

CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

ADDENDUM

TO THE

HOUSE CALENDAR

**Text of House Concurrent
Resolutions**

of

February 6, 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. 237.

House concurrent resolution in memory of former Representative James Munro Pedley of Northfield

Offered by: Representatives Donahue of Northfield and Goslant of Northfield

Offered by: Senators Cummings, Perchlik, and Pollina

Whereas, Jay Pedley was born in Lyndonville, but much of his life was centered in Northfield, and

Whereas, he graduated from Vermont Academy in Saxtons River, studied at Dartmouth College, and graduated from the University of Vermont with a degree in geology, and

Whereas, Jay Pedley served his country as a member of the U.S. Army, and

Whereas, his civilian employers included Eastman Kodak and the auto dealerships Davis Auto and Green Mountain Lincoln Mercury, and

Whereas, for 22 years, Jay Pedley owned and, with his family, operated Lemery's store in Northfield, and

Whereas, Jay Pedley was civic-minded and served as a member of the Northfield School Board, and

Whereas, municipal leadership was merely one element of Jay Pedley's public service, as he was elected for three consecutive terms as a member of the House of Representatives, sitting on the Committees on Education, Transportation, and Judiciary, and

Whereas, among the community organizations to which Jay Pedley belonged were the Northfield chapters of the Jaycees and Rotary, and

Whereas, Jay Pedley's special life passion for skiing was reflected in his skill as an accomplished ski racer and in his major leadership roles in the establishment of a rope tow at the foot of Garvey Hill, as a co-developer of the Northfield ski racing program, and as a youth-skiing coach, and he loved to ski on the challenging trails of Mad River Glen and Tuckerman Ravine on Mount Washington, and

Whereas, his record of accomplishments in divergent spheres of community service included his leadership as the long-serving treasurer of the Northfield Historical Society and taking a primary role in spearheading the fundraising campaign for constructing the pavilion in Northfield's new Water Street River Park, and

Whereas, Jay Pedley died on October 13, 2018, and his surviving family members will cherish his memory, now therefore be it

Resolved by the Senate and House of Representatives:

That the General Assembly extends its sincere condolences to the family of former Representative James Munro Pedley of Northfield, and be it further

Resolved: That the Secretary of State be directed to send a copy of this resolution to the members of the family of Jay Pedley.

H.C.R. 238.

House concurrent resolution honoring the community generosity of Josiah E. Miles and congratulating rk MILES Inc. of Manchester on its 80th anniversary

Offered by: Representatives Sullivan of Dorset, Browning of Arlington, and James of Manchester

Offered by: Senators Campion and Sears

Whereas, the Miles family's history in Vermont dates to the 1880s, when Fredrick Miles was a logger on Red Mountain, and in 1940, the family established rk MILES retail in Manchester, and

Whereas, rk MILES has thrived as a leading building supplies merchant, and this family-owned-and-operated business is expanding to ten stores, and

Whereas, this respected retailer has "an enduring commitment to the communities in which the company does business," and

Whereas, Josiah Miles, the current and third-generation owner, has demonstrated the company's concern for its community through its financial support of nonprofit organizations such as the Bennington County Habitat for Humanity, which supports affordable housing construction, now therefore be it

Resolved by the Senate and House of Representatives:

That the General Assembly honors the community generosity of Josiah E. Miles and congratulates rk MILES Inc. of Manchester on its 80th anniversary, and be it further

Resolved: That the Secretary of State be directed to send a copy of this resolution to Josiah E. Miles.

H.C.R. 239.

House concurrent resolution honoring Michael Bosworth for his community leadership roles in Windham County

Offered by: Representatives Kornheiser of Brattleboro, Burke of Brattleboro, and Toleno of Brattleboro

Offered by: Senators Balint and White

Whereas, in addition to a productive administrative career and an active athletic agenda, Michael Bosworth has served as a citizen volunteer, and

Whereas, he graduated from the College of the Holy Cross and earned graduate degrees from the University of Massachusetts Amherst and Western New England University, and

Whereas, his many volunteer roles have included chairing the boards of the Brattleboro Town Energy Committee and the Brattleboro Thermal Utility and serving on the board of Co-Op Power of Southern Vermont, and

Whereas, as a Brattleboro Town Meeting representative, and as a founding member and chair of the West Brattleboro Neighborhood Association, a leadership role he is concluding this year, Michael Bosworth has contributed informative and thoughtful ideas to the policy development process, now therefore be it

Resolved by the Senate and House of Representatives:

That the General Assembly honors Michael Bosworth for his community leadership roles in Windham County, and be it further

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

H.C.R. 240.

