

CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

ADDENDUM

TO THE

HOUSE CALENDAR

**Text of House Concurrent
Resolutions**

of

January 11, 2022

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 the next days' legislative session (Wednesday). Requests for floor consideration must be communicated to the House Clerk's office or the Senate Secretary's office.

Resolutions

H.C.R. 76.

House concurrent resolution congratulating Elle Purrier St. Pierre on her outstanding performance in the 2020 Olympics women's 1500-meter race

Offered by: All Members of the House

Offered by: All Members of the Senate

Whereas, Franklin County's Elle Purrier St. Pierre, known as the Richford Rocket and holder of the U.S women's one- and two-mile indoor running records, won the 1500-meter qualifier at the U.S. Olympic Track and Field Trials in Eugene, Oregon, setting a meet and personal best time of 3:58:03, and

Whereas, at the 2020 Olympics in Tokyo, she became the only known woman dairy farmer to run in an Olympic track and field event, she finished third in her opening heat and tenth in an exciting Olympic-record-setting final, and, disregarding the hour, viewing parties cheered her on at Richford Junior-Senior High School, her alma mater, now therefore be it

Resolved by the Senate and House of Representatives:

That the General Assembly congratulates Elle Purrier St. Pierre on her outstanding performance in the 2020 U.S. Olympics women's 1500-meter race, and be it further

Resolved: That the Secretary of State be directed to send a copy of this resolution to Elle Purrier St. Pierre.

H.C.R. 77.

House concurrent resolution honoring Douglas Weld for his exemplary community service in the town of Berkshire

Offered by: Representatives Hango of Berkshire and Martin of Franklin

Offered by: Senators Brock and Parent

Whereas, beginning in 1970 and continuously for over half a century, Douglas Weld, a hard-working Berkshire dairy farmer, has welcomed three generations of students onto his yellow school bus, driving them mornings and afternoons along the town's back roads, to and from their classes, and

Whereas, his young passengers know that Mr. Weld will deliver them safely to their destinations, regardless of the weather, and

Whereas, Douglas Weld has played an important leadership role at the Berkshire Historical Society, helping to preserve the town's past for future generations, and

Whereas, the citizens of Berkshire have appreciated his decades of civic engagement as town auditor from 1970 through 1975 and for 42 years as the municipality's town agent, now therefore be it

Resolved by the Senate and House of Representatives:

That the General Assembly honors Douglas Weld for his exemplary community service in the Town of Berkshire, and be it further

Resolved: That the Secretary of State be directed to send a copy of this resolution to Douglas Weld and to the Berkshire Town Clerk.

H.C.R. 78.

House concurrent resolution congratulating the successful rescue effort of Newport City Fire Chief John Harlamert and retired Chief Robert (RJ) George

Offered by: Representatives Marcotte of Coventry and Page of Newport City

Offered by: Senators Ingalls and Starr

Whereas, shortly before 5:00 PM on November 8, 2021, the Newport City Fire Department was alerted to a possible living room fire at 41 Herrick Street, and the situation was almost immediately upgraded to a structural fire, and

Whereas, the first to respond were Newport City Fire Chief John Harlamert and retired Chief RJ George, who resides up the street from the site, and

Whereas, on learning that an individual was trapped inside, Chief Harlamert entered the structure, and his retrieval of the victim from the residence's back room succeeded because the retired chief, stationed at the building's entrance, continued hollering Chief Harlamert's name, providing essential direction through the increasingly intense smoke, now therefore be it

Resolved by the Senate and House of Representatives:

That the General Assembly congratulates Newport City Fire Chief John Harlamert and retired Chief Robert (RJ) George for their successful rescue at 41 Herrick Street, and be it further

Resolved: That the Secretary of State be directed to send a copy of this resolution to Chief Harlamert, to retired Chief George, and to the Newport City Fire Department.

H.C.R. 79.

