

CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

ADDENDUM

TO THE

HOUSE CALENDAR

**Text of House Concurrent
Resolutions**

of

January 30, 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. 227.

House concurrent resolution congratulating the St. Johnsbury Academy Hilltoppers girls' track and field team on winning a fourth 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, the continuing excellence of the St. Johnsbury Academy girls' track and field program was reaffirmed at the 2019 Division I championship meet held at Burlington High School on June 1, and

Whereas, Hilltopper victories in the high jump, the long jump, the pole vault, and the 100-yard and 300-yard hurdles contributed to a fourth consecutive Hilltopper Division I championship, and

Whereas, the triumphant Hilltoppers were Callahan Beck, Neva Bostic, Sadie Bushway, Danielle Chesborough, Alexis Collins, Rebecca Green, Riley Higgs, Zekiah Lewis, Jen Rotti, Lia Rotti, Rory Young, Hannah Davis, Kathleen Fogarty, Nora Heffernan, Josie Moulton, Lara Rohkohl, Mikaela Strzempko, Kayla Talbot, Katherine Barney, Isabella Bostic, Molly Brennan, Aine Fannon, Charlotte Flanders, Merrick Hemond, Morgan Pettee, Ariya Sweeney, Gracie Villareal, Anna Cushing, Hazel Fay, Elizabeth Jones, Desiree Mendez, Katie Ryan, and Hannah Wescott, and

Whereas, coaches Chip Langmaid, Steve Badgley, Dale Urie, Brandon Legendre, Travis Bugbee, Mike Zahner, and Meagan Boucher were superb mentors, now therefore be it

Resolved by the Senate and House of Representatives:

That the General Assembly congratulates the St. Johnsbury Academy Hilltoppers girls' track and field team on winning a fourth 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. 228.

House concurrent resolution honoring the Rev. Dr. Lise Sparrow for her inspiring academic, community, and religious leadership in Windham County

Offered by: Representatives Coffey of Guilford, Hashim of Dummerston, and Mrowicki of Putney

Whereas, beginning in 1975, Lise Sparrow was associated with the School for International Training, first as a student and then for 30 years as a faculty member whose specialties were teacher education and intercultural studies, and

Whereas, the Rev. Dr. Lise Sparrow's leadership as pastor of the Guilford Community Church placed importance on interfaith endeavors, and

Whereas, as a member of the Community Equity Collaborative of the Brattleboro Area, the Rev. Dr. Lise Sparrow has advocated that more women, as well as persons of color, engage in political leadership roles, and

Whereas, after two decades, the Rev. Dr. Lise Sparrow is concluding her inclusive ministry at the Guilford Community Church but will continue serving as a passionate community leader, now therefore be it

Resolved by the Senate and House of Representatives:

That the General Assembly honors the Rev. Dr. Lise Sparrow for her inspiring academic, community, and religious leadership in Windham County, and be it further

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

H.C.R. 229.

House concurrent resolution congratulating the Williston Federated Church on its 150th anniversary

Offered by: Representatives Macaig of Williston and McCullough of Williston

Offered by: Senators Ingram and Lyons

Whereas, in 1832, the Williston Congregational Church was established and was housed in a red brick edifice, now used as a municipal building, and

Whereas, in 1844, the Williston Methodist Church was founded, and in 1869, the congregation moved into an attractive new clapboard structure, and

Whereas, their first joint service was held in 1889, and in 1899, the congregations merged as the Williston Federated Church, and

Whereas, more recently denominationally federated, it is now open and affirming and reconciling, adhering to each denominations' precepts and

Whereas, in 2019, based on the Methodist Church's founding date, the Williston Federated Church joyously celebrated its 150th anniversary, now therefore be it

Resolved by the Senate and House of Representatives:

That the General Assembly congratulates the Williston Federated Church on its 150th anniversary, and be it further

Resolved: That the Secretary of State be directed to send a copy of this resolution to the Williston Federated Church.

H.C.R. 230.