House concurrent resolution honoring the Vermont Foodbank and designating February 6, 2020 as Hunger Action Day at the State House

Offered by: Representatives Ralph of Hartland, Bancroft of Westford, Carroll of Bennington, Jerome of Brandon, Kornheiser of Brattleboro, Marcotte of Coventry, Morris of Springfield, and O'Sullivan of Burlington

Whereas, the Vermont Foodbank is the State's only food bank and reports that it annually distributes food to an estimated 153,000 food-insecure individuals, including nearly 34,000 youths and 26,000 older adults, and

Whereas, partnerships with food shelves, school-based programs, hospitals, meal sites, and other organizations are at the core of the Vermont Foodbank's ability to maximize its resources to feed as many food-insecure Vermonters as possible, and

Whereas, the Vermonters Feeding Vermonters program purchases fresh fruits and vegetables directly from local farmers, and the Vermont Foodbank uses this produce in meal servings distributed statewide, and

Whereas, Vermonters concerned about the continuing problem of food insecurity in our State are visiting the State House today, February 6, 2020, now therefore be it

Resolved by the Senate and House of Representatives:

That the General Assembly honors the Vermont Foodbank and designates February 6, 2020 as Hunger Action 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 Foodbank in Barre.

H.C.R. 241.

House concurrent resolution congratulating Marion Catherine Schaub Cutler on her 100th birthday

Offered by: Representatives Morrissey of Bennington, Bates of Bennington, and Corcoran of Bennington

Offered by: Senators Campion and Sears

Whereas, Marion Cutler's life began a century ago, in Philadelphia, Pennsylvania, on October 11, 1919, and

Whereas, on a visit to Bennington, she met Harold Cutler, and the couple wed in Philadelphia, Pennsylvania, on March 25, 1939, before settling in Bennington, and

Whereas, the Cutlers began a family that has grown to include children, grandchildren, and great-grandchildren, and

Whereas, Marion Cutler's career involved several jobs, including working as a manager at a local Montgomery Ward store, and

Whereas, she has relished her roles as a member and volunteer leader at St. Peter's Episcopal Church and as a Grey Lady at the now Southwestern Vermont Medical Center, now therefore be it

Resolved by the Senate and House of Representatives:

That the General Assembly congratulates Marion Catherine Schaub Cutler on her 100th birthday and extends to her best wishes, and be it further

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

H.C.R. 242.

House concurrent resolution designating Thursday, February 13, 2020 as Afterschool Day at the State House

Offered by: Representative Lanpher of Vergennes

Whereas, according to a Harvard University Graduate School of Education professor, children and youths from five through 18 years of age spend 80 percent of their waking time outside of school, and

Whereas, the Vermont Afterschool organization promotes programs for students during their nonschool time, and over 10,000 youngsters in the State have benefited from these parent-appreciated initiatives, and

Whereas, a national survey recorded that, of the students enrolled in afterschool programs, 68 percent improved their homework completion and class participation levels, and

Whereas, Vermont Afterschool reports that participants in afterschool programs reduce their amount of alcohol consumption and binge drinking, and

Whereas, today, February 13, 2020, representatives of afterschool programs are visiting the State House to discuss their experiences, now therefore be it

Resolved by the Senate and House of Representatives:

That the General Assembly designates Thursday, February 13, 2020 as Afterschool 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 Vermont Afterschool, Inc.

H.C.R. 243.

House concurrent resolution congratulating the members of the Vermont Eagle Scout class of 2019

Offered by: Representatives Fagan of Rutland City, Anthony of Barre City, Austin of Colchester, Bancroft of Westford, Batchelor of Derby, Beck of St. Johnsbury, Brennan of Colchester, Briglin of Thetford, Brownell of Pownal, Brumsted of Shelburne, Burke of Brattleboro, Canfield of Fair Haven, Chase of Colchester, Christensen of Weathersfield, Christie of Hartford, Colston of Winooski, Conlon of Cornwall, Corcoran of Bennington, Cupoli of Rutland City, Demrow of Corinth, Donahue of Northfield, Emmons of Springfield, Fegard of Berkshire, Gamache of Swanton, Gardner of Richmond, Goslant of Northfield, Graham of Williamstown, Haas of Rochester, Hango of Berkshire, Harrison of Chittenden, Hashim of Dummerston, Higley of Lowell, Hooper of Burlington, Howard of Rutland City, Jerome of Brandon, Johnson of South Hero, Killacky of South Burlington, LaLonde of South Burlington, Leffler of Enosburgh, Lippert of Hinesburg, Macaig of Williston, Marcotte of Coventry, Martel of Waterford, Masland of Thetford, McCormack of Burlington, McCoy of Poultney, McCullough of Williston, McFaun of Barre Town, Morgan of Milton, Morris of Springfield, Morrissey of Bennington, Murphy of Fairfax, Myers of Essex, Nicoll of Ludlow, Noyes of Wolcott, O'Brien of Tunbridge, Ode of Burlington, Page of Newport City, Palasik of Milton, Patt of Worcester, Potter of Clarendon, Pugh of South Burlington, Quimby of Concord, Ralph of Hartland, Redmond of Essex, Rosenquist of Georgia, Savage of Swanton, Seymour of Sutton, Shaw of Pittsford, Smith of New Haven, Sullivan of Dorset, Taylor of Colchester, Terenzini of Rutland Town, Till of Jericho, Toll of Danville, Townsend of South Burlington, Troiano of Stannard, and Yantachka of Charlotte

