

CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

ADDENDUM

TO THE

HOUSE CALENDAR

**Text of House Concurrent
Resolutions**

of

May 9, 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. 165

House concurrent resolution congratulating Angelo Tedesco Sr. on his induction into the Masonry Hall of Fame

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

Offered by: Senators Collamore, Hooker, and McNeil

Whereas, Angelo Tedesco Sr. immigrated to Vermont from Italy in 1958, barely able to speak English, a barrier that he overcame with patience and persistence, and

Whereas, during his early years in Vermont, Angelo Tedesco Sr. worked at several jobs unrelated to the masonry industry, including a Killington area restaurant, the Rutland Railway, and the Howe Scale Company, and

Whereas, from 1962 to 1964, he served in the U.S. Army, was stationed in Greenland, and subsequently, he served in the Vermont National Guard, and

Whereas, upon his return to Vermont from Greenland, Angelo Tedesco Sr. decided to enter the masonry trade, and

Whereas, initially, he worked in Burlington, where he mastered his masonry skills, and afterward, was employed by a company based in Clifton Park, New York, and

Whereas, starting in 1977, Angelo Tedesco Sr. decided to work closer to his home, focusing on chimney and stonework, but simultaneously broadening his skills and familiarity with all masonry materials by accepting more intricate assignments, while also occasionally assisting his prior nonmasonry employers, and

Whereas, in May 1988, he incorporated his growing masonry business as Angelo Tedesco Inc., now known as A. Tedesco Masonry, and

Whereas, later in his career, he served as a consultant on many historical projects and was often called upon to assist on especially complex jobs, and

Whereas, A. Tedesco Masonry now serves customers in Vermont, Massachusetts, New Hampshire, and New York and is one of the region's outstanding masonry contractors, and

Whereas, the Mason Contractors Association of America has established the Masonry Hall of Fame "to recognize and award individuals who have dedicated their lives to the masonry industry," and

Whereas, in 2019, the Masonry Hall of Fame inducted Angelo Tedesco Sr. as its first New England honoree, a special recognition that is well deserved, now therefore be it

Resolved by the Senate and House of Representatives:

That the General Assembly congratulates Angelo Tedesco Sr. on his induction into the Masonry Hall of Fame, and be it further

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

H.C.R. 166

House concurrent resolution honoring five devoted and long-serving Pawlet municipal staff members

Offered by: Representative Chesnut-Tangerman of Middletown Springs

Whereas, the Town of Pawlet is experiencing a major transition, with the retirement of five important and respected municipal employees, and

Whereas, for 38 years, Judy Coolidge has been as a mainstay in the Pawlet town office, serving primarily as the municipality's treasurer and tax collector and for a brief stint as town clerk, and

Whereas, her mastery of State-mandated accounting requirements and other technical challenges reflected an ability and willingness to broaden her skill set, and

Whereas, town history is a personal passion for Judy Coolidge, and she is a great reference resource who spearheaded the community's 250th anniversary celebration, and

Whereas, Elaine Decker served for 14 years as town auditor and as a town lister, performing each role competently and always maintaining amicable working relationships with her town colleagues, and

Whereas, Eric Mach's 38 years of civic leadership included working as the Pawlet Zoning Administrator, a post he recently relinquished, and his service

as a municipal and Rutland Regional Planning Commission member involved him in many aspects of land use policy, including assisting in the conduct of title searches, and

Whereas, as a justice of the peace, Eric Mach has derived great pleasure from officiating at weddings and has worked on many elections, helping to make sure they were conducted both fairly and efficiently, and

Whereas, for 58 years, Charles Mason was a key participant in Pawlet civic life, beginning as a school director in the 1960s, and from 1999 to 2018 he served as a lister, demonstrating knowledge of local properties that approached encyclopedic levels, and

Whereas, Clifford Tarbell joined the town highway crew in 2004, and in recent years he enjoyed chatting and laughing with town office staff before he headed to work, but his death truncated his eagerly anticipated retirement, now therefore be it

Resolved by the Senate and House of Representatives:

That the General Assembly honors each of these Pawlet municipal staff members for their dedicated public service, and be it further

Resolved: That the Secretary of State be directed to send a copy of this resolution to each living Pawlet municipal retiree honored in this resolution and to the family of Clifford Tarbell.

