

CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

ADDENDUM

TO THE

HOUSE CALENDAR

**Text of House Concurrent
Resolutions**

of

March 12, 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. 287.

House concurrent resolution designating Thursday, March 19, 2020 as Social Work Advocacy Day at the State House

Offered by: Representatives Cina of Burlington, Pugh of South Burlington, and Ancel of Calais

Whereas, social workers are focused on assisting persons living in poverty, the oppressed, and the vulnerable, and they work to empower persons to achieve their full potential, and

Whereas, there are social workers in a variety of settings, such as corporations, the federal government, hospitals, local and state governments, mental health centers, schools, and veterans' centers, and

Whereas, members of civil rights, cultural, ethnic, and religious groups, as well as lawmakers, work closely with social workers, and

Whereas, social workers are in the forefront of efforts to make our State and nation a better place to live, and

Whereas, today, March 19, 2020, social workers are visiting the State House to discuss the importance of their profession, now therefore be it

Resolved by the Senate and House of Representatives:

That the General Assembly designates Thursday, March 19, 2020 as Social Work Advocacy 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 Chapter of the National Association of Social Workers.

H.C.R. 288.

House concurrent resolution congratulating the Central Vermont Council on Aging on its 40th anniversary

Offered by: Representatives Wood of Waterbury and Noyes of Wolcott

Whereas, the Central Vermont Council on Aging was established in 1980 as a Vermont Area Agency on Aging, and it continues to serve older Vermonters in 54 towns, and

Whereas, a primary objective of the Central Vermont Council on Aging is to support central Vermonters to age with dignity and choice, and

Whereas, a core value that the Central Vermont Council on Aging upholds is the respect and empowerment of older Vermonters, and

Whereas, the many services that the Central Vermont Council on Aging offers include case management, a help line, access to benefits, long-term care planning, transportation support, and Meals on Wheels, and

Whereas, the Central Vermont Council on Aging is a 2020 recipient of the Governor's Excellence in Worksite Wellness–GOLD Level Award, now therefore be it

Resolved by the Senate and House of Representatives:

That the General Assembly congratulates the Central Vermont Council on Aging on its 40th anniversary, and be it further

Resolved: That the Secretary of State be directed to send a copy of this resolution to the Central Vermont Council on Aging in Barre.

H.C.R. 289.

House concurrent resolution in memory of Anthony Ernest Morgan of West Rutland

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, Jerome of Brandon, McCoy of Poultney, Norris of Shoreham, Notte of Rutland City, Shaw of Pittsford, and Terenzini of Rutland Town

Offered by: Senators Collamore, Hooker, and McNeil

Whereas, Anthony Morgan graduated from Otter Valley Union High School and what is now Castleton State University, and

Whereas, for over a quarter of a century, he was employed at the Vermont Office of Economic Opportunity, where his effectiveness in assisting those striving to achieve a better quality of life resulted in his appointment as its director, and

Whereas, apart from his State government career, Anthony Morgan assisted his local community as founder of the West Rutland Food Shelf, served as

executive director of the Rutland Community Free Clinic, and was a dedicated advocate for veterans, and

Whereas, Anthony Morgan died at 70 years of age on December 24, 2019, and his survivors include his wife, Christine, and his stepchildren, now therefore be it

Resolved by the Senate and House of Representatives:

That the General Assembly extends its sincere condolences to the family of Anthony Ernest Morgan of West Rutland, and be it further

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

H.C.R. 290.

House concurrent resolution recognizing April as the Month of the Military Child in Vermont

Offered by: House Committee on General, Housing, and Military Affairs

Whereas, children of military personnel experience a degree of transience and life pressures, such as overseas parental deployments, that are largely unknown to the children of civilians, and

Whereas, the Month of the Military Child acknowledges the unique challenges military children encounter, and

Whereas, the mission of the Vermont National Guard's Child and Youth Program, which supports over 4,000 children and families, is "to positively impact soldier and family readiness, resilience, and retention," and the program's goals are to "provide life-skills and peer-to-peer connections to increase overall soldier and family readiness," and

Whereas, today, April 7, 2019, Vermont's military youths and their parents are visiting the State House to celebrate their special place in our communities, now therefore be it

Resolved by the Senate and House of Representatives:

That the General Assembly recognizes April as the Month of the Military Child in Vermont, and be it further

Resolved: That the Secretary of State be directed to send a copy of this resolution to the Vermont Military and Family Support Center in Colchester.

H.C.R. 291.

