

CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

ADDENDUM

TO THE

HOUSE CALENDAR

**Text of House and Senate
Concurrent Resolutions**

of

January 9, 2020

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. 191.

House concurrent resolution designating January 2020 as School Board Recognition Month in Vermont

Offered by: Representatives Christie of Hartford, LaLonde of South Burlington, Long of Newfane, and Sibia of Dover

Whereas, elected school board members are on the front line of civic service, working with parents, teachers, and administrators on matters associated with curriculum implementation, facilities construction, financing, and personnel, and

Whereas, during the recent school district reorganization and consolidation process, school board service has been especially demanding, and

Whereas, school board members serve with the goal of delivering the best possible educational experience for students, and these dedicated public servants deserve special recognition that acknowledges their crucial civic contribution, now therefore be it

Resolved by the Senate and House of Representatives:

That the General Assembly designates January 2020 as School Board Recognition Month in Vermont, and be it further

Resolved: That the Secretary of State be directed to send a copy of this resolution to the Vermont School Boards Association in Montpelier.

H.C.R. 192.

House concurrent resolution congratulating former Manchester Selectboard member and U.S. Army Lieutenant William B. Finn on his 90th birthday

Offered by: Representative Sullivan of Dorset

Whereas, Bill Finn, a resident of Dorset for over 40 years, has confronted life's personal challenges with determination and fortitude, and

Whereas, he was born on October 4, 1929, and

Whereas, during the Korean War, Bill Finn enrolled in officer candidate school and, upon earning his commission, served as a lieutenant in the U.S. Army Chemical Corps, and

Whereas, while raising three children as a widowed single parent, Bill Finn owned and operated an inn in Manchester, and for many years he was the proprietor of the local Sears & Roebuck retail store, and

Whereas, Bill Finn served on the Manchester Selectboard and volunteered for the town's rescue squad, and

Whereas, he was an avid athlete, especially on the golf links and ski slopes, and, as a member of the Bromley Ski Patrol, Bill Finn was assisting skiers until well past the typical retirement age for this demanding role, and

Whereas, he is rightfully proud of his military and civic service, and his 90th birthday was celebrated at the Harned-Fowler VFW Post 6471 in Manchester, now therefore be it

Resolved by the Senate and House of Representatives:

That the General Assembly congratulates former Manchester Selectboard member and U.S. Army Lieutenant William B. Finn on his 90th birthday, and be it further

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

H.C.R. 193.

House concurrent resolution congratulating St. Johnsbury Academy Hilltopper Mate Koszo on winning the 2019 boys' individual State tennis championship

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 Kitchel and Benning

Whereas, at the 2019 State championships, held at Leddy Park in Burlington, St. Johnsbury Academy Hilltopper Mate Koszo was the fourth-seeded boys' player, and

Whereas, after defeating the top-seeded Sam Walker of South Burlington High School in the semifinal round, Mate Koszo clinched the 2019 championship with a 3-6, 6-4, 7-6 tiebreaker victory over Josh Ashooh of

Champlain Union Valley High School, becoming only the second Hilltopper to achieve this special distinction, now therefore be it

Resolved by the Senate and House of Representatives:

That the General Assembly congratulates St. Johnsbury Academy Hilltopper Mate Koszo on winning the 2019 boys' individual State tennis championship, and be it further

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

H.C.R. 194.