H.C.R. 167

House concurrent resolution congratulating Riley Allen on her selection as a 2018 Freedom & Unity Youth Film Contest first-place award winner

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

Whereas, Essex High School senior Riley Allen is a cinematically talented young woman whose film, *Freefall: The Opioid and Heroin Epidemic in Vermont*, examines the drug addiction crisis confronting our State, and

Whereas, noticing Essex High School students “using gateway drugs” and hearing her father, an intensive care unit pulmonologist, express dismay at his overdose cases inspired this filmmaking project, and

Whereas, she interviewed health care professionals, including the Burlington Police Department’s opioid policy manager, who explained that drug addiction “is a chronic health disease,” and

Whereas, Riley Allen submitted her film, which also served as her senior-year capstone project, to the 2018 Freedom & Unity Youth Film Contest, and the impressed judges awarded the film first-place honors in the High School Division of the Vermont History and Contemporary Issues category, and

Whereas, separately, the Vermont Film Institute awarded Riley Allen a one-year mentorship with a documentary filmmaker, and

Whereas, the film was presented at two film festivals, in an abbreviated form on Vermont PBS, and more recently at Essex High School, where a panel discussion examining Vermont's opioid crisis followed the film's presentation, and

Whereas, Riley Allen, who has been honored as a Vermont Presidential Scholar, will attend Quinnipiac University and hopes to pursue a filmmaking career, now therefore be it

Resolved by the Senate and House of Representatives:

That the General Assembly congratulates Riley Allen on her selection as a 2018 Freedom & Unity Youth Film Contest first-place award winner and wishes her every future success, and be it further

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

H.C.R. 168

House concurrent resolution honoring the Unsworth family for its generous donation of 160-plus acres of undeveloped land to the Town of Essex

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

Whereas, an undisputed jewel in the Town of Essex is the 500-plus acre Indian Brook Park, located contiguously to Winooski Valley Park District land in Essex and Colchester, and

Whereas, the Unsworth family, through its Indian Brook Properties LLP, owned extensive, undeveloped land adjacent to Indian Brook Park, and

Whereas, over the years, the Unsworth family has generously allowed hunters, loggers, neighbors, the Vermont Association of Snow Travelers, and others seeking an outdoor recreational opportunity to access the family's land, and

Whereas, the Unsworth family had decided to subdivide a portion of the property into residential lots, and both the Town of Essex and the State

inquired if the family would consider preserving the important natural resources located on the segment of land not planned for immediate residential subdivision, and

Whereas, the family agreed to preserve the 160-plus acres not being subdivided and decided the best way to achieve this goal was to donate the land to the Town of Essex, and

Whereas, these 160-plus acres are home to agricultural soils, streams, and wetlands and are the southern end of a large habitat block extending north into Colchester and Milton, and

Whereas, receipt of the Unsworth property meets several natural resources-related goals of the 2016 Essex Town Plan, including protecting the agricultural and forest lands, scenic views, and water quality and preventing the fragmentation of large undeveloped parcels, and

Whereas, the Town of Essex is thrilled to be the recipient of this wonderful gift of undeveloped land from the Unsworth family, now therefore be it

Resolved by the Senate and House of Representatives:

That the General Assembly honors the Unsworth family for its generous donation of 160-plus acres of undeveloped land to the Town of Essex, and be it further

Resolved: That the Secretary of State be directed to send a copy of this resolution to the Unsworth family and to the Essex Town Clerk.

H.C.R. 169

House concurrent resolution congratulating the 2019 Mill River Union High School cheerleading team on winning the school's second consecutive Division II championship

Offered by: Representatives Potter of Clarendon and Burditt of West Rutland

Whereas, as the defending 2018 Division II cheerleading champions, the Mill River Union High School Minutemen were well versed in the strategies necessary for winning at competitive events, and

Whereas, earlier in the 2018–2019 season, the Minutemen proved that the team remained a strong Division II contender with victories at both the Vermont Cheerleading Coaches Association and the Central Vermont Cheerleading Competition championships, and

Whereas, on February 23, 2019, in Vergennes, at the Vermont State Cheerleading championship, the Minutemen continued their winning ways, capturing the school's second consecutive Division II title, earning an impressive 186.5 points, and outscoring second-place BFA-Fairfax, and

Whereas, the proud Minutemen cheerleaders were Ashleigh Baldwin, Rachel Clark, Jacob Langlois, Crystal Perham, Amber Prescott, Zoe Cange, Kylie Goodell, Emma Johnson, and Lucia Verdon, and