Offered by: All Members of the Senate

Whereas, Eagle is the highest rank that a member of the Boy Scouts of America can achieve, and earning the rank of Eagle requires commitment and perseverance, and

Whereas, the myriad merit badge requirements an Eagle Scout must complete to earn this honor encompass many useful skills, and

Whereas, Noah Coppola, Ethan Lareau, Brandon Perra, Daniel Rhodes, Jack Drew, Gabriel Niles, Ryan Adams, Christopher Therrien, Hunter Noyes, Luke Patriquin, Matthew Alibozek, Justice Bassette, Dillon Keenan, Gabriel Feeney, Noah Zitterkopf, Jason Crumb, Thomas Czwakiel, Seth Martin, Trevor Finaldi, Teagan Low, Alexander Naumann, Eli Rankin, Patrick Lepsic, Liam Degraff, Nathan Smullen, Caleb Beckwith, Ezra McDonald, Miles Mitchell, Erik Worthington, Teancum Worthington, Francis Ellis-Monaghan, Nathaniel Scandore, Dominick Wilder, Joshua Baker, Liam Haggerty, Ethan

Howard, Ryan Dowling, James Giannelli, Ross Macy, Theo Buker, Sabin Hart, Lucas Parascando, James Eustace, Micah Rieley, Cole ZuWallack, Reid ZuWallack, Zachary Brunelle, Collin Digby, Ian Digby, Zachary Foy, Kyle Quick, Jackson Sargent, Austin Russin, Graham Streeter, Brandon Smith, Nathan Smith, Jonathan Hutchinson, Julio Delgado, Devin Lacasse, Carson Molleur, Jacob Wilson, Dominic Hilliker, Matthew Durgin, Matthew Rice, and Hugh O'Donnell V, now therefore be it

Resolved by the Senate and House of Representatives:

That the General Assembly congratulates the members of the Vermont Eagle Scout class of 2019, and be it further

Resolved: That the Secretary of State be directed to send a copy of this resolution to each member of the Vermont Eagle Scout class of 2019.

H.C.R. 244.

House concurrent resolution congratulating the Vermont 2-1-1 referral support system on its 15th Anniversary and designating February 11, 2020 as Vermont 2-1-1 Day at the State House

Offered by: Representative Pugh of South Burlington

Whereas, in 2004, the Public Utilities Commission authorized the United Ways of Vermont to operate a 2-1-1 telephone referral support system, and it initiated operation in 2005, and

Whereas, since 2005, Vermont 2-1-1 has advanced technologically, and

Whereas, referrals offered through the 2-1-1 system now include over 1,000 agencies and 2,000-plus programs related to individual and family life, mental health assistance, and organizational and community services, and

Whereas, in 2019, Vermont 2-1-1 received a combined 32,323 telephone calls and text messages and made 25,040 referrals to specific service providers, and its website recorded 37,225 visits, now therefore be it

Resolved by the Senate and House of Representatives:

That the General Assembly congratulates the Vermont 2-1-1 referral support system on its 15th anniversary and designates February 11, 2020 as Vermont 2-1-1 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 Vermont 2-1-1.

H.C.R. 245.

House concurrent resolution designating February 12, 2020 as Farm-to-School Awareness Day at the State House

Offered by: Representatives Partridge of Windham, Bock of Chester, Fegard of Berkshire, Graham of Williamstown, Norris of Shoreham, O'Brien of Tunbridge, Bartholomew of Hartland, and Strong of Albany

Whereas, in 2007, the General Assembly established the Rozo McLaughlin Farm-to-School Program “for the purpose of helping Vermont schools develop relationships with local farmers and producers,” and

Whereas, according to the National Farm to School Network, this type of program “provides all kids access to nutritious, high-quality local food” and “can serve as a significant financial opportunity for farmers,” and

Whereas, the Vermont Agency of Agriculture, Food and Markets documented that between 2007 and 2018, the program impacted over 65,000 students and children, 163 schools, and 22 childcare programs, and

Whereas, today, February 12, 2020, Rozo McLaughlin Farm-to-School Program participants are visiting the State House to extol the program’s nutritional and economic benefits, now therefore be it

Resolved by the Senate and House of Representatives:

That the General Assembly designates February 12, 2020 as Farm-to-School 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 Vermont FEED.