House concurrent resolution congratulating the 2019 West Rutland High School Golden Horde Division IV championship softball team

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

Offered by: Senators Collamore, Hooker, and McNeil

Whereas, a phenomenal scoring reversal dominated the 2019 Division IV championship softball game played at Castleton University that matched the second-seeded the West Rutland High School Golden Horde against fourth-ranked Blue Mountain Union High School, and

Whereas, despite trailing 8–2 at the fourth inning's conclusion, West Rutland's 12–run sixth inning resulted in the team's stunning 19–9 victory, and

Whereas, the Golden Horde players who accomplished this incredible feat were Rebecca DeKalb, Lily Turner-Burrell, Alyssa Carey, Kasey Serrani, Ariel Fitzgerald, Alissa Covarrubias, Deanna Kenyon, Bailey Sevigny, Becky Sanderson, Kiera Pipeling, Elizabeth Bailey, Madison Guay, Abigail Farrow, Kiana Grabowski, Emily McLaren, Taylor Mills, Kaley Duncan, and Anna Cyr, and

Whereas, Head Coach Laurie Serrani, Assistant Coach Carl Serrani, and student manager Kaylee Svitak each contributed to the team's success, now therefore be it

Resolved by the Senate and House of Representatives:

That the General Assembly congratulates the 2019 West Rutland High School Golden Horde Division IV championship softball team, and be it further

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

H.C.R. 195.

House concurrent resolution congratulating Harry Chandler on his 100th birthday

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

Offered by: Senators Campion and Sears

Whereas, Harry Chandler's personal century, which began on December 12, 1919, has featured bravery, business acumen, and in more recent years, an abiding interest in helping to provide new affordable housing opportunities for those in need, and

Whereas, he was born in Brooklyn, New York, and educated at Adelphi Academy and at Lehigh University, and

Whereas, his brief experience as a human resources manager, at 21 years of age, was a mere prelude to his extraordinary service in the U.S. Army Air Forces during World War II, and

Whereas, as the commander of a B-17 bomber, he led his crew on 27 successful European bombing raids, and

Whereas, on March 15, 1945, Captain Harry Chandler took off from Rattleson Royal Air Force Base in England on a bombing mission, unbeknownst to him at the time, to destroy a Nazi German plant producing the components of an atomic bomb, but after accomplishing its mission, the plane was hit, and Captain Chandler, who was one of the nine-person crew's three survivors, endured two months in German prisoner-of-war camps, and

Whereas, more than a half century later, Harry Chandler visited the site, in Germany, where the plane's debris landed, and he spoke to an eyewitness of the event whose description confirmed that the pilot could not have taken any further action to prevent the crash, and

Whereas, after a successful business career, Harry Chandler settled in Vermont, where he has long-standing family ties, and he has been actively associated with Habitat for Humanity's housing construction program in Bennington County, and

Whereas, this special Vermonter celebrated his centennial birthday on December 12, 2019, now therefore be it

Resolved by the Senate and House of Representatives:

That the General Assembly congratulates Harry Chandler and extends to him best wishes on his 100th birthday, and be it further

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

H.C.R. 196.

House concurrent resolution honoring Camille George of Richmond for her laudable career of service to older Vermonters and persons with disabilities

Offered by: Representative Gardner of Richmond

Whereas, Camille George graduated from the University of Vermont, and she was the head social worker at a large skilled-nursing facility, and

Whereas, in 1989, she began a three-decade career in State government, initially as Vermont's long-term care ombudsman, and

Whereas, Camille George's outstanding job performance resulted in her designation, on two occasions, as Deputy Commissioner of the Department of Disabilities, Aging, and Independent Living, and

Whereas, she has developed extraordinary skills as a collaborator and facilitator and serves in a professional advisory role at UVM, and

Whereas, this passionate advocate for promoting the dignity of Vermonters is concluding her State service, and she anticipates enjoying time with her husband, Don, and their children and traveling, now therefore be it

Resolved by the Senate and House of Representatives:

That the General Assembly honors Camille George of Richmond for her laudable career of service to older Vermonters and persons with disabilities, and be it further

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

H.C.R. 197.

