CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

ADDENDUM

TO THE

HOUSE CALENDAR

Text of House Concurrent Resolutions

of

September 17, 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. 325.

House concurrent resolution congratulating the 2019 Brattleboro Union High School Colonels Division II championship football team

Offered by: Representatives Burke of Brattleboro, Coffey of Guilford, Hashim of Dummerston, Mrowicki of Putney, Kornheiser of Brattleboro, and Toleno of Brattleboro

Whereas, in the Division II championship, played in Rutland, the top-seeded Brattleboro Colonels overwhelmed the second-seeded Bellows Falls Terriers, 46–7, for the Colonels’ first football crown in 46 years, and

Whereas, the ecstatic Colonels who went 11–0 on the season were Aaron Petrie, Tyler Millerick, Trinley Warren, Henry Thurber, Conrad Auerbach, Calvin Gould, Lucas Dlubac, Robert Vergobbe, Gavin Howard, Derek Parsons, Christopher Frost, Hunter Boyd, Gabriel Maia, Spencer Lawrence, Timothy Velazquez, Cobe Mager, Joseph Koes, Reed McKay, Jem Cohen, Ruchan Karagoz, Samuel Fontaine, Elijah Isham, Nicholas Lawrence, Jacob Gouger, Noah White, Alexander Kendall, Kerry Gould, Tyler McNary, Carter Weeks, Trevor Morrison, Reed Sargent, and Austin Jobin, and

Whereas, Head Coach Chad Pacheco and assistant coaches Michael Empey, Todd Pacheco, Tanner Luopa, and Michael Rooney were invaluable, now therefore be it

Resolved by the Senate and House of Representatives:

That the General Assembly congratulates the 2019 Brattleboro Union High School Colonels Division II championship football team, and be it further

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

H.C.R. 326.

House concurrent resolution commemorating the 50th anniversary of Green Up Day and honoring Melinda Vieux for her superb organizational leadership
Offered by: Representative Ancel of Calais

Whereas, in 1970, Governor Deane C. Davis established Green Up Day as an annual statewide event to beautify Vermont, and in 1979, responsibility for this event was assigned to a new nonprofit named Vermont Green Up Inc., and

Whereas, in 1996, when the organization’s future was in jeopardy, its board appointed Melinda Vieux, a veteran Vermont nonprofit manager, as its executive director, and she later served as its president, and

Whereas, during her innovative 21-year tenure, Melinda Vieux revitalized Vermont Green Up Inc., established town coordinators in every municipality, and tripled the number of volunteers, and

Whereas, as a result of her initiative, in 2014, the General Assembly designated the first Saturday in May as Green Up Day and adopted a Vermont income tax checkoff to benefit Vermont Green Up Inc., now therefore be it

Resolved by the House of Representatives

That the General Assembly commemorates the 50th anniversary of Green Up Day and honors Melinda Vieux for her superb organizational leadership, and be it further

Resolved: That the Secretary of State be directed to send a copy of this resolution to Vermont Green Up Inc. and Melinda Vieux.

H.C.R. 327.

House concurrent resolution honoring former Georgia Conservation Commission Chair Kent Henderson for his outstanding municipal public service

Representative Rosenquist of Georgia

Whereas, during his 13-year tenure as a member of the Georgia Conservation Commission (GCC), Kent Henderson’s worthy initiatives improved many aspects of the town’s natural resources, and

Whereas, one of his successful endeavors was securing a grant for the commission to develop remediation options for stream bank erosion, and

Whereas, enhancing town forests and facilitating the construction of recreational trails were important aspects of Kent Henderson’s portfolio, and

Whereas, Kent Henderson served refreshments at Green Up Day activities and sat on the board of the Friends of Northern Lake Champlain, and
Whereas, his GCC colleagues selected Kent Henderson to serve as the commission’s vice chair (2009–2014) and chair (2015–2016), now therefore be it

Resolved by the Senate and House of Representatives:

That the General Assembly honors former Georgia Conservation Commission Chair Kent Henderson for his outstanding municipal public service, and be it further

Resolved: That the Clerk of the House be directed to send a copy of this resolution to Kent Henderson in Georgia.

H.C.R. 328.

