CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

ADDENDUM

TO THE

HOUSE CALENDAR

Text of House Concurrent Resolutions

of

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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. 252.

House concurrent resolution congratulating Pathways Vermont on its 10th anniversary


Offered by: Senator Pearson

Whereas, in 2009, the federal Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration awarded its first rurally focused Housing First grant to the newly established Pathways Vermont, and

Whereas, through partnerships with the State of Vermont, Pathways Vermont broadened its mission to accelerate the deinstitutionalization from hospitals and prisons of these population groups, and

Whereas, Pathways Vermont’s Supportive Services for Veteran Families initiative tackles homelessness among Vermont’s U.S. military veterans, and the organization’s Vermont Support Line and Community Center are important services, and

Whereas, the Department of Mental Health has designated Pathways Vermont as a Specialized Services Agency, the first such designation since the 1980s, now therefore be it

Resolved by the Senate and House of Representatives:

That the General Assembly congratulates Pathways Vermont on its 10th anniversary and wishes it success in its future activities, and be it further
Resolved: That the Secretary of State be directed to send a copy of this resolution to Pathways Vermont.

H.C.R. 253.

House concurrent resolution congratulating Burlington International Airport on its centennial

Offered by: Representatives Rachelson of Burlington, Austin of Colchester, Brumsted of Shelburne, Burke of Brattleboro, Carroll of Bennington, Christie of Hartford, Colston of Winooski, Gonzalez of Winooski, Goslant of Northfield, Grad of Moretown, Killacky of South Burlington, Macaig of Williston, Masland of Thetford, O’Brien of Tunbridge, O’Sullivan of Burlington, Patt of Worcester, Potter of Clarendon, Redmond of Essex, Reed of Braintree, and Yantachka of Charlotte

Whereas, a Vermont aeronautical milestone occurred on August 14, 1920, when the first plane landed on a 72-acre former South Burlington cornfield that was later designated as the Burlington Municipal Airport and in 1969 was renamed Burlington International Airport (BTV), and

Whereas, the pioneer woman aviator Amelia Earhart landed here, and BTV was the aviation home for Grace Pugh, Vermont’s first female pilot, and

Whereas, twice during World War II, BTV, due to special wartime activity, was documented as the busiest airport in the world, and

Whereas, in 1946, the Vermont Air National Guard was established at BTV, and in 2020 it operates as a joint-use civilian–military airport, and

Whereas, airline passenger numbers are now robust, and BTV’s facilities continue to be enhanced for 21st-century air travel, now therefore be it

Resolved by the Senate and House of Representatives:

That the General Assembly congratulates Burlington International Airport on its centennial, and be it further

Resolved: That the Secretary of State be directed to send a copy of this resolution to the Director of Aviation at Burlington International Airport.

H.C.R. 254.

House concurrent resolution honoring Williston Town Clerk Deborah Beckett for her outstanding municipal public service

Offered by: Representatives Macaig of Williston and McCullough of Williston
Offered by: Senators Ingram and Lyons

Whereas, Deb Beckett has served the State of Vermont with distinction as a twice-deployed member of the Vermont Army National Guard, and

Whereas, she has held many appointed or elected Williston town offices, including lister, justice of the peace, town agent, town grand juror, cemetery commissioner, and member of the development review board, and

Whereas, for the past two decades, Deb Beckett has served as the respected Williston Town Clerk, and her professional colleagues have elected her to leadership roles at the Vermont League of Cities and Towns and the Vermont Municipal Clerks’ and Treasurers’ Association, and

Whereas, as Deb Beckett concludes her duties as town clerk, the Town of Williston is dedicating its 2019 Town Report in her honor, now therefore be it

Resolved by the Senate and House of Representatives:

That the General Assembly honors Williston Town Clerk Deborah Beckett for her outstanding municipal public service, and be it further

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

H.C.R. 255.

House concurrent resolution congratulating the 2019 Montpelier High School Solons State championship girls’ ultimate team

Offered by: Representatives Hooper of Montpelier and Kitzmiller of Montpelier

Whereas, prior to Vermont’s becoming the first State to grant varsity status to the sport of ultimate, the Montpelier High School Solons girls’ ultimate club won two State championships, and

Whereas, in the 2019 inaugural varsity girls’ ultimate championship game, the No. 1 Solons, playing at home, defeated the No. 3 Champlain Valley Union High School Redhawks, 15–8, securing a memorable victory, and

Whereas, the undefeated Solons were Althea Torrens-Martin, Apollonia Tabacco, Eliana Moorhead, Emma Harter, Grace Valentine, Izzy Maine-Torres, Jordan Allen-Brandon, Lillian Winters, Lucia McCallum, Mae Browning, Maple Perchlik, Mary Curran, Mikaela Luke-Currier, Nadia Scoppettone, Ruby Jennings, Saskia Cousins-Joyce, and Sophia Currier, and

Whereas, Head Coach Nolan Benoit was outstanding, now therefore be it

Resolved by the Senate and House of Representatives:
That the General Assembly congratulates the 2019 Montpelier High School Solons State championship girls’ ultimate team, and be it further

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

H.C.R. 256.