House concurrent resolution designating January 15, 2020 as Homelessness Awareness Day at the State House

Offered by: Representatives Stevens of Waterbury and Pugh of South Burlington

Whereas, the homeless are our neighbors and community members, parents, children, seniors, and people with disabilities, and they deserve our compassion, and

Whereas, the 2019 Point-In-Time Count report found that 1,089 Vermonters were without secure housing, 23 percent of whom were children, and

Whereas, the 2019 Housing Opportunity Grant Program report documented an average shelter stay of 52 days, the longest in more than 18 years, and

Whereas, the Out of Reach 2019 report found that Vermont's housing wage is \$22.78 an hour, the wage needed to afford a two-bedroom apartment, and

Whereas, the Vermont Constitution provides that “government is...instituted for the common benefit, protection, and security of the people, nation, or community,” and following these principles, the General Assembly is striving to alleviate and end homelessness in Vermont, now therefore be it

Resolved by the Senate and House of Representatives:

That the General Assembly commends the efforts of its public and private agencies to restore quality of life and housing to the homeless and designates January 15, 2020 as Homelessness Awareness 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 Coalition to End Homelessness.

H.C.R. 198.

House concurrent resolution congratulating the 2019 Twin Valley High School Wildcats Division IV championship boys' soccer team

Offered by: Representatives Sibilias of Dover and Gannon of Wilmington

Offered by: Senators Balint, Campion, Sears, and White

Whereas, the Division IV boys' soccer season entered playoff competition with the Wildcats seeded first and the Arlington Eagles seeded third, and each of these team earned a championship game berth, and

Whereas, at the season's finale, played in Bellows Falls, the Wildcats topped the Eagles, winning the game 4–1 and securing the 2019 title, and

Whereas, the victorious Wildcats were Lucas Messing, Eric Bolognani, Casey Sibilias, Owen Grinold, Jack Kehoe, Jack McHale, Izaak Park, Colin McHale, Finn Fisher, Aaron Soskin, Aidin Joyce, Ayden Loos, Matt Hammond, Liam Wendel, Pat Cameron, Cooper Adams, and Sebastian Arbogast, and

Whereas, Head Coach Buddy Hayford, assistant coaches Troy Felisko, Josh Carpenter O' Hearn, and Ryan Holton, and team manager Jack Roche each contributed to the team's success, now therefore be it

Resolved: That the General Assembly congratulates the 2019 Twin Valley High School Wildcats Division IV championship boys' soccer team, and be it further

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

H.C.R. 199.

House concurrent resolution in memory of Emily Mason of Brattleboro

Offered by: Representatives Burke of Brattleboro, Kornheiser of Brattleboro, Toleno of Brattleboro, Coffey of Guilford, and Long of Newfane

Offered by: Senators Balint and White

Whereas, the abstract expressionist painter Emily Mason graduated from the Cooper Union College and was a Fulbright grant recipient, and

Whereas, Emily Mason's works have been exhibited widely, the National Academy of Design has honored her, and she taught at Hunter College, and

Whereas, since 1968, she and her husband, the painter Wolf Kahn, spent part of each year at their Windham County farm, and

Whereas, the Brattleboro Museum & Art Center recently presented an exhibit featuring her work, and the museum's main gallery will be dedicated to the artistic works of Emily Mason and Wolf Kahn, and

Whereas, Emily Mason died at her farm on December 10, 2019, and her survivors include her husband, children, and grandchildren, now therefore be it

Resolved by the Senate and House of Representatives:

That the General Assembly extends its sincere condolences to the family of Emily Mason of Brattleboro, and be it further

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

S.C.R. 14.

By Senator Cummings,

Senate concurrent resolution honoring Glenn Gershaneck for his exemplary roles in journalism and public service.