House concurrent resolution honoring former Montpelier Police Chief Anthony John Facos for 33 years of dedicated municipal public service

Offered by: Representatives Kitzmiller of Montpelier and Hooper of Montpelier

Whereas, Anthony Facos graduated from the Vermont Police Academy, Norwich University—where he earned a bachelor’s and a master’s degree—and the FBI National Academy, and he taught law enforcement classes, and

Whereas, he first served as an auxiliary Vermont State Police trooper, primarily assigned to marine patrol duties, and then became a police officer in Montpelier, where he started the department’s Mountain Bike Patrol in 1993, was promoted to the rank of sergeant in 1997, and in 2007, as a result of his many accomplishments, was appointed Chief of Police, a position he held, with honor, until 2020, and

Whereas, Chief Facos’s crime-reduction efforts were recognized when Montpelier was named Best State Capital to Live In for 2015 and Safest Capital City in 2016, now therefore be it

Resolved by the Senate and House of Representatives:

That the General Assembly honors former Montpelier Police Chief Anthony John Facos for 33 years of dedicated municipal public service, and be it further

Resolved: That the Secretary of State be directed to send a copy of this resolution to Anthony Facos and the Montpelier City Clerk.
H.C.R. 329.

House concurrent resolution celebrating the centennial of universal women’s suffrage and General Assembly membership

Offered by: All Members of the House of Representatives

Whereas, as long ago as 1777, Abigail Adams wrote that women “will not hold ourselves bound by any laws [in] which we have no voice,” and

Whereas, in 1848, the first Women’s Rights Conference convened in Seneca Falls, New York, and in 1850, the first National Women’s Rights Convention assembled in Worcester, Massachusetts, and

Whereas, with this foundation, in 1878, the women’s suffrage amendment to the U.S. Constitution started its long enactment journey, eventually achieving congressional approval as the 19th Amendment on June 4, 1919; the states’ ratification was finalized with Tennessee’s approval on August 18, 1920; and federal certification occurred on August 26, 1920, and

Whereas, 28,159 Vermont women registered to vote in the 1920 election, and

Whereas, in Vermont, the 19th Amendment qualified Edna Beard of Orange to stand for election to State office, and she became the first female member of the Vermont House of Representatives in 1921 and, two years later, achieved a similar distinction in the Vermont Senate, now therefore be it

Resolved by the Senate and House of Representatives:

That the General Assembly celebrates the centennial of universal women’s suffrage and General Assembly membership, and be it further

Resolved: That the Secretary of State be directed to send a copy of this resolution to the Vermont Suffrage Centennial Alliance, a project of the League of Women Voters of Vermont’s Education Fund, and to the Vermont Commission on Women.

H.C.R. 330.

House concurrent resolution congratulating Marjorie Adeline (Brown) LaValley on her 100th birthday

Offered by: Representative Quimby of Concord

Whereas, on September 27, 1920, Bert and Dora Brown welcomed Lunenburg’s newest resident and their first child, Marjorie, and

Whereas, she graduated from high school at the Goddard Seminary, and on January 9, 1939, married Albert LaValley, and
Whereas, Marjorie LaValley performed as a church organist and chorister and held leadership roles at the Lancaster (NH) Assembly of God, and

Whereas, her family spent many happy years at its Neal’s Pond camp, and

Whereas, this avid craftswoman is a fan of mystery novels, crossword puzzles, the Boston Red Sox, and the New England Patriots, and she is a proud mother, grandmother, and great-grandmother, now therefore be it

Resolved by the Senate and House of Representatives:

That the General Assembly congratulates and extends best wishes to Marjorie Adeline (Brown) LaValley as she celebrates her 100th birthday, and be it further

Resolved: That the Secretary of State be directed to send a copy of this resolution to Marjorie LaValley in Lunenburg.

H.C.R. 331.

House concurrent resolution congratulating Jennifer H. Wood as the 2020 Vermont winner of the Presidential Award for Excellence in Mathematics and Science Teaching

Offered by: Representatives Quimby of Concord, Martel of Waterford, and Toll of Danville

Offered by: Senators Benning and Kitchel

Whereas, Jennifer Wood earned degrees from the State University of New York, the University of Connecticut, and the University of Vermont, and

Whereas, for three decades at the Waterford School, she has been an exemplary science and math educator, mentor, and professional leader, and

Whereas, she is a respected educator who encourages her students to expand their minds and persevere in meeting challenges; opens her classroom to pre-service teachers from Northern Vermont University-Lyndon and has mentored many new teachers; and has served as a leader with the State math network and Common Core teaching program, now therefore be it

Resolved by the Senate and House of Representatives:

That the General Assembly congratulates Jennifer H. Wood as the 2020 Vermont winner of the Presidential Award for Excellence in Mathematics and Science Teaching, and be it further

Resolved: That the Secretary of State be directed to send a copy of this resolution to Jennifer Wood.
H.C.R. 332.

