

CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

ADDENDUM

TO THE

**SENATE AND HOUSE
CALENDARS**

**Text of Senate
Concurrent Resolutions**

of

Thursday, March 21, 2019

CONSENT CALENDAR
Concurrent Resolutions for Notice under Joint Rule 16

The following joint concurrent resolutions have been introduced for approval by the Senate and House and will be adopted by the Senate unless a Senator or Representative requests floor consideration before the end of the session of the next legislative day. Requests for floor consideration should be communicated to the Secretary's Office and/or the House Clerk's Office, respectively.

S.C.R. 7.

By Senators Benning and Kitchel,

By Representatives Feltus of Lyndon and Seymour of Sutton

S.C.R. 7. Senate concurrent resolution congratulating Bag Balm on its 120th anniversary.

Whereas, in 1899, stories spread in the Northeast Kingdom that a talented Wells River pharmacist had developed a salve that ameliorated skin chafing and cracking, especially as it occurred on the udders of cows, and

Whereas, in 1900, the reportedly miraculous effectiveness of the salve intrigued Lyndonville farmer John Norris, who mounted his best horse and rode the 30 miles to Wells River to conduct a personal investigation, and

Whereas, confirming that the stories were true and the salve effective, John Norris, exercising his business acumen, secured from the pharmacist all rights to the salve, and the product has been produced in Lyndonville ever since, and

Whereas, John Norris hired a product designer who created the balm's now famous packaging, consisting of a green tin with a cover featuring the head of a cow and the State flower of Vermont, the Red Clover, and

Whereas, the application of Bag Balm for relief of human skin irritation soon increased the product's popularity, and among its diverse applications are to alleviate chapped lips, saddle sores, windslap, and generally dry skin, and

Whereas, Bag Balm was invaluable in 1933 when Northeast Kingdom residents experienced temperatures that plummeted below minus 50 degrees Fahrenheit, convincing the famous Arctic explorer U.S. Admiral Richard Byrd to take it on his 1937 North Pole expedition, and

Whereas, during World War II, soldiers applied Bag Balm to their rifles in order to keep their weapons sharp, and in the aftermath of the 9/11 attacks at the World Trade Center, with no fanfare, the Bag Balm corporate office

donated a supply of the salve to sooth the paws of the search dogs who were combing the site for survivors, and

Whereas, Bag Balm is now sold in different sized tins, in tubes and large pails, and as a soap, and

Whereas, 2019 marks 120 years since Bag Balm was developed in a Wells River pharmacy, and this dependable multi-purpose skin care product continues to be effective in numerous ways, *now therefore be it*

Resolved by the Senate and House of Representatives:

That the General Assembly congratulates Bag Balm on its 120th anniversary, *and be it further*

Resolved: That the Secretary of State be directed to send a copy of this resolution to the headquarters of Bag Balm in Lyndonville.

S.C.R. 8.

By Senators Kitchel and Benning,

By Representative Toll of Danville

S.C.R. 8. Senate concurrent resolution congratulating Alice Johnson Blair on her 100th birthday.

Whereas, Alice Blair graduated from St. Johnsbury Academy, earned a bachelor's degree in home economics from the University of Maine at Farmington, and taught home economics at schools, first in Unity, Maine, and subsequently in Danville, Peacham, Concord, and St. Johnsbury, and

Whereas, in 1947, she married Kenneth Blair, a one-of-a-kind Danville handyman, and

Whereas, after 16 years in the classroom, Alice Blair embarked on a new and challenging job as the federal extension agent for Caledonia County, a role she worked at enthusiastically for 24 years, and

Whereas, she supervised 50 home demonstration clubs, for which the curriculum included canning, cooking, and sewing, and

Whereas, Alice Blair traveled to many different states for mandatory continuing education classes and has visited every one except Hawaii, and

Whereas, one of Alice Blair's regular assignments as an extension agent was offering "homemaking notes" on a local radio station, and

Whereas, upon retiring in 1979, Alice Blair observed, "I've probably learned as much on the job as I've taught," and

Whereas, following her husband's death in 1985, Alice Blair had a log cabin built at Newark Pond as her new year-round home, and

Whereas, in the middle 1990s, Alice Blair returned full time to Danville, where she has remained involved in the community as an active member of the Danville Congregational Church, almost never missing Sunday services, and

Whereas, Alice Blair remained involved in the Eastern Star organization as long as it existed locally, and

Whereas, as a devotee of the art of rug hooking, she has created beautiful rugs that adorn her home, and

Whereas, Alice Blair has caring neighbors whose support, especially for meeting various transportation requirements, has facilitated her continuing to reside in her own home, and

Whereas, this highly respected expert on the skills that makes one's abode a real home celebrates her 100th birthday on April 4, 2019, and no doubt a good meal will be part of the occasion, *now therefore be it*

Resolved by the Senate and House of Representatives:

That the General Assembly congratulates Alice Johnson Blair on her 100th birthday and extends to her its best wishes on this special occasion, *and be it further*

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