Whereas, Glenn Gershaneck graduated from the former Bennington High School and what has become Castleton University, and

Whereas, he joined the news staff of the *Rutland Herald* and *Times Argus*, demonstrating keen reportorial skills and leadership potential, earning him promotions to editorial posts, and

Whereas, his creative skill crafting informative prose was ideally suited for his jobs with the Dartmouth College news service, the *Burlington Free Press*, and the National Life Insurance Company, and

Whereas, Glenn Gershaneck transitioned to the public sector and worked conscientiously and effectively for both Republican and Democratic elected officials, and

Whereas, his initial governmental post was on the Washington, D.C., staff of U.S. Senator Robert Stafford, and

Whereas, having experienced the hectic pace of the nation's capital, Glenn Gershaneck opted to return to Vermont, where he served as Governor Madeleine Kunin's Deputy Transportation Secretary, Governor Richard Snelling's Press Secretary, and Governor Howard Dean's Press Secretary, Deputy Transportation Secretary, Transportation Secretary, and Deputy Secretary of Administration, and

Whereas, he continued his work in State government as Deputy State Auditor and concluded his State employment as Executive Secretary of the Vermont Transportation Board, and

Whereas, Glenn Gershaneck is especially proud of spearheading the Executive Branch's role in inaugurating Amtrak's Vermonter train in 1995, and

Whereas, when not working as a reporter, editor, or public official, Glenn Gershaneck was an avid competitive runner, now therefore be it

Resolved by the Senate and House of Representatives:

That the General Assembly honors Glenn Gershaneck for his exemplary roles in journalism and public service, and be it further

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

S.C.R. 15.

By Senators Rodgers and Starr,

Senate concurrent resolution Joel Theodore Cope for his exemplary leadership of the Northeast Kingdom Waste Management District.

Whereas, Joel Cope is a U.S. Air Force veteran and graduate of Washington College in Maryland, and in 1975, he purchased property in the town of Brighton, where he now resides, and

Whereas, for over 30 years, Joel Cope and his family have exemplified sustainability, living off the electric grid by using solar power, and

Whereas, his journalism career included news reporting, column writing, and photographic assignments for several publications, and

Whereas, in the late 1980s, Joel Cope joined the Brighton Planning Commission, subsequently transitioned to serving as a selectboard employee, and today serves as the municipality's zoning administrator, and

Whereas, in 1991, Joel Cope, representing Brighton, became an original member of the Northeast Kingdom Waste Management District, and he recently concluded his 20-year tenure chairing the organization, and under his leadership, its membership increased from 29 to 49 towns, *now therefore be it*

Resolved by the Senate and House of Representatives:

That the General Assembly honors Joel Theodore Cope for his exemplary leadership of the Northeast Kingdom Waste Management District, *and be it further*

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

S.C.R. 16.

By Senator Lyons,

By Representative Dickinson of St. Albans Town,

Senate concurrent resolution congratulating the Community College of Vermont on its 50th anniversary.

Whereas, in 1970, Governor Deane Davis charged a special commission with developing a way to deliver postsecondary education to Vermonters in their local communities, and the commission's endeavors resulted in the establishment of the Community College of Vermont (CCV), and

Whereas, CCV is a mission-driven institution with an abiding commitment to access, affordability, and student success, and

Whereas, CCV is Vermont's only open-admissions institution, embodying the belief that all people are entitled to high-quality postsecondary education, and

Whereas, since the 1980s, CCV has been the State's second-largest college, delivering its programs through a network of 12 locations and establishing lasting relationships in each of these communities, and

Whereas, CCV takes a hands-on approach to supporting students through academic and financial aid and career advising, and

Whereas, CCV pioneered online learning in Vermont and continually broadens college access for students in rural areas, and

Whereas, CCV has served more than 150,000 Vermonters over the past five decades, with 12,488 degrees granted and over 10,000 students served annually, and

Whereas, CCV faculty and staff are proud to continually introduce new academic pathways in response to the changing needs of Vermont and deliver credentials and degrees that serve as a bridge between students and employers, and

Whereas, today, January 22, 2020, State House festivities are celebrating CCV's half-century milestone of connecting Vermonters to opportunity, *now therefore be it*

Resolved by the Senate and House of Representatives:

That the General Assembly congratulates the Community College of Vermont on its 50th anniversary, and be it further

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