Whereas, Head Coach Tabitha Pohl-Moore, Assistant Coach Alyssa Chapin, and team manager Megan Chapin each provided critical support, now therefore be it

Resolved by the Senate and House of Representatives:

That the General Assembly congratulates the Mill River Union High School cheerleading team on winning the school's second consecutive Division II championship, and be it further

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

H.C.R. 170

House concurrent resolution designating May 2019 as Ehlers-Danlos Syndrome Awareness Month in Vermont

Offered by: Representatives Ralph of Hartland and Bartholomew of Hartland

Whereas, in 400 BC, the ancient Greek physician Hippocrates first described the symptoms of the medical condition now known as Ehlers-Danlos syndrome, the collective name for 13 genetic connective-tissue disorders, and

Whereas, in 1901, Dr. Edvard Ehlers recognized the syndrome as a distinct medical condition, and in 1908, Dr. Henri-Alexandre Danlos postulated that skin hyperextensibility, which is skin that can be stretched farther than normal, and tissue fragility were its core elements, and

Whereas, joint hypermobility, or joints that can be stretched farther than normal, is also prominently associated with Ehlers-Danlos syndrome, and

Whereas, among the types of connective-tissue disorders classified as Ehlers-Danlos syndrome are those featuring a predominantly cardiac-valvular, dermatological, or periodontal impact, and

Whereas, because of its rarity, a correct diagnosis can require many years, during which the individual might experience extreme physical pain, and

Whereas, Ehlers-Danlos syndrome disproportionately affects women, and

Whereas, no cure has been discovered for Ehlers-Danlos syndrome, but once properly diagnosed, its symptoms can usually be managed, and

Whereas, after years of debilitating pain, Taylor Galgay of Windsor recently received a correct Ehlers-Danlos syndrome diagnosis, and she is now working to increase awareness of this malady, the importance of a correct and early diagnosis, and the need for treatment to prevent complications, now therefore be it

Resolved by the Senate and House of Representatives:

That the General Assembly designates May 2019 as Ehlers-Danlos Syndrome Awareness Month in Vermont, and be it further

Resolved: That the Secretary of State be directed to send a copy of this resolution to Taylor Galgay and to the Ehlers-Danlos Society in Montgomery Village, Maryland.

H.C.R. 171

House concurrent resolution commemorating the 30th anniversary of the NSK Steering Systems America, Inc. manufacturing plant in Bennington

Offered by: Representatives Morrissey of Bennington, Bates of Bennington, Brownell of Pownal, Browning of Arlington, Carroll of Bennington, Corcoran of Bennington, Durfee of Shaftsbury, James of Manchester, and Sullivan of Dorset

Offered by: Senators Campion and Sears

Whereas, in 1916, Takehiko Yamaguchi established NSK Ltd., and during the intervening century, this corporation has become an international leader in developing and manufacturing industrial machinery, automotive bearings, and transmission components, and

Whereas, the mission of NSK is to “contribute to a safer, smoother society and help protect the global environment” through innovative technology, and

Whereas, the management principles of NSK focus on providing “innovative and responsive solutions” to customers and “challenges and opportunities” to employees, while anticipating future product needs and operating the business “from an international perspective,” and

Whereas, the worldwide growth of NSK has resulted in the establishment of 151 overseas operating bases, of which 43 are manufacturing plants, and

Whereas, one of these plants is located in Bennington and operates under the auspices of the company’s U.S. arm, and

Whereas, the Bennington plant builds automotive steering columns that are used in manufacturing cars, both domestically and internationally, and

Whereas, this NSK production facility employs over 300 persons, an important element of the economy of southeastern Vermont, and

Whereas, in July of 2017, the Department of Economic Development awarded the Bennington NSK Steering Systems America plant a Vermont Training Program grant in the amount of \$208,753 “to create a Manufacturing Center of Excellence that will broaden the capabilities of current and future employees,” and

Whereas, as a result of the training grant, the plant’s employees have gained familiarity with technologically advanced manufacturing processes and equipment, and

Whereas, the awarding of this grant was an ideal event to coincide with the 30th anniversary of the establishment of the plant and provided a spark for the plant’s future growth and success, now therefore be it

Resolved by the Senate and House of Representatives:

That the General Assembly commemorates the 30th anniversary of the NSK Steering Systems America, Inc. manufacturing plant in Bennington, and be it further

Resolved: That the Secretary of State be directed to send a copy of this resolution to the manufacturing plant in Bennington.