House concurrent resolution congratulating Robert Morlino of Pawlet on being named the 2019 Vermont Emergency Management Director of the Year

Offered by: Representative Chesnut-Tangerman of Middletown Springs
Offered by: Senators Collamore, Hooker, and McNeil

Whereas, Robert Morlino of Pawlet serves as his municipality’s emergency management director, in which role he coordinates among the town’s residents, local and State officials, and first responders, and

Whereas, he is one of the first emergency management directors in Vermont to complete the requirements for State certification, and

Whereas, an outstanding instance of Robert Morlino’s professionalism was demonstrated on January 19, 2019, when Flower Brook in Pawlet overflowed, and Robert Morlino effectively addressed the situation, and

Whereas, in recognition of his “excellence, knowledge, geniality, dedication, [and] being a teacher to others,” Robert Morlino, who is also a fire school instructor and local official, was named the Vermont Emergency Management Director of the Year, now therefore be it

Resolved by the Senate and House of Representatives:

That the General Assembly congratulates Robert Morlino on being named the 2019 Vermont Emergency Management Director of the Year, and be it further

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

H.C.R. 257.

House concurrent resolution honoring Norwich University’s 23rd President, Dr. Richard W. Schneider

Offered by: Representatives Grad of Moretown, Dolan of Waitsfield, Donahue of Northfield, Goslant of Northfield, Hango of Berkshire, Jessup of Middlesex, and Page of Newport City
Offered by: Senators Cummings, Perchlik, and Pollina

Whereas, Rear Admiral (Retired) Richard Schneider is a graduate of the U.S. Coast Guard Academy, and he earned a master’s degree from Wesleyan University and a doctorate at the University of Delaware, and

Whereas, in 1992, Norwich University, the nation’s oldest private military college, named Dr. Richard Schneider as the school’s 23rd president, and

Whereas, his appointment inaugurated a period of institutional advancement and architectural innovation and revitalization on the campus, and

Whereas, the College of Graduate and Continuing Studies has ushered Norwich University into the era of online degree programs, and

Whereas, Norwich University President Dr. Richard Schneider is concluding his visionary leadership after 28 memorable years, now therefore be it

Resolved by the Senate and House of Representatives:

That the General Assembly honors Norwich University’s 23rd President, Dr. Richard W. Schneider, and extends to him best future wishes, and be it further

Resolved: That the Secretary of State be directed to send a copy of this resolution to Richard Schneider and to the Sullivan Museum and History Center at Norwich University.

H.C.R. 258.

House concurrent resolution congratulating the 2019 White River Valley High School Wildcats Division III championship softball team

Offered by: Representatives O’Brien of Tunbridge and Haas of Rochester

Whereas, at the Division III championship game, played in Castleton, the No. 3 White River Valley High School Wildcats, in their inaugural season, faced a challenging opponent in the top-seeded BFA-Fairfax Bullets, and

Whereas, in this exciting contest, the Wildcats emerged with a 7–3 victory, clinched the Division III title, and completed a great 17–3 season, and

Whereas, the Wildcats, who represented their school with glory, were Sarah Howe, Sophie Howe, Julia Morse, Emily Tursky, Blake Southworth, Fiona Vaillancourt, Chelsie Trask, Toni Turner, Hannah White, Izzy Durkee, Taylor Rogers, Macey Carbino, Heather Winters, and Paige Ballentine, and

Whereas, Head Coach Sandy Gates and Assistant Coach Willy Walker were superb advisors and supporters of the team, now therefore be it
Resolved by the Senate and House of Representatives:

That the General Assembly congratulates the 2019 White River Valley High School Wildcats Division III championship softball team, and be it further

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

H.C.R. 259.

