colchester, and Taylor of Colchester

Offered by: Senator Mazza

Whereas, participation at the 2019 Vermont State Debate Tournament, held on March 10 at the State House, consisted of 24 teams, representing nine high schools, including five teams from Colchester High School, and

Whereas, all five Colchester tournament teams won their preliminary rounds, including one designated as best novice team, and Colchester debaters won five of the six individual student awards, and

Whereas, perhaps most remarkably, the two final teams that debated for top honors were from Colchester High School, and

Whereas, in this unusual championship round, the team of Fariha Nawar and Tullia Mamenga outscored its rival team of Zakir Beridze and Graham Bertoni, and

Whereas, although only the championship pair of debaters will travel to Milwaukee, Wisconsin, to participate in the National Catholic Forensic League Grand National Tournament in May, every Colchester 2018–2019 debater, including Trisa Timsana, Sally Zuk, Emma Domachowski, Julia Correll, Prinsha Neupane, Emma McDonald, Madison Laquerre, Preslie Beuschel, Thomas Buckley, and Wyatt Luce, performed with distinction, and much of the credit is due to the debate program advisor Robert Hall, now therefore be it

Resolved by the Senate and House of Representatives:

That the General Assembly congratulates the 2018–2019 Colchester High School debate program for its outstanding record and State championship victory, and be it further

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