

CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

ADDENDUM

TO THE

**SENATE AND HOUSE
CALENDARS**

**Text of Senate
Concurrent Resolutions**

of

Thursday, April 25, 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. 11.

By Senators Cummings, Perchlik, and Pollina,

S.C.R. 11. Senate concurrent resolution congratulating Katherine Womeldorf Paterson of Montpelier on winning the 2019 E.B. White Award for her achievement in children's literature.

Whereas, Katherine Paterson was born to Christian missionary parents in China, and Chinese was her first language, and

Whereas, although she experienced early challenges mastering English, Katherine Paterson persevered and graduated summa cum laude, as an English major, from King College in Bristol, Tennessee, and earned a master's degree from the Presbyterian School of Christian Education in Richmond, Virginia, and

Whereas, because political restrictions prohibited her from serving as a Christian missionary in China, she instead worked in Japan, and her study there of Japanese and Chinese culture influenced her future writing, and

Whereas, Katherine Paterson began her career as an author with the 1966 religious education book *Who Am I*, and her first novel, published in 1973, *The Sign of the Chrysanthemum*, was set in the Japanese medieval period, and

Whereas, her most popular work, *Bridge to Terabithia*, for which she won the 1978 Newbery Medal for American children's literature, was based on the death of her son David's friend, and in 1981, Katherine Paterson was the recipient of a second Newbery Medal for her novel *Jacob Have I Loved*, and

Whereas, on two occasions, Katherine Paterson was the recipient of the prestigious National Book Award, in 1977 for *The Master Puppeteer* and in 1979 for *The Great Gilly Hopkins*, and

Whereas, Katherine Paterson is the author of more than 30 books, including 16 novels for children, and the recipient of numerous honors, including the Hans Christian Andersen Award, what has become the Children's Literature

Legacy Award, and special recognition from several major American libraries, and

Whereas, her 2006 novel *Bread and Roses, Too* gained its inspiration from a historic photograph of children standing on the steps of the Old Labor Hall in Barre, and

Whereas, in 2019, Katherine Paterson was one of 17 writers whom the American Academy of Arts and Letters honored with a lifetime achievement award, in her instance, the E.B. White Award, for her contributions to children's literature, *now therefore be it*

Resolved by the Senate and House of Representatives:

That the General Assembly congratulates Katherine Womeldorf Paterson of Montpelier on winning the 2019 E.B. White Award for her achievement in children's literature, *and be it further*

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

S.C.R. 12.

By Senators Campion and Sears,

By Representatives Browning of Arlington, James of Manchester, and Morrissey of Bennington

S.C.R. 12. Senate concurrent resolution honoring former Representative and Senator Seth B. Bongartz for his impressive leadership as president of Hildene.

Whereas, Seth Bongartz graduated from Burr & Burton Academy, Skidmore College, and after an interlude as a woodworker, State Representative, State Senator, and board member of the Nature Conservancy and the Ottaquechee Land Trust, he earned a law degree at Case Western Reserve University School of Law, and

Whereas, for over a decade, he worked at a private law firm in Bennington where environmental law was an important component of his legal practice, and

Whereas, in 1904, Robert Lincoln, the only surviving son of President Abraham Lincoln, purchased acreage in Manchester and had built a large "ancestral home" for himself and his wife, and he applied the name Hildene to the property, and

Whereas, in the 1970s, after the last Hildene-residing Lincoln descendant died, the Manchester community succeeded in halting Hildene's sale to developers, and a new nonprofit organization, the Friends of Hildene, was formed to restore this magnificent homestead, and

Whereas, in 2002, Hildene hired as its president Seth Bongartz, a man truly dedicated to the organization's core values of integrity, perseverance, and civic responsibility and to its action agenda of land conservation, historic preservation, sustainability, and civil civic discourse, and

Whereas, Seth Bongartz has stated that placing Hildene on the international tourist map has been his greatest accomplishment, and

Whereas, in 2007, the restored historic carriage barn was opened as a welcome center and museum store, creating a spacious entryway and a new revenue resource, and

Whereas, in 2011, the Many Voices exhibit, featuring a restored Sunbeam Pullman Car, debuted, and it tells the racially charged story of the Pullman railroad porters, an especially symbolic example of civil civic discourse, as Robert Lincoln was president and board chair of the Pullman Palace Car Company, and

Whereas, in December 2019, Seth Bongartz will complete his innovative and successful 18-year tenure as president of Hildene, now therefore be it

Resolved by the Senate and House of Representatives:

That the General Assembly honors former Representative and Senator Seth B. Bongartz for his impressive leadership as president of Hildene, *and be it further*

Resolved: That the Secretary of State be directed to send a copy of this resolution to Seth Bongartz and to Hildene.