

CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

ADDENDUM

TO THE

HOUSE CALENDAR

**Text of House Concurrent
Resolutions**

of

April 8, 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. 35.

House concurrent resolution honoring Fagan Hart for her admirable leadership of the Vermont Children's Trust Foundation

Offered by: Representative Brumsted of Shelburne

Whereas, Act 177 of 1986 established the Vermont Children's Trust Fund "for providing funds for community-based primary prevention programs...effective for juveniles," and in 1991, the Vermont Children's Trust Foundation (VCTF) was created to maximize private financing, and

Whereas, in 2001, the VCTF hired Fagan Hart, who in 2009 was appointed its co-executive director, and in 2019, executive director, and

Whereas, Fagan Hart conceived and implemented the VCTF's Polar Express Train Ride, which since 2002, has raised in excess of \$1.6 million, and

Whereas, during Fagan Hart's VCTF leadership, fundraising levels rose considerably, and an endowment, now worth over \$700,000, was established, and

Whereas, Fagan Hart's respected VCTF leadership has recently concluded, now therefore be it

Resolved by the Senate and House of Representatives:

That the General Assembly honors Fagan Hart for her admirable leadership of the Vermont Children's Trust Foundation, and be it further

Resolved: That the Secretary of State be directed to send a copy of this resolution to Fagan Hart and the Vermont Children's Trust Foundation.

H.C.R. 36.

House concurrent resolution honoring Ludy Biddle for her outstanding leadership at NeighborWorks of Western Vermont

Offered by: Representatives Shaw of Pittsford, Achey of Middletown Springs, Burditt of West Rutland, Canfield of Fair Haven, Cupoli of Rutland City, Fagan of Rutland City, Helm of Fair Haven, Howard of Rutland City,

Jerome of Brandon, McCoy of Poultney, Nicoll of Ludlow, Norris of Shoreham, Notte of Rutland City, Sullivan of Dorset, and Terenzini of Rutland Town

Offered by: Senators Collamore, Hooker, and Terenzini

Whereas, for the past 20 years, Ludy Biddle has served with distinction as the executive director of NeighborWorks of Western Vermont, an organization “committed to sustainable homeownership for Vermonters,” and

Whereas, Ludy Biddle is a Vermont Leadership Institute alumna, has participated in a project with the Kennedy School of Government, and served on the Federal Reserve Bank of Boston’s New England Community Development Advisory Council, and

Whereas, she spearheaded the Northwest Rutland Neighborhood Revitalization project, established the HEAT Squad energy efficiency program, and launched a rental unit repair pilot project in Bennington, and

Whereas, Ludy Biddle, who is the recipient of prestigious awards from the National NeighborWorks Association, is concluding her two decades of exemplary service at this housing advocacy organization, now therefore be it

Resolved by the Senate and House of Representatives:

That the General Assembly honors Ludy Biddle for her outstanding leadership at NeighborWorks of Western Vermont, and be it further

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

H.C.R. 37.

House concurrent resolution honoring Westfield Selectboard Chair extraordinaire Yves Daigle

Offered by: Representatives Higley of Lowell and Smith of Derby

Whereas, 64 years ago, with his appointment as a library trustee (1957–1971), Yves Daigle began his remarkable odyssey serving the Town of Westfield, and

Whereas, Yves Daigle is a two-time WCAX Super Senior and is perhaps Vermont’s longest-serving selectboard member, having first successfully stood for election in 1971, and in 2021 he marked his golden anniversary, with the voters reelecting him and the selectboard designating him as its chair, and

Whereas, he oversaw the planning and construction of the Westfield Town Office, which was the first to consolidate all town departments in one structure, and he personally completed all of the finish carpentry work, and

Whereas, Yves Daigle facilitated Westfield's entry into the Northeast Kingdom Waste Management District, and he played a major role in building the recycling center where he has volunteered since 2007, now therefore be it

Resolved by the Senate and House of Representatives:

That the General Assembly honors Westfield Selectboard Chair extraordinaire Yves Daigle, and be it further

Resolved: That the Secretary of State be directed to send a copy of this resolution to Yves Daigle and to the Westfield Town Clerk.

H.C.R. 38.