H.C.R. 172

House concurrent resolution in memory of Nancy Deuel of Bomoseen

Offered by: Representatives Potter of Clarendon, Cupoli of Rutland City, Howard of Rutland City, and Notte of Rutland City

Offered by: Senators Collamore, Hooker, and McNeil

Whereas, Nancy Deuel was part of a large family of seven sisters, of which she was the second oldest, and

Whereas, she was a graduate of Mount Saint Joseph Academy and earned a degree in education from what has become Castleton University, and

Whereas, her teaching career included positions at Montpelier High School, her alma mater Mount Saint Joseph Academy, Rutland High School, and the Stafford Technical Center, and

Whereas, Nancy Deuel was a wonderful colleague at each of her schools, and

Whereas, among her family and friends, Nancy Deuel was known for her unique artistic flair, and

Whereas, this talent was manifested from both fashion and botanical perspectives, and

Whereas, Nancy Deuel was known as a fashion consultant for weddings and other fancy occasions, and

Whereas, her ability to arrange flowers in a colorful and appealing manner was displayed on the deck outside her home, and

Whereas, she was an attentive listener, who would never betray a confidence with which she was entrusted, and

Whereas, Nancy Deuel died on March 23, 2019 at 72 years of age, her longtime partner, Bob Parento, having predeceased her, and her survivors include her mother and her sisters, now therefore be it

Resolved by the Senate and House of Representatives:

That the General Assembly expresses its sincere condolences to the family of Nancy Deuel, and be it further

Resolved: That the Secretary of State be directed to send a copy of this resolution to the family of Nancy Deuel.

H.C.R. 173

House concurrent resolution in memory of Franklin County Assistant Judge Robert Johnson of St. Albans Town

Offered by: Representatives Dickinson of St. Albans Town, Toof of St. Albans Town, Fegard of Berkshire, Gamache of Swanton, Gregoire of Fairfield, Hango of Berkshire, Leffler of Enosburgh, McCarthy of St. Albans City, Murphy of Fairfax, Rosenquist of Georgia, and Savage of Swanton

Offered by: Senators Parent and Brock

Whereas, during Bob Johnson's 18 years of municipal public service, the citizens of St. Albans Town came to appreciate his civic dedication, and

Whereas, while serving St. Albans Town, including terms chairing the planning commission and the development review board, he maintained a demanding job as a federal air traffic controller, and

Whereas, his familiarity with local land-use policy enabled Bob Johnson to serve knowledgeable on the Northwest Regional Planning Commission, and

Whereas, during two different periods of time, the St. Albans Town's electorate chose Bob Johnson to be one of its selectboard members, and he

approached the panel's agenda with a critical eye, carefully assessing the advisability of new municipal initiatives, and

Whereas, in 2010, Bob Johnson embarked on a new public service career with his election as a Franklin County Assistant Judge, and

Whereas, Bob Johnson completed a seven-month certification course that qualified him to serve as a Judicial Bureau hearing officer, and

Whereas, when sitting in family and civil proceedings at Franklin County Superior Court, Judge Bob Johnson brought a local perspective to the cases, which rotating presiding judges lacked, and

Whereas, he worked to make the Franklin County Courthouse accessible for persons with disabilities and championed this historic building's continuance as an active courthouse, and

Whereas, to the dismay of his family, judicial colleagues, and many friends, Judge Bob Johnson died unexpectedly, on April 30, 2019, and his survivors include his wife, St. Albans Town Manager Carrie Johnson, and their children, now therefore be it

Resolved by the Senate and House of Representatives:

That the General Assembly extends its sincere condolences to the family of Franklin County Assistant Judge Robert Johnson of St. Albans Town, and be it further

Resolved: That the Secretary of State be directed to send a copy of this resolution to the family of Bob Johnson, to the St. Albans Town Clerk, and to the Franklin County Clerk.