House concurrent resolution congratulating the 2019 White River Valley High School Wildcats Division III championship baseball team

Offered by: Representatives O’Brien of Tunbridge and Haas of Rochester

Whereas, the No. 1-seeded White River Valley High School Wildcats, playing their inaugural season, reached the championship game, at which the No. 3 Vergennes Union High School Commodores were their opponents, and

Whereas, when the teams met at UVM’s Centennial Field, the Wildcats convincingly outscored the Commodores 9–5 to clinch their first title, and

Whereas, the undefeated Wildcats were Gabriel Feeney, Fausto Vazquez, Triston Irish, Jacob Hewitt, George Carr, Timber Russell, Zeb Perreault, Logan Martin, Jacob Barry, Carder Stratton, Tyler Ballentine, Weston Trombly, Elijah Kinsley, Dominic Craven, Jamesen Roussel, Arliss Spaulding, Donovan Forcier, Austin Tracy, Scotty Flesch, and Bazel Russell, and

Whereas, Head Coach Devin Cilley and assistant coaches Paul Brock, Justin Wardwell, and Dennis Cilley were great mentors, now therefore be it

Resolved by the Senate and House of Representatives:

That the General Assembly congratulates the 2019 White River Valley High School Wildcats Division III championship baseball team, and be it further

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

H.C.R. 260.

House concurrent resolution congratulating the 2019 Montpelier High School Solons State championship boys’ ultimate team

Offered by: Representatives Hooper of Montpelier and Kitzmiller of Montpelier
Whereas, prior to Vermont’s becoming the first State to grant varsity status to the sport of ultimate, the Montpelier High School Solons boys’ ultimate club won two State championships, and

Whereas, in the first boys’ ultimate varsity championship game, the top-ranked Solons, playing on their home field, defeated the sixth-seeded Burlington High School Seahorses, 14–9, earning a historic victory, and

Whereas, the undefeated Solons were Liam Casey, Gavin Corbett-Valade, Gabe Crane, Colin Desch, Hayden Ellms, Davis Hart, Max Hughes, Ian Keene, Silvan Padberg, Ethan Rubin, Remi Savard, Sarvesh Sharma, Anders Shenholm, Jason Tomasi, and Kaleth Torrens-Martin, and

Whereas, coaches Anne Watson and Peter Hooper were ideal team tacticians, now therefore be it

Resolved by the Senate and House of Representatives:

That the General Assembly congratulates the 2019 Montpelier High School Solons State championship boys’ ultimate team, and be it further

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

H.C.R. 261.

House concurrent resolution commemorating the 400th anniversary of the Mayflower’s arrival in the New World

Offered by: Representative O’Brien of Tunbridge

Offered by: Senators Hooker, Benning, Collamore, Lyons, Mazza, McNeil, Rodgers, and Sears

Whereas, on September 6, 1620, a group of English subjects, including Puritan separatists, departed from Plymouth, England, on a small ship, the Mayflower, bound for Virginia, where it had permission to settle, and

Whereas, the harsh weather the Mayflower encountered altered its course, and on November 9, 1620, the ship arrived at Cape Cod, and the group chose an area it named Plymouth to establish a settlement, and

Whereas, the Mayflower passengers created a document known as the Mayflower Compact, which formed a basis for a civil government, and

Whereas, in 1927, 22 Vermont descendants of Mayflower passengers established the Vermont Society of Mayflower Descendants, and

Whereas, the year 2020 marks the 400th anniversary of the Mayflower’s historic and treacherous voyage across the Atlantic Ocean, now therefore be it
Resolved by the Senate and House of Representatives:

That the General Assembly commemorates the 400th anniversary of the Mayflower’s arrival in the New World, and be it further

Resolved: That the Secretary of State be directed to send a copy of this resolution to the Vermont Society of Mayflower Descendants

H.C.R. 262.

House concurrent resolution congratulating Heritage Landscapes and Patricia O’Donnell on receipt of the 2019 Landscape Architecture Firm Award

Offered by: Representative Yantachka of Charlotte

Whereas, a top honor that the American Society of Landscape Architecture bestows is the Landscape Architecture Firm Award, and the recipient is usually a large firm with a practice focused on contemporary landscape designs, and

Whereas, in 1987, Patricia O’Donnell established Heritage Landscapes, a small Charlotte firm that also operates in Norwalk, Connecticut, and that specializes in historic preservation work, and

Whereas, Heritage Landscapes has worked on over 500 projects, both domestically and internationally, including at Shelburne Farms, and

Whereas, for this small Charlotte landscape architecture firm, focused exclusively on the historic preservation of “parks, museums, cemeteries, and other public places,” the receipt of the Landscape Architecture Firm Award is an especially significant honor, now therefore be it

Resolved by the Senate and House of Representatives:

That the General Assembly congratulates Heritage Landscapes and Patricia O’Donnell on receipt of the 2019 Landscape Architecture Firm Award, and be it further

Resolved: That the Secretary of State be directed to send a copy of this resolution to Patricia O’Donnell at Heritage Landscapes in Charlotte.

H.C.R. 263.