House concurrent resolution honoring Zoe Hardy for her outstanding leadership at Age Well Vermont

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

Whereas, Age Well in Essex is part of the State's designated Area Agencies on Aging for northwestern Vermont, and

Whereas, beginning in 1991, Zoe Hardy served as Age Well's assistant nutrition director, and from 1998 to 2016 as its nutrition director, and in these roles, she forged partnerships with technical centers and businesses, and

Whereas, her effective stewardship of Age Well's Meals on Wheels program included significant increases in the number of meals served, the establishment of two specialized meal sites to serve refugees, and the development of a large contingent of valued volunteers, and

Whereas, Zoe Hardy oversaw the Age Well Wellness program, featuring both the Strong Living and Tai chi for balance classes, and

Whereas, in 2020, Zoe Hardy is concluding her successful 29-year career at Age Well, and her expertise will be missed, now therefore be it

Resolved by the Senate and House of Representatives:

That the General Assembly honors Zoe Hardy for her outstanding leadership at Age Well Vermont, and be it further

Resolved: That the Secretary of State be directed to send a copy of this resolution to Zoe Hardy and to Age Well Vermont.

H.C.R. 231.

House concurrent resolution in memory of Bonnie L. Burke of Dorset

Offered by: Representative Sullivan of Dorset

Offered by: Senators Campion and Sears

Whereas, Bonnie Burke was a warm-hearted human being, who loved animals and maintained many friendships, both in person and online, and

Whereas, early in her career, Bonnie Burke worked as an occupational therapist for the Claremont, New Hampshire, public schools, and

Whereas, in 1986, her late husband, Albert Lepper, purchased a dilapidated hotel in East Dorset that was the birthplace of Alcoholics Anonymous (AA) founder, Bill Wilson; after restoring the building, he opened it as the nonprofit Wilson House hotel, where groups such as AA found a welcoming meeting location, and Bonnie Burke served as its administrator and board chair, and

Whereas, Bonnie Burke's life of helping others ended on December 18, 2019, and her survivors include her husband, Timothy, children, grandchildren, and great-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 Bonnie L. Burke of Dorset, and be it further

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

H.C.R. 232.

House concurrent resolution honoring Nancy Heydinger for her visionary leadership of Girls on the Run

Offered by: Representative Coffey of Guilford

Whereas, in 2000, Nancy Heydinger established Girls on the Run (GOTR) at Vernon Elementary School, primarily for her daughters, to enable them to "grow up loving themselves and feeling complete," and her husband, Tom, was a supportive volunteer colleague, and

Whereas, the next academic year, she extended her personal project to the Academy School, initiating an organizational transformation of GOTR into a professionally staffed program now serving third- through eighth-grade girls at more than 150 schools, and

Whereas, the 2019 iteration of GOTR's Brattleboro race involved approximately 1,000 young female runners from 40 schools, and

Whereas, Nancy Heydinger recently concluded her role as GOTR's executive director, but she intends to remain actively involved with the organization, now therefore be it

Resolved by the Senate and House of Representatives:

That the General Assembly honors Nancy Heydinger for her visionary leadership of Girls on the Run, and be it be further

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

H.C.R. 233.

House concurrent resolution congratulating Vermont's Free & Referral Clinics on its 25th anniversary

Offered by: Representative Scheu of Middlebury

Whereas, in 1995, five free health care clinics for the uninsured formed an informal coalition, and in 1997 this coalition was incorporated as the nonprofit Vermont Coalition of Clinics for the Uninsured, now known as Vermont's Free & Referral Clinics (VFRC), and

Whereas, in 1999, the General Assembly began appropriating funds, supporting the important work of VFRC, and

Whereas, since 1997, the clinics have served 64,000 Vermonters, and between 2007 and 2018 this number experienced a 94 percent increase, and

Whereas, in 2018, the assistance the nine clinics offered was valued at an estimated \$7.5 million, and they continue to play a critical health care role in Vermont, now therefore be it

Resolved by the Senate and House of Representatives:

That the General Assembly congratulates Vermont's Free & Referral Clinics on its 25th anniversary, and be it further

Resolved: That the Secretary of State be directed to send a copy of this resolution to VFRC in Middlebury.

H.C.R. 234.