House concurrent resolution in memory of former Representative and Royalton Town Moderator David M. Ainsworth

Offered by: Representative O'Brien of Tunbridge

Offered by: Senators Clarkson, MacDonald, McCormack, and Nitka

Whereas, former Representative David Ainsworth, a graduate of South Royalton High School and the University of Vermont, served a legislative tenure (2007–2010 and 2017–2018) that featured close elections, and

Whereas, as a fifth-generation dairy farmer, David Ainsworth was a passionate advocate for Vermont's family-owned farms, especially through his leadership roles in the VT Farm Bureau and at the Cabot/Agri-Mark Cooperative, and he served as the Royalton Town Moderator and as a justice of the peace, and

Whereas, as a member of the House Committee on Agriculture and subsequently, of the Committee on Natural Resources, Fish, and Wildlife, he brought an experienced farmer's perspective to the deliberations, and

Whereas, David Ainsworth died on May 31, 2019, and his survivors include his wife, Peggy, his 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 former Representative David M. Ainsworth of Royalton, 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 former Representative David Ainsworth.

H.C.R. 292.

House concurrent resolution congratulating the University of Vermont Extension and WCAX-TV on the 65th anniversary of the *Across the Fence* television program

Offered by: Representatives Smith of Derby, Austin of Colchester, Bancroft of Westford, Bartholomew of Hartland, Batchelor of Derby, Birong of Vergennes, Bock of Chester, Brennan of Colchester, Burditt of West Rutland, Burke of Brattleboro, Canfield of Fair Haven, Carroll of Bennington, Chase of Colchester, Chesnut-Tangerman of Middletown Springs, Christie of Hartford, Coffey of Guilford, Colburn of Burlington, Corcoran of Bennington, Cordes of Lincoln, Cupoli of Rutland City, Dickinson of St. Albans Town,

Donahue of Northfield, Donovan of Burlington, Durfee of Shaftsbury, Elder of Starksboro, Emmons of Springfield, Gannon of Wilmington, Goslant of Northfield, Grad of Moretown, Graham of Williamstown, Gregoire of Fairfield, Hango of Berkshire, Helm of Fair Haven, Higley of Lowell, Hooper of Randolph, James of Manchester, Jerome of Brandon, Kitzmiller of Montpelier, Krowinski of Burlington, LaClair of Barre Town, LaLonde of South Burlington, Lefebvre of Newark, Leffler of Enosburgh, Marcotte of Coventry, Martel of Waterford, Morgan of Milton, Morris of Springfield, Morrissey of Bennington, Mrowicki of Putney, Murphy of Fairfax, Myers of Essex, Nicoll of Ludlow, Norris of Shoreham, Notte of Rutland City, Noyes of Wolcott, O'Brien of Tunbridge, Ode of Burlington, Page of Newport City, Partridge of Windham, Pugh of South Burlington, Ralph of Hartland, Redmond of Essex, Rogers of Waterville, Savage of Swanton, Shaw of Pittsford, Smith of New Haven, Squirrell of Underhill, Strong of Albany, Sullivan of Dorset, Szott of Barnard, Terenzini of Rutland Town, Toof of St. Albans Town, Townsend of South Burlington, and White of Hartford

Whereas, the *Across the Fence* television program, a joint production of the University of Vermont (UVM) Extension and WCAX-TV, focuses on UVM activities of community interest, including topics associated with home economics and farming, and

Whereas, the inaugural telecast aired on February 14, 1955, when the television medium was still new in Vermont, and

Whereas, this television program represents the only continuing collaboration in the country between a commercial television station and a university's extension service, and

Whereas, *Across the Fence* includes both in-studio and on-location segments and has aired 16,900 episodes over 65 years, now therefore be it

Resolved by the Senate and House of Representatives:

That the General Assembly congratulates the University of Vermont Extension and WCAX-TV on the 65th anniversary of the *Across the Fence* television program, and be it further

Resolved: That the Secretary of State be directed to send a copy of this resolution to the UVM Extension and WCAX-TV.

H.C.R. 293.