House concurrent resolution in memory of journalist and former State and Barre City official Arthur Anton Ristau

Offered by: Representatives Anthony of Barre City, LaClair of Barre Town, McFaun of Barre Town, and Walz of Barre City

Offered by: Senators Cummings, Perchlik, and Pollina
Whereas, Arthur Ristau began his unique Vermont career as the state Associated Press manager, but public service was his true calling, and

Whereas, he served as an assistant to Governor Hoff, Director of Planning and Secretary of Transportation for Governor Salmon, and Liquor Commissioner under Governors Kunin, Snelling, and Dean, and Governor Dean appointed Arthur Ristau to the Lottery Commission, which he chaired for 12 years, and he chaired the Vermont State Housing Authority, and

Whereas, in Barre City, Arthur Ristau was appointed City Manager and was elected twice to the City Council, and

Whereas, he worked on the presidential campaigns of Robert and Edward Kennedy and contributed articles to Vermont Life and golfing magazines, and

Whereas, Arthur Anton Ristau died on January 22, 2020, and his survivors include his wife, Anita, 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 Arthur Anton Ristau of Barre City, and be it further

Resolved: That the Secretary of State be directed to send a copy of this resolution to the members of Arthur Ristau’s family.

H.C.R. 264.

House concurrent resolution honoring the Vermont Senior Games Association


Whereas, the Vermont Senior Games Association (VSGA) was created in 1983 and promotes fun, fitness, and fellowship for Vermonters 50 years of age and older through informal athletic activities and structured competitions, and

Whereas, each year, VSGA organizes the Vermont Senior Games, which is the state’s qualifying competition for athletes aspiring to participate in the challenging biennial National Senior Games, and

Whereas, at the 2019 National Senior Games held in Albuquerque, New Mexico, Vermonters proudly earned 15 gold, 9 silver, and 13 bronze medals, and

Whereas, today, February 26, 2020, advocates for senior physical fitness, including representatives of the VSGA and the Governor’s Council on Physical Fitness, are gathered at the State House to celebrate senior athletes, now therefore be it

Resolved by the Senate and House of Representatives:

That the General Assembly honors the Vermont Senior Games Association, and be it further

Resolved: That the Secretary of State be directed to send a copy of this resolution to the Vermont Senior Games Association.

H.C.R. 265.

House concurrent resolution in memory of Jake Burton Carpenter of Stowe

Offered by: All Members of the House

Offered by: All Members of the Senate

Whereas, snowboarding’s wintertime prominence can be attributed to the pioneer of the sport, Jake Carpenter, who, at 23 years of age, established Burton Snowboards in his Vermont barn, using piano manufacturing equipment for his early design and construction efforts, and

Whereas, starting with a Snurfer, the snowboard’s predecessor, Jake Carpenter experimented with 100 prototypes, and

Whereas, he and Burton Snowboards became snowboarding’s pioneers and top promoters, and
Whereas, teaching snowboarding to children was a personal priority, and Jake Carpenter and his wife, Donna, established the Chill Foundation, which provides free snowboarding programs for children, and

Whereas, in November 2019, Vermonters, including the State’s political leaders, were saddened to learn that Jake Carpenter, whose survivors include his wife and children, had died at 65 years of age, now therefore be it

Resolved by the Senate and House of Representatives:

That the General Assembly expresses its sincere condolences to the family of Jake Burton Carpenter of Stowe, and be it further

Resolved: That the Secretary of State be directed to send a copy of this resolution to the family of Jake Burton and to Burton Snowboards.

S.C.R. 18.

By Senators Campion and Sears,

By Representatives Morrissey of Bennington, Bates of Bennington, Carroll of Bennington, and Corcoran of Bennington,

S.C.R. 18. Senate concurrent resolution honoring Eric Peterson for his visionary leadership at the Oldcastle Theatre Company in Bennington.

Whereas, in 1972, Eric Peterson cofounded a theatrical touring company known as the Oldcastle Theatre Company that performed in several states, and

Whereas, the company eventually established residence in Bennington, first at Southern Vermont College, then at the Bennington Center for the Arts, and in 2011, in its own renovated space on Main Street, and

Whereas, Eric Peterson staged more than 300 plays and served in acting, directing, playwriting, and teaching roles, and

Whereas, under his award-winning leadership, Oldcastle presented plays with a Vermont focus, including 109 Hats to Bennington, and

Whereas, after 48 years of association with the Oldcastle Theatre Company, Eric Peterson is concluding his role as Artistic Director, now therefore be it

Resolved by the Senate and House of Representatives:

That the General Assembly honors Eric Peterson for his visionary leadership at the Oldcastle Theatre Company in Bennington, and be it further

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