

CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

ADDENDUM

TO THE

HOUSE CALENDAR

**Text of House Concurrent
Resolutions**

of

March 10, 2021

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. 23.

House concurrent resolution honoring former Representative Edward H. Paquin Jr. for his exemplary leadership as a disability rights advocate

Offered by: All Members of the House

Whereas, former Representative Ed Paquin represented a Franklin House district from 1991 through 2002, and his legislative talents were put to good use as a member of several committees, including the Committee on Appropriations, and

Whereas, his community leadership roles focused on organizations addressing mental health, persons with disabilities, and rural youths, and

Whereas, after departing from the General Assembly, Ed Paquin became executive director of Disability Rights Vermont, the State organization that protects "people with disabilities against abuse, neglect and serious rights violations" and strives to improve their living conditions, and

Whereas, Ed Paquin is concluding this leadership role, in which he was dedicated to the goals of Disability Rights Vermont, now therefore be it

Resolved by the Senate and House of Representatives:

That the General Assembly honors former Representative Edward H. Paquin Jr. for his exemplary leadership as a disability rights advocate, and be it further

Resolved: That the Secretary of State be directed to send a copy of this resolution to Ed Paquin and to Disability Rights Vermont.

H.C.R. 24.

House concurrent resolution designating March 2021 as Vermont Habitat for Humanity Month

Offered by: Representative Walz of Barre City

Whereas, in 1976, Linda and Millard Fuller established Habitat for Humanity as an ecumenical nonprofit housing corporation that now operates in

70 nations, and it builds affordable homes that the future homeowners construct in partnership with dedicated volunteers, and

Whereas, for 36 years, Habitat for Humanity has engaged in its affordable housing mission in Vermont with the organization's eight local affiliates, which are primarily locally funded: West River, Bennington County, Addison County, Central Vermont, Rutland County, Greater Springfield, Upper Valley (and Lamoille County), and Green Mountain, and

Whereas, since 2010, over 400 homes have been built, repaired, recycled, or rehabilitated in Vermont, and since 2015, 21,022 volunteers have devoted 296,297 hours to this important volunteer work, which has continued throughout the COVID-19 pandemic, now therefore be it

Resolved by the Senate and House of Representatives:

That the General Assembly designates March 2021 as Vermont Habitat for Humanity Month, and be it further

Resolved: That the Secretary of State be directed to send a copy of this resolution to Vermont Habitat for Humanity.

H.C.R. 25.

House concurrent resolution recognizing the importance of early childhood care services in Vermont

Offered by: Representative James of Manchester

Whereas, a good start helps ensure both a child's and Vermont's future prosperity, and

Whereas, the quality of early childhood experiences can establish either a sturdy or a fragile foundation for a child's development, and

Whereas, investment in early childhood experiences can prevent achievement gaps, improve health and social-emotional outcomes, and lead to better lifetime outcomes for children, and

Whereas, the provision of early childhood care services, especially during this extraordinary period of the COVID-19 pandemic, is a critical public policy issue, and the 27th Early Childhood Day at the Legislature was conducted via Zoom on March 10, 2021 in order to educate legislators on this topic, now therefore be it

Resolved by the Senate and House of Representatives:

That the General Assembly recognizes the importance of early childhood care services in Vermont, and be it further

Resolved: That the Secretary of State be directed to send a copy of this resolution to the Vermont Early Childhood Advocacy Alliance, Let's Grow Kids, and Building Bright Futures.

H.C.R. 26.

House concurrent resolution in memory of John Pandiani of Bristol

Offered by: Representatives Donahue of Northfield, Cordes of Lincoln, and Wood of Waterbury

Whereas, John Pandiani, the veteran Chief of Research and Statistics at the Vermont Department of Mental Health, set the highest standards for mental health data research and reporting, and his mantra, which appeared on specially made buttons, was to “save the data,” and

Whereas, John Pandiani established the performance indicator project and cofounded the Bristol Observatory, two initiatives that enhanced the quality and accessibility of mental health data both in Vermont and nationally, and

Whereas, John Pandiani was an extensively published and widely respected statistical expert, who regularly presented papers at professional conferences, inspired and mentored dozens of his data colleagues, and enthusiastically drove a classic 1961 TR3 car, and

Whereas, John Pandiani, an exemplary Vermonter, died on February 16, 2021 at the age of 75, now therefore be it

Resolved by the Senate and House of Representatives:

That the General Assembly expresses its sincere condolences to the family of John Pandiani of Bristol, and be it further

Resolved: That the Secretary of State be directed to send a copy of this resolution to John Pandiani's partner, Jill Mackler, and to the members of John Pandiani's family.