H.C.R. 246.

House concurrent resolution designating February 13, 2020 as Suicide Prevention Day at the State House

Offered by: Representative Donahue of Northfield

Whereas, in 2018, 45,000 Americans, including 125 Vermonters, died by suicide, and

Whereas, during the past decade, 70 representatives of organizations and other individuals have coalesced as the Vermont Suicide Prevention Coalition, in alignment with the National Strategy for Suicide Prevention, and

Whereas, unfortunately, more than 70 percent of suicide victims in Vermont did not interact with the health care system, and

Whereas, the Agency of Human Services has recognized the importance of preventing suicides in Vermont and has developed an interdepartmental Suicide Prevention Data and Surveillance Work Group to address this problem, and

Whereas, Vermonters concerned about suicide are visiting the State House today to educate legislators regarding this societal mental health challenge, now therefore be it

Resolved by the Senate and House of Representatives:

That the General Assembly designates February 13, 2020 as Suicide Prevention 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 Suicide Prevention Coalition.

H.C.R. 247.

House concurrent resolution honoring James Pelkey for his public and community service in Franklin County

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

Whereas, James Pelkey graduated from BFA-St. Albans, the University of Vermont, and Gonzaga University School of Law, and practiced law in St. Albans City for 15 years, and

Whereas, in 1999, James Pelkey embarked on a new career as the Franklin County Court Clerk and, following the reorganization of Vermont's judiciary in 2009, assumed the additional duties of Franklin County civil court operations manager, bringing his knowledge of the court to these offices, and

Whereas, in the community, James Pelkey currently serves as a St. Albans City Alderperson and a justice of the peace, chaired the St. Albans City Democratic Committee, and sat on multiple scholarship committees, and

Whereas, although his successful judicial administrative tenure recently concluded, his civic roles will keep him active, now therefore be it

Resolved by the Senate and House of Representatives:

That the General Assembly honors James Pelkey for his public and community service in St. Albans, and be it further

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

H.C.R. 248.

House concurrent resolution congratulating the 2019 New England Patriots on winning Super Bowl LIII, the franchise's sixth football championship

Offered by: Representative Nicoll of Ludlow

Whereas, prior to the 2019 Super Bowl, the New England Patriots had achieved a near-legendary level of success under the leadership of Head Coach Bill Belichick and quarterback Tom Brady, and

Whereas, in the 2019 Super Bowl, the Patriots confronted the powerful Los Angeles Rams, and late in the game, New England scored both the sole touchdown and a field goal to secure a cherished 13–3 victory, and

Whereas, the Patriots' 2019 Super Bowl victory tied the record for the most Super Bowl crowns, and

Whereas, although the Patriots' magic did not provide a ticket to the 2020 Super Bowl, the nickname GOAT (Greatest of All Time) is widely associated with the team's amazing quarterback, Tom Brady, now therefore be it

Resolved by the Senate and House of Representatives:

That the General Assembly congratulates the 2019 New England Patriots on their historic record of success in the National Football League, and be it further

Resolved: That the Secretary of State be directed to send a copy of this resolution to the New England Patriots in Foxborough, Massachusetts.

H.C.R. 249.

House concurrent resolution honoring former West Rutland Fire Chief Joseph Skaza

Offered by: Representatives Burditt of West Rutland, Potter of Clarendon, Canfield of Fair Haven, Chesnut-Tangerman of Middletown Springs, Cupoli of Rutland City, Fagan of Rutland City, 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, Shaw of Pittsford, Sullivan of Dorset, and Terenzini of Rutland Town

Offered by: Senators Collamore, Hooker, and McNeil

Whereas, in 1972, Joseph Skaza volunteered to serve with the West Rutland Fire Department, and for 47 years, he responded to the fire alarm's ring, and

Whereas, Joseph Skaza's mastery of firefighting skills, combined with his strong managerial capabilities, resulted in his selection as West Rutland Fire Chief, and

Whereas, his successful 28-year leadership included fleet modernization, renovation of the fire station, enhanced working relationships with the fire departments of neighboring towns, and, perhaps most importantly, always bringing his colleagues home safely from every responded call, and

Whereas, Chief Joseph Skaza recently saw his son, Michael, assume the chief's position, and the 2019 West Rutland Town Report is honoring the former chief, who will maintain a firefighting role, now therefore be it

Resolved by the Senate and House of Representatives:

That the General Assembly honors former West Rutland Fire Chief Joseph Skaza, and be it further

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