House concurrent resolution honoring Herb Meyer for his community leadership in the towns of Guilford and Vernon

Offered by: Representative Coffey of Guilford

Whereas, starting with his U.S. military service during the Korean War, Herb Meyer has exemplified the best attributes of civic leadership, and

Whereas, in the town of Vernon, he was employed as a school custodian and as the local police chief, overseeing the municipality's public safety, and

Whereas, in the town of Guilford, Herb Meyer served as a board member of the Friends of Algiers Village, a nonprofit organization focused on restoring key historic buildings in the village; chaired the Algiers Fire District; and has been the town's coordinator of emergency management, and

Whereas, in 2007, the town of Guilford honored Herb Meyer as its Citizen of the Year, and

Whereas, Herb Meyer has completed half a century teaching hunter safety classes and remains civically active, now therefore be it

Resolved by the Senate and House of Representatives:

That the General Assembly honors Herb Meyer for his community leadership in the towns of Vernon and Guilford, and be it further

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

H.C.R. 235.

House concurrent resolution congratulating the 2019 Black River High School Presidents' Division IV championship baseball team

Offered by: Representative Nicoll of Ludlow

Offered by: Senators Nitka, Clarkson, and McCormack

Whereas, top-seeded Black River High School cruised to the Division IV playoffs, as did the Presidents' second-seeded rivals, the Danville Indians, and

Whereas, at UVM's Centennial Field, the skilled Presidents convincingly won the Division IV championship game by a score of 10–1, and

Whereas, the victorious Presidents were Dylan Ross, Tadgh Bannon, Joshua Cohen, Jack Boyle, Andrew Kubisek, Ryan Boyle, Zack Paul, Colby Clouart,

Travis Blake, Aiden Bortlein, Bowen Stark, Ryan Sheehan, Aaron Merrill, Dominic Valente, and Robert Hamel, and

Whereas, longtime Head Coach Jim O’Neil retired with a triumph and appreciated the support of assistant coaches Howard Paul, Katie O’Neil-Benson, and David O’Neil, now therefore be it

Resolved by the Senate and House of Representatives:

That the General Assembly congratulates the 2019 Black River High School Presidents’ Division IV championship baseball team, and be it further

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

H.C.R. 236.

House concurrent resolution in memory of Preservation Trust of Vermont Executive Director Paul Alan Bruhn

Offered by: All Members of the House

Offered by: All Members of the Senate

Whereas, Paul Bruhn graduated from Burlington High School and, following a brief stay at the University of Vermont, earned valuable tutelage in journalism, editing the *Chittenden Magazine*, and

Whereas, in 1974, he served as Patrick Leahy’s campaign manager and became his chief of staff in Washington, D.C., and

Whereas, in 1980, Paul Bruhn assumed development and leadership of the Preservation Trust of Vermont and stewarded its growth as a force for good across Vermont for the next 39 years, and

Whereas, the Vermont Land Trust awarded him its only Cowbird Award, because of his unique ability to inspire others to assume responsibility for difficult projects he initiated, and

Whereas, in cooperation with U.S. Senator Patrick Leahy, he created a national program supporting historic gathering places throughout the country, now known as “Bruhn Grants,” and

Whereas, public arts spaces were made possible and country stores preserved, in large part, because of Paul Bruhn’s energy and enthusiasm, and

Whereas, in 1986, Paul Bruhn was one of the leaders who created the Vermont Housing and Conservation Coalition, and the outgrowth has resulted in a \$358 million Vermont investment in constructing homes and preserving land, and

Whereas, Paul Bruhn was an advocate for smart growth and the creation and enhancement of the downtown tax credit program, and

Whereas, in leading the Preservation Trust of Vermont, he was a mentor to numerous Vermonters seeking to improve the quality of life in their communities, and Paul Bruhn's greatly admired leadership at the Trust continued until his death on September 19, 2019, now therefore be it

Resolved by the Senate and House of Representatives:

That the General Assembly extends its sincere condolences to the family and colleagues of Paul Alan Bruhn, and be it further

Resolved: That the Secretary of State be directed to send a copy of this resolution to the Preservation Trust of Vermont, Colleen O'Neill, Christine Graham, and Kathleen Stankevich.