House concurrent resolution congratulating the 2021 Milton High School Yellowjackets Division II boys' varsity soccer team

Offered by: Representatives Mattos of Milton, Morgan, L. of Milton, Morgan, M. of Milton, and Palasik of Milton

Whereas, for 30 years, the Milton Yellowjackets boys' varsity soccer teams won many games but had not earned a championship title, and

Whereas, in 2021, the top-seeded (18–0) Yellowjackets engaged in a Division II title rematch against the third-seeded Montpelier High School Solons at Munson Field in South Burlington, and this game, unlike 2020's, concluded with a 2–0 Milton victory and the Division II crown, and

Whereas, the thrilled 2021 Yellowjackets were Josh Grazier, Braeden Caragher, Brandon Monahan, James O'Rourke, Cooper Goodrich, Nathaniel St. Amour, Zack Logan, Caden Button, Cam Fougere, Brendan Besaw, Riley Zeno, Ethan van Harreveld, Ethan Jones, Jacob Deuso, Aidan Garrow, Ryan Cannon, Tyler Larocque, Nathan Roy, Jack Houghton, and Brandon Mitchell, and Head Coach Glen Button, assistant coaches Nick Goodrich and Seth McQuade, and team managers Carter Milo and Finn Kascha-Hare were equally pleased, now therefore be it

Resolved by the Senate and House of Representatives:

That the General Assembly congratulates the 2021 Milton High School Yellowjackets Division II boys' varsity soccer team, and be it further

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

H.C.R. 80.

House concurrent resolution honoring former Brattleboro Town Manager Peter Elwell for his outstanding municipal public service

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

Offered by: Senators Balint and White

Whereas, Brattleboro native Peter Elwell graduated from Brattleboro Union High School, attended Middlebury College, and earned a master's degree in government administration from the University of Pennsylvania, and

Whereas, after serving as Palm Beach, Florida's, town manager, Peter Elwell returned to his hometown to assume the role of Brattleboro Town Manager, the position his father held for nearly three decades, and

Whereas, during a six-year tenure, Peter Elwell proved an extremely competent and effective town manager, whose job performance was characterized as unifying, and

Whereas, upon announcing the conclusion of his tenure, the municipality's selectboard members offered appreciative remarks, including a mention of his efforts to maintain a civil society, now therefore be it

Resolved by the Senate and House of Representatives:

That the General Assembly honors former Brattleboro Town Manager Peter Elwell for his outstanding municipal public service, and be it further

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

H.C.R. 81.

House concurrent resolution in memory and recognition of Henry A. LaGue Jr. of Berlin

Offered by: Representatives Donahue of Northfield and Goslant of Northfield

Whereas, Henry A. LaGue Jr. of Berlin had great reverence for his family, God, and country, and

Whereas, his professional career involved working with stone and all types of construction projects, and he loved to fish, hunt, and be with family and friends, and

Whereas, an important aspect of Henry A. LaGue Jr.'s life was his 46 years of civic participation in his hometown of Berlin, which included membership on Berlin's Selectboard, Cemetery Committee, Development Review Board, Planning Commission, and Public Works–Sewer Commission, and

Whereas, a Korean War veteran, he established the Berlin Veterans Memorial Park, arranging for the placement of a large memorial boulder in memory of Richard Nye, the Berlin veteran who donated the site, and

Whereas, Henry A. LaGue Jr. died on June 16, 2021, at 89 years of age, and his survivors include his wife of 59 years, Suzanna, and his children, grandchildren, and great-grandchild, now therefore be it

Resolved by the Senate and House of Representatives:

That the General Assembly extends its sincere sympathies to the family of Henry A. LaGue Jr., and be it further

Resolved: That the Secretary of State be directed to send a copy of this resolution to the family of Henry A. LaGue Jr.

H.C.R. 82.

House concurrent resolution honoring former Brandon Police Lieutenant Rodney Pulsifer for his exemplary law enforcement career

Offered by: Representatives Shaw of Pittsford and Jerome of Brandon

Whereas, for 37 years, Rod Pulsifer served in field, investigative, administrative, and instructional law enforcement roles, and

Whereas, for 20 years, he was a member of the Rutland Police force, retiring as a shift supervisor with the rank of sergeant and having served in the department's Bureau of Criminal Investigations, and

Whereas, during his 14 years as a Brandon Police Department lieutenant, Rod Pulsifer served with dedication and distinction, and

Whereas, he has taught law enforcement classes and served as a liaison to the Task Force on Internet Crimes Against Children, and

Whereas, in December 2021, Lt. Pulsifer concluded his law enforcement service in Brandon, with much local appreciation, now therefore be it

Resolved by the Senate and House of Representatives:

That the General Assembly honors former Brandon Police Lieutenant Rodney Pulsifer on his exemplary law enforcement career, and be it further

Resolved: That the Secretary of State be directed to send a copy of this resolution to former Brandon Police Lieutenant Rod Pulsifer and to the Brandon Police Department.