House concurrent resolution honoring Brattleboro Justice of the Peace Elliott C. Greenblott for his civic and community leadership

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

Offered by: Senators Balint and White

Whereas, Elliott Greenblott’s teaching career served as a stepping stone to his leadership roles with the Windham County unit of the Vermont Retired Teachers Association, and

Whereas, as head of AARP Vermont’s Fraud Fighter Program, Elliott Greenblott’s public education presentations, newspaper columns, and volunteer-coordination efforts earned him the Andrus Community Service Award, the organization’s highest honor, and

Whereas, in 1988, Elliott Greenblott was elected a Brattleboro Justice of the Peace, and the town’s voters repeatedly returned him to the Board of Civil Authority, and he is now concluding his 32-year successful Board tenure, which included serving as its chair, now therefore be it

Resolved by the Senate and House of Representatives:

That the General Assembly honors Brattleboro Justice of the Peace Elliott C. Greenblott for his civic and community leadership, and be it further

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

H.C.R. 333.

House concurrent resolution congratulating the Town of Essex on being certified as one of Vermont’s first two Quality Youth Development Communities

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

Whereas, the Essex Community Health Initiatives & Programs for Students and the Essex Healthy Youth Coalition conceived of the Quality Youth Development (QYD) designation for Vermont municipalities, and

Whereas, the criteria for QYD status are premised on the 40 youth-related Developmental Assets that the Search Institute of Minneapolis has identified,
and the independent QYD Credential Committee determines which Vermont towns are awarded this distinction, and

Whereas, the Town of Essex was among the first to earn this honor, fulfilling seven of the 10 QYD requirements, and, reflective of Essex’s focus on its youths, it intends to achieve all 10 criteria, now therefore be it

Resolved by the Senate and House of Representatives:

That the General Assembly congratulates the Town of Essex on being certified one of Vermont’s first two Quality Youth Development Communities, and be it further

Resolved: That the Secretary of State be directed to send a copy of this resolution to the Essex Quality Youth Development Steering Committee.

H.C.R. 335.

House concurrent resolution honoring François Clemmons on his exemplary musical and theatrical career

Offered by: Representatives Scheu of Middlebury, Conlon of Cornwall, and Sheldon of Middlebury

Whereas, one of the most memorable characters on the long-running PBS children’s television show Mr. Roger’s Neighborhood was Officer Clemmons, an African American police officer, who, in one notable episode, shared a foot bath with Fred Rogers to convey support for racial integration, and

Whereas, in real life, Officer Clemmons is the talented and admired musician, actor, and playwright François Clemmons, who earned his bachelor’s degree from Oberlin College and a master’s degree from Carnegie Mellon University and was awarded an honorary Doctor of Arts from Middlebury College, and

Whereas, François Clemmons won the 1968 Metropolitan Opera Audition in Pittsburgh, and his singing career involved work with opera companies and orchestras, including his 1976 Grammy Award-winning performance in the Cleveland Orchestra and Chorus’s recording of George Gershwin’s opera, Porgy and Bess, and

Whereas, in the 1980s, François Clemmons established the Harlem Spiritual Ensemble to showcase the singing of African American spirituals, and

Whereas, from 1997 to 2013, François Clemmons served as the Alexander Twilight Artist in Residence at Middlebury College, performing numerous musical duties, including directing the Martin Luther King Spiritual Choir, and
 Whereas, in 2019, the State of Vermont honored François Clemmons with the Governor’s Award for Excellence in the Arts, and in 2020, his memoir, Officer Clemmons, is being published, now therefore be it

Resolved by the Senate and House of Representatives:

That the General Assembly honors François Clemmons for his exemplary musical and theatrical career, and be it further

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

H.C.R. 336.