House concurrent resolution honoring the U.S. Navy submarine *Vermont* (SSN 792), its Pre-Commissioning Unit, and its Commissioning Committee

Offered by: Representatives Potter of Clarendon, Bartholomew of Hartland, Beck of St. Johnsbury, Brennan of Colchester, Canfield of Fair Haven, Copeland Hanzas of Bradford, Cupoli of Rutland City, Fagan of Rutland City, Gregoire of Fairfield, Helm of Fair Haven, Higley of Lowell, Morgan of Milton, Page of Newport City, Rosenquist of Georgia, Smith of Derby, Stevens of Waterbury, Troiano of Stannard, and Walz of Barre City

Offered by: Senators Ashe, Brock, and MacDonald

Whereas, the U.S. Navy submarine *Vermont* (SSN 792) is under construction at the Electric Boat Company in Groton, Connecticut, and

Whereas, the *Vermont* is the third U.S. Navy warship to be named in honor of the State of Vermont and is the third U.S. nuclear submarine with a Vermont-related name, and

Whereas, on October 20, 2018, the sponsor of the *Vermont*, former Deputy Assistant Secretary of the Navy (for Ships) Gloria Lynn Valdez, christened the submarine, and

Whereas, the *Vermont* (SSN 792) Commissioning Committee has been established to provide a positive and lasting relationship with the submarine's Pre-Commissioning Unit and to support the *Vermont*, her crew, and major events associated with the commissioning ceremony, and

Whereas, upon its commissioning, planned for April 18, 2020, the submarine will become the USS *Vermont* (SSN 792) and join the U.S. Navy's fleet as the 19th Virginia class submarine, now therefore be it

Resolved by the Senate and House of Representatives:

That the General Assembly honors the U.S. Navy submarine *Vermont* (SSN 792), the officers and enlisted personnel of its Pre-Commissioning Unit, and its Commissioning Committee, and be it further

Resolved: That the Secretary of State be directed to send a copy of this resolution to the *Vermont* and to its Commissioning Committee.

H.C.R. 294.

House concurrent resolution honoring Don Myers on his half-century membership in the Bennington Fire Department

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

Offered by: Senators Campion and Sears

Whereas, Don Myers graduated from Bennington High School's final class, and he is a U.S. Army Vietnam veteran, and

Whereas, on August 8, 1970, Don Myers joined the Putnam Hose Company Number 3 of the Bennington Fire Department, and

Whereas, his dedication to volunteering as a firefighter has spanned 50 years, and

Whereas, in addition to extinguishing blazes and responding to other emergencies, Don Myers has long served as a departmental trustee and is currently its treasurer, and

Whereas, in the community, his fraternal organization memberships include the local VFW, the American Legion, and the Elks Club, and

Whereas, Don Myers epitomizes the best attributes of public service, now therefore be it

Resolved by the Senate and House of Representatives:

That the General Assembly honors Don Myers on his half-century membership in the Bennington Fire Department, and be it further

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

H.C.R. 295.

House concurrent resolution designating Wednesday, March 18, 2020 as Alzheimer's Awareness Day at the State House

Offered by: Representative Noyes of Wolcott

Whereas, Alzheimer's disease affects 5.8 million Americans, including 13,000 Vermonters, and

Whereas, more than 16 million caretakers nationally, including 30,000 within Vermont, devote their lives to treating persons with Alzheimer's disease, and

Whereas, in 2019, the cost to the nation of all forms of dementia was \$290 billion, and

Whereas, Alzheimer's disease is the nation's sixth-leading cause of death, and Vermont is the state with the sixth-highest Alzheimer's death rate, and

Whereas, representatives of the Vermont Chapter of the Alzheimer's Association are visiting the State House today, March 18, 2020, to educate State legislators about the societal costs of this terrible disease, now therefore be it

Resolved by the Senate and House of Representatives:

That the General Assembly designates Wednesday, March 18, 2020 as Alzheimer's 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 Chapter of the Alzheimer's Association.

H.C.R. 296.

House concurrent resolution honoring former Representative Alice Miller of Shaftsbury on her receipt of the 2020 Vermont Higher Education Excellence Award

Offered by: Representatives Durfee of Shaftsbury and James of Manchester

Whereas, Alice Miller graduated from North Bennington High School and Bennington College, earned a master's degree at the Bank Street College of Education, and pursued postgraduate studies at New York University, and

Whereas, she taught and consulted as a special educator, worked with Head Start, and held supervisory positions at Bennington College, and

Whereas, for 22 years, Alice Miller represented Shaftsbury in the House of Representatives, and for many years she was the General Assembly's appointee to the New England Board of Higher Education, and

Whereas, in recognition of her outstanding board service, Alice Miller is being presented the organization's 2020 Vermont Higher Education Excellence Award, now therefore be it

Resolved by the Senate and House of Representatives:

That the General Assembly honors former Representative Alice Miller of Shaftsbury on her receipt of the 2020 Vermont Higher Education Excellence Award, and be it further

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