H.C.R. 83.

House concurrent resolution honoring former Brattleboro Public Works Director Stephen Barrett for his outstanding municipal public service

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

Offered by: Senators Balint and White

Whereas, Steve Barrett began his Brattleboro municipal career while a high school senior, as a call-force firefighter, and was later appointed a captain, and

Whereas, his job at the wastewater treatment plant eventually led to his selection as the Brattleboro Water Department's general supervisor, and

Whereas, Steve Barrett was appointed the town's utilities superintendent and, in the early 1990's, was promoted to a position in which he oversaw the department's highway and utilities divisions and demonstrated a mastery of his expanded portfolio, and

Whereas, in 1996, he began a new challenge as Brattleboro Public Works Director, and for the ensuing quarter century, he successfully oversaw the town's infrastructure and associated emergencies, now therefore be it

Resolved by the Senate and House of Representatives:

That the General Assembly honors former Brattleboro Public Works Director Stephen Barrett for his outstanding municipal public service, and be it further

Resolved: That the Secretary of State be directed to send a copy of this resolution to Steve Barrett and to the Brattleboro Public Works Department.

H.C.R. 84.

House concurrent resolution honoring the civic contributions of John H. and Mary F. Carnahan to the community life of Brattleboro

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

Offered by: Senators Balint and White

Whereas, John Carnahan, a Harvard educated attorney, was a Vermont district court judge, a Brattleboro Retreat Chair, and a trustee of the Estey Organ Museum, and he manifested his interests in Vermont history through leadership roles at the Brattleboro Historical Society, the Vermont Historical Society, and at statewide historic preservation organizations, and

Whereas, as a political activist, he was elected Vermont Democratic Party Chair and was the 1984 Democratic candidate for Lieutenant Governor, and

Whereas, his wife, Mary Carnahan, was an elementary school teacher and volunteered at the Brooks Memorial Library, the Brattleboro Museum and Arts Center, the American Red Cross, and St. Michael's Episcopal Church, and

Whereas, John and Mary Carnahan have been recognized for their community leadership in Brattleboro, now therefore be it

Resolved by the Senate and House of Representatives:

That the General Assembly honors the civic contributions of John H. and Mary F. Carnahan to the community life of Brattleboro, and be it further

Resolved: That the Secretary of State be directed to send a copy of this resolution to John and Mary Carnahan.

H.C.R. 85.

House concurrent resolution designating January 20, 2022, as Homelessness Awareness Day in Vermont

Offered by: Representatives Stevens of Waterbury and Pugh of South Burlington

Whereas, the homeless are our neighbors and community members: parents, children, seniors, and people with disabilities, and

Whereas, the 2021 Point-in-Time Count report found that 2,231 adults and 360 children in Vermont were without secure housing, and

Whereas, on an evening in January 2022, 1,665 homeless adults and 485 children were housed in hotels through the General Assistance Emergency Housing Program, and additional households were staying in emergency shelters, or domestic violence shelters, or living outdoors, and

Whereas, COVID-19 has put homeless and precariously housed Vermonters at greater risk and made the previously hidden extent of housing instability visible, and

Whereas, the General Assembly has appropriated \$144 million for investment in affordable housing, which will result in the creation of homes for households currently precariously housed, and

Whereas, the State of Vermont has joined the U.S. Department of Housing & Urban Development's House America initiative and has pledged to use public resources to address homelessness, now therefore be it

Resolved by the Senate and House of Representatives:

That the General Assembly commends the efforts of public and nonprofit organizations to restore a dignified quality of life to homeless Vermonters and designates January 20, 2022, as Homelessness Awareness Day in Vermont, and be it further

Resolved: That the Secretary of State be directed to send a copy of this resolution to the Vermont Coalition to End Homelessness.