House concurrent resolution in memory of James Bernard Reardon of Essex

Offered by: All Members of the House

Offered by: All Members of the Senate

Whereas, Jim Reardon was born in Rutland, graduated from Mt. St. Joseph Academy and Bentley University, and, while employed at the Bradford Trust Company in Boston, married Debra Rowe, and

Whereas, he returned to Vermont, beginning a 30–year State government career, starting in the Division of Rate Setting and culminating with a decade of serving as Commissioner of Finance and Management in Republican and Democratic administrations, and

Whereas, his mastery of State government finances was unsurpassed, and

Whereas, Jim Reardon was a member of several national professional organizations, and the National Association of State Budget Officers honored him, and

Whereas, many community organizations benefited from Jim Reardon’s board membership, including PH International, the Vermont Historical Society, and the UVM Health Network Home Health and Hospice, and

Whereas, he was deeply committed to his family, a passionate Red Sox fan, and, after leaving State government, proved to be an invaluable finance director at the Burlington Electric Department, and

Whereas, Jim Reardon performed superb public service that transcended partisan lines, was highly respected in both the Executive and Legislative Branches, and was known for his great sense of humor, and

Whereas, Jim Reardon died on November 25, 2019 at 61 years of age, and his survivors include his wife, Debra, and his children, now therefore be it
Resolved by the Senate and House of Representatives:

That the General Assembly extends its sincere condolences to the family of James Bernard Reardon of Essex, and be it further

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

H.C.R. 337.

House concurrent resolution designating October 6, 2020 as Vermont Mask Day


Whereas, in March of 2020, the onset of the COVID-19 pandemic disrupted our lives and communities, and the PreK–12 educational system was especially hard-hit, and

Whereas, the importance of wearing a facial covering to decrease the spread of the coronavirus that triggers COVID-19 has been medically recognized, and
wearing a facial covering is crucial for the safe resumption of in-person school instruction, and

Whereas, Governor Scott amended Executive Order No. 01-20 to require the wearing of a facial covering in indoor and outdoor public locations when it is not possible to socially distance, and

Whereas, the successful in-person reopening of PreK–12 classrooms will require that all Vermonters faithfully adhere to this facial covering directive, and

Whereas, an official statewide celebration of mask use will serve as an important and timely reminder of this necessity, now therefore be it

Resolved by the Senate and House of Representatives:

That the General Assembly designates October 6, 2020 as Vermont Mask Day.

H.C.R. 338.

House concurrent resolution honoring Vermont State employees who have performed their duties in a professional and exemplary manner during the COVID-19 pandemic


Whereas, in response to the COVID-19 pandemic, on March 13, 2020, Governor Philip B. Scott issued Executive Order 01-20, declaring a state of emergency; on March 16, 2020, the Vermont Supreme Court adopted Administrative Order 49,
declaring a judicial state of emergency; and on March 25, 2020, the Vermont House of Representatives adopted H.R. 16, declaring a state of emergency and affecting the Rules of the House, and

Whereas, whether processing a once-unfathomable number of unemployment insurance claims, treating patients at the Vermont Psychiatric Care Hospital and the Vermont Veterans Home, guarding prisoners at State correctional facilities, providing expert public health guidance, overseeing judicial matters under challenging conditions, or supporting the General Assembly using daunting technology, during the COVID-19 pandemic, dedicated employees across State government have served Vermont with honor, now therefore be it

Resolved by the House of Representatives

That the General Assembly honors all Vermont State employees who have performed their duties in an exemplary manner during the COVID-19 pandemic, and be it further

Resolved: That the Secretary of State be directed to send a copy of this resolution to the Vermont State Employees Association, the Commissioner of Human Resources, the Office of the Court Administrator, and the various legislative staff and parliamentary offices.

H.C.R. 339.

House concurrent resolution congratulating the Central Vermont Pioneers on winning the 2019 Empire State Sled Hockey Championship

Offered by: Representatives Dolan of Waitsfield, Ancel of Calais, Anthony of Barre City, Donahue of Northfield, Goslant of Northfield, Grad of Moretown, Hooper of Montpelier, Patt of Worcester, Stevens of Waterbury, Walz of Barre City, Wood of Waterbury, and Yacovone of Morristown

Whereas, in sled hockey, the players, most of whom have mobility limitations, mount a sled to which two hockey-skate blades are attached, enabling them to participate in and enjoy the thrill of competitive hockey, and

Whereas, the Northeast Sled Hockey League’s teams, the Central Vermont Pioneers, Burlington Sled Cats, White River Junction Ice Vets, and Lyndonville Sled Dogs, include male and female players of all ages, some of whom are veterans, and

Whereas, on February 3, 2019, the Central Vermont Pioneers defeated the Buffalo Sabres Sled Vets in an exciting overtime victory in Lake Placid, New York, capturing their second Empire State Sled Hockey Championship, and

Whereas, this Empire State championship team includes three father–son pairs, Richard and Kyler Quelch of East Calais, Troy and Jakob Kingsbury of Waitsfield, and Ernie and Jake Lavigne of Barre, now therefore be it

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Resolved by the Senate and House of Representatives:

That the General Assembly congratulates the Central Vermont Pioneers on winning the 2019 Empire State Sled Hockey Championship, and be it further

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

H.C.R. 340.

