

CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

ADDENDUM

TO THE

HOUSE CALENDAR

**Text of House Concurrent
Resolutions**

of

February 24, 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 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. 106.

House concurrent resolution in memory of Robert William Kirkbride

Offered by: Representative Nicoll of Ludlow

Offered by: Senators Clarkson, McCormack, and Nitka

Whereas, one of the Town of Ludlow's most esteemed and popular citizens was Robert Kirkbride, whose many kindnesses to local residents and strong work ethic were nearly legendary, and

Whereas, a Burlington native, he delayed his graduation from Cathedral High School until after his World War II U.S. Army service, became a Burlington Police officer, and then enlisted in the U.S. Air Force during the Korean War, and

Whereas, in 1952, Robert Kirkbride married Patricia A. Martel of Ludlow, relocated to her hometown, and his work career there, which included a variety of positions, lasted into his ninth decade, and

Whereas, he joined the Ludlow Fire Department, the Ludlow Rotary Club, and the Ludlow Knights of Columbus, his long dedication and leadership in each of these organizations was valued greatly, and the Ludlow Rotary Club dedicated a clock in downtown Ludlow in his honor, and

Whereas, Robert Kirkbride, whose contributions to the Ludlow community were extensive, died of COVID-19 on March 19, 2020, at 93 years of age, and his survivors include his children, grandchildren, and great-grandchildren, now therefore be it

Resolved by the Senate and House of Representatives:

That the General Assembly extends its sincere condolences to the family of Robert William Kirkbride, and be it further

Resolved: That the Secretary of State be directed to send a copy of this resolution to the Ludlow Fire Department, the Ludlow Knights of Columbus, the Ludlow Rotary Club, and to the members of Robert Kirkbride's family.

H.C.R. 107.

House concurrent resolution designating March 10, 2022, as Social Worker Advocacy Day at the State House

Offered by: Representatives Vyhovsky of Essex, Pugh of South Burlington, Cina of Burlington, Ancel of Calais, Donnally of Hyde Park, and Rachelson of Burlington

Whereas, the social work profession's primary mission is "to enhance human well-being and help meet the basic human needs of all people," and

Whereas, there are numerous types of social work relating to administration and management, advocacy and community organization, aging, child welfare, developmental disabilities, health care, international development, justice and corrections, mental health and clinical services, mental health and substance abuse services, occupational and employees assistance, policy and planning, politics, public welfare, research, and school programs, and

Whereas, with the emergence of the COVID-19 pandemic, social workers have confronted new logistical and societal challenges, and

Whereas, the pandemic has placed new stresses on individuals and families, whose economic, employment, educational, and daily living situations have fundamentally changed, and social workers have worked diligently with their clients to meet these unprecedented circumstances, and

Whereas, lockdowns and group gathering restrictions have prompted innovative practice approaches, including the use of two-way video technologies to meet with clients, and

Whereas, the societal role of social workers has now assumed a new and urgent importance, and while visiting the State House, Vermont's social workers have been explaining these changing dynamics to the members of the General Assembly, now therefore be it

Resolved by the Senate and House of Representatives:

That the General Assembly designates March 10, 2022, as Social Worker Advocacy Day at the State House, and be it further

Resolved: That the Secretary of State be directed to send a copy of this resolution to the Vermont Chapter of the National Association of Social Workers

H.C.R. 108.

House concurrent resolution designating the legislative week of March 8–11, 2022 as Early Childhood Week at the General Assembly

Offered by: Representative Pugh of South Burlington

Whereas, today's young children are tomorrow's voters, workers, taxpayers, and parents, and a strong start helps ensure both a child's and Vermont's future prosperity, and

Whereas, nurturing and individualized interactions with adults at home and in the community are important, and the quality of early childhood experiences can establish either a sturdy or fragile foundation for all development that follows, and

Whereas, research has shown that investments in early childhood can result in better lifetime outcomes for children, yielding strong returns on this investment, and

Whereas, all Vermonters want their young children to grow into healthy adults, engaged community members, and active participants in our economy, and

Whereas, on March 9, 2022, Vermonters concerned about our State's youngest residents will meet with their State legislators on issues relating to the well-being and development of young children, now therefore be it

Resolved by the Senate and House of Representatives:

That the General Assembly designates the legislative week of March 8–11, 2022 as Early Childhood Week at the General Assembly, 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, who are jointly sponsoring the 2022 Early Childhood Week at the General Assembly.