H.C.R. 174

House concurrent resolution congratulating Ethan Whalen of Rutland Town on winning the 2019 Elks Hoop Shoot's boys' 10 to 11 years of age division New England championship

Offered by: Representatives Terenzini of Rutland Town, Burditt of West Rutland, Canfield of Fair Haven, Cupoli of Rutland City, McCoy of Poultney, Shaw of Pittsford, and Sullivan of Dorset

Whereas, the annual Elks National Hoop Shoot competition offers an opportunity for boys and girls, eight to 13 years of age, to demonstrate their free-throw, basketball-shooting prowess, and

Whereas, the competition starts at the local level, which a local Elks Lodge sponsors, and proceeds to increasingly challenging district, state, and regional rounds and concludes with the national finals, conducted at Roosevelt University's Goodman Center in Chicago, and

Whereas, each round is based on 25 shots at a basket, with the person scoring the highest number of successful shots declared the winner, and

Whereas, one of the outstanding 2019 competitors in the boys' 10 to 11 years of age division was Ethan Whalen of Rutland Town, whose sponsoring Elks Lodge was No. 345 in Rutland, and

Whereas, Ethan scored 20 points in the local competition, sending him to the district round, where he increased his winning-point total to 21, and

Whereas, at both the State and New England regional levels, his scoring accuracy rose to an impressive 24 points, and

Whereas, Ethan Whalen was honored to serve as the New England representative for his division at the national finals, a role he first served in 2017 at nine years of age, and

Whereas, despite the enormous competitive pressure at this national event, Ethan scored 23 points, earning him a fifth-place divisional ranking, and his parents are extremely proud of his effort and sportsmanship, now therefore be it

Resolved by the Senate and House of Representatives:

That the General Assembly congratulates Ethan Whalen of Rutland Town on winning the 2019 Elks Hoop Shoot's boys' 10 to 11 years of age division New England championship, and be it further

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

H.C.R. 175

House concurrent resolution commemorating the bravery of the Vermont-trained First Special Service Force

Offered by: Representatives Jerome of Brandon, Austin of Colchester, Bancroft of Westford, Batchelor of Derby, Chase of Colchester, Christie of Hartford, Colston of Winooski, Cordes of Lincoln, Dickinson of St. Albans Town, Durfee of Shaftsbury, Gardner of Richmond, Giambatista of Essex, Harrison of Chittenden, Hashim of Dummerston, Kimbell of Woodstock, Kornheiser of Brattleboro, LaClair of Barre Town, McCoy of Poultney, O'Brien of Tunbridge, O'Sullivan of Burlington, Page of Newport City, Redmond of Essex, Seymour of Sutton, Shaw of Pittsford, Terenzini of Rutland Town, and Toleno of Brattleboro

Whereas, one of the most amazing stories of World War II is the incredible heroism of the Vermont-trained First Special Service Force that was established in July 1942, and

Whereas, this unusual binational force was composed of approximately 60 percent American and 40 percent Canadian volunteers, whose prior outdoor professional lives had proved their compatibility for extremely demanding military operations, and

Whereas, Fort William Henry Harrison, a National Guard post in Montana, was the Force's original training facility, and

Whereas, in May 1943, the Force moved its training to Fort Ethan Allen in Colchester, and while based in Vermont, a stay that was interrupted by a brief deployment to the Aleutian Islands, the Force's members took vigorous 50-mile hikes in the Green Mountains and completed rubber-raft training on Lake Champlain in preparation for duty in Europe, and

Whereas, having landed in Naples, Italy, 600 members of the Force, on December 2, 1943, ascended the extremely steep trail up Monte la Difensa, north of Naples and south of Rome, carrying 90-pound packs, and

Whereas, in the early hours of December 3, 1943, the Force, in a mere two hours, routed the Germans from this key mountaintop and supposedly impenetrable stronghold, and

Whereas, in the following weeks, the Force, having earned the German's respect as the "Black Devils," valiantly fought to secure other well-defended Italian mountaintops, proved critical early in 1944 at the Battle of Anzio, and was at the forefront of the Allies' capture of Rome, and

Whereas, although deactivated in 1944, the Force won thousands of military decorations, a 2015 Congressional Gold Medal, and was the subject of books and the 1968 feature film *The Devil's Brigade*, now therefore be it

Resolved by the Senate and House of Representatives:

That the General Assembly commemorates the bravery of the Vermont-trained First Special Service Force, and be it further

Resolved: That the Secretary of State be directed to send a copy of this resolution to Eugene Childers of Brandon whose father, Espy Eugene Childers, perished in Italy as a First Special Service Force member, and to the First Special Service Force Association in Helena, Montana.