House concurrent resolution congratulating the Colchester All-Stars on winning the 2020 Vermont State Little League Baseball championship

Offered by: Representatives Austin of Colchester, Brennan of Colchester, Chase of Colchester, and Taylor of Colchester

Offered by: Senator Mazza

Whereas, the annual Vermont Little League Baseball championship affords a special opportunity for the best players to compete statewide, and

Whereas, the impressive 2020 Colchester Little League All-Stars defeated the Shelburne All-Stars 16–2 at the District I title game that the young athletes played in Burlington, and

Whereas, at the State championship game, held in St. Johnsbury, Colchester rebounded from an initial 1–0 deficit to defeat the St. Johnsbury All-Stars 9–2, and Colchester brought home its first Vermont crown since 2006, and

Whereas, Head Coach John Luter and assistant coaches Jeff Pecor and Jason Lefebvre were extremely proud of their team, now therefore be it

Resolved by the Senate and House of Representatives:

That the General Assembly congratulates the Colchester All-Stars on winning the 2020 Vermont State Little League Baseball championship, and be it further

Resolved: That the Secretary of State be directed to send a copy of this resolution to each of the team’s outstanding coaches.

H.C.R. 341.

House concurrent resolution congratulating the 2019 Poultney High School Blue Devils Division III championship football team

Offered by: Representative McCoy of Poultney
Whereas, Poultney High School, whose unofficial motto is “small in size, big in spirit,” takes great pride in its football heritage, and

Whereas, the Blue Devils’ 2019 season culminated with a 17–8 Division III championship victory in Rutland over BFA-Fairfax, and

Whereas, the triumphant Blue Devils were Max Lyford, Caden Reed, Craig Baptie, Riley Scott, Austin Hall, Gabe Wescott, Taite Capman, Ayden Morse, Jon Stone, Tyler Pope, Colby Hutchins, Kylie Constantine, Jesse Combs, Tyler Lynch, Ryan Alt, Michael Arnado, Grant Schreiber, Lucas Van Nostrand, Levi Allen, Lane Gibbs, Thomas Dunbar, Caden Capman, Lucas Gloss, Jacob DeBonis, Jacob McMahon, Heith Mason, and Lucas Dupell, and

Whereas, 40-year Head Coach David Capman; assistant coaches Christopher Capman, Joe DeBonis, Pierre Cotton, Andrew Breting, and Steve Ladka; and team managers McKenzie Ezzo and McKenzee Page were essential participants in the 2019 Blue Devils’ compiling a great 10–1 record, now therefore be it

Resolved by the Senate and House of Representatives:

That the General Assembly congratulates the 2019 Poultney High School Blue Devils Division III championship football team, and be it further

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

H.C.R. 342.

House concurrent resolution honoring Curtis Tuff of Putney and his Curtis’ All American BARBQ

Offered by: Representatives Mrowicki of Putney and Hashim of Dummerston

Offered by: Senators White and Senator Balint

Whereas, before Curtis Tuff arrived in Putney in 1961 as a seasonal apple picker, he helped raise his 13 brothers and sisters in Macomb, Georgia, and

Whereas, beginning in 1965, Curtis Tuff, who had decided to make Putney his home, created pig roasts over an open pit and sold these and barbequed chickens at bars, to diners at area restaurants, and at local colleges, and

Whereas, in 1968, he opened Curtis’ All American BARBQ, locally known as the Ninth Wonder of the World, with a menu of chicken and ribs, offered at a site featuring blue school buses, a smoke shack, and picnic tables, and
Whereas, during the pandemic, Curtis Tuff is absenting himself from his famous BARBQ eatery, while his family keeps the famous cooking flames burning in anticipation of the great chef’s return, now therefore be it

Resolved by the House of Representatives:

That the General Assembly honors Curtis Tuff of Putney and his Curtis’ All American BARBQ, and be it further

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