House concurrent resolution honoring the musical achievements of Vermont Symphony Orchestra Music Director Jaime Laredo

Offered by: Representative Coffey of Guilford

Whereas, as a young boy, Jaime Laredo traveled from his native Bolivia, and debuted as a violin soloist with the San Francisco Symphony, and

Whereas, he graduated from the Curtis Institute of Music, where he later served as an esteemed faculty member for 35 years, and

Whereas, Jaime Laredo and his wife, the cellist Sharon Robinson, are both Cleveland Institute of Music faculty members who, along with pianist Joseph Kalichstein, perform as a celebrated trio, and Jaime Laredo's teaching talents shine when he conducts the youths of the New York String Orchestra, and

Whereas, the Laredo–Robinson duo met at the Marlboro Music Festival and proudly call Guilford their hometown, and

Whereas, Vermont classical music lovers know Jaime Laredo best for his 21 years as the superb music director of the Vermont Symphony Orchestra, and his memorable tenure will end in 2021, now therefore be it

Resolved by the Senate and House of Representatives:

That the General Assembly honors the musical achievements of Vermont Symphony Orchestra Music Director Jaime Laredo, and be it further

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

H.C.R. 39.

House concurrent resolution congratulating the 2021 Essex High School Hornets Vermont-NEA Scholars' Bowl State championship team

Offered by: Representatives Dolan of Essex, Black of Essex, Houghton of Essex, Redmond of Essex, Smith of Derby, and Vyhovsky of Essex

Whereas, the Scholars' Bowl is a competition testing high school students' academic knowledge and ability to recall information instantaneously, and

Whereas, the COVID-19 pandemic required that the Scholars' Bowl season be conducted virtually and rewarded maximal collaboration, and

Whereas, the Essex High team assiduously prepared for the State championships, convincingly defeating their preliminary opponents, and

Whereas, in the exhilarating championship round, the Hornets overcame a 45-point deficit to outscore top-seeded Hanover High School and clinch the school's ninth Scholars' Bowl crown, and

Whereas, team members Anders Holm-Brown, Patrick Herrin, Eric Lu, and Elizabeth Messier, as well as Coach David Rome, met the competition's special 2020–2021 challenges with great success, now therefore be it

Resolved by the Senate and House of Representatives:

That the General Assembly congratulates the 2021 Essex High School Hornets Vermont-NEA Scholars' Bowl State championship team, and be it further

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

H.C.R. 40.

House concurrent resolution congratulating Fatima Khan on earning a finalist ranking in U.S. Senator Bernie Sanders's 2021 State of the Union Essay Contest

Offered by: Representatives Dolan of Essex, Black of Essex, Houghton of Essex, Redmond of Essex, and Vyhovsky of Essex

Whereas, Fatima Khan, an Essex High School junior, is a talented writer and orator who won the Rotary Speech Contest and is the speech captain of the Essex High Speech and Debate Club, and

Whereas, she most recently demonstrated her skillful command of the English language and thoughtful perspective on civic life as one of 11 honorees among 319 entrants in the State of the Union Essay Contest, and

Whereas, her carefully crafted essay examined the Black Lives Matter Movement, police brutality, and excessive criminalization, and it will be published in the Congressional Record, now therefore be it

Resolved by the Senate and House of Representatives:

That the General Assembly congratulates Fatima Khan on earning a finalist ranking in U.S. Senator Bernie Sanders's 2021 State of the Union Essay Contest, and be it further

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

H.C.R. 41.

House concurrent resolution honoring former Brattleboro Fire Chief Michael Bucossi for his outstanding leadership and community service

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

Offered by: Senators Balint and White

Whereas, in 1975 as a high school senior, Mike Bucossi became an on-call Brattleboro firefighter, and in 1978 he fulfilled his career ambition, accepting a full-time position with his hometown fire department, and

Whereas, he rose through the ranks, serving as a lieutenant, a captain, an assistant chief, and ultimately in 2007 as chief, and

Whereas, his career featured both tragic deaths and emotional rescues, and he oversaw the renovation of the central fire station, the opening of a new station in West Brattleboro, and major equipment upgrades, and

Whereas, former Chief Bucossi's many leadership roles include the presidency of the Vermont Career Fire Chiefs Association and membership on the board of the New England Association of Fire Chiefs, now therefore be it

Resolved by the Senate and House of Representatives:

That the General Assembly honors former Brattleboro Fire Chief Michael Bucossi for his outstanding leadership and community service, and be it further

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