

CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

ADDENDUM

TO THE

**SENATE AND HOUSE
CALENDARS**

**Text of Senate
Concurrent Resolutions**

of

Thursday, February 17, 2022

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. 15.

By Senator Brock,

By Representative Christie of Hartford,

S.C.R. 15. Senate concurrent resolution recognizing February 2022 as Black History Month in Vermont.

Whereas, each February, Black History Month commemorates the struggles and triumphs of Black Americans in our State's and nation's history, and

Whereas, Vermont's first Black State legislator, Alexander Twilight, elected in 1836, may also have been the nation's first, and

Whereas, Crispus Attucks was the first colonist killed at the Boston Massacre in 1770, and

Whereas, millions of Black Americans have defended our nation with distinction, having served in every war since the Revolution, producing leaders such as General Colin Powell, who served as the chairman of the Joint Chiefs of Staff and as U.S. Secretary of State, and retired General Lloyd Austin, currently serving as the nation's first Black Secretary of Defense, and

Whereas, Black Americans have achieved prominence in diverse fields, including diplomacy (Ralph Bunche, the 1950 Nobel Peace Prize winner for his mediation role in the Middle East, and former U.S. Secretary of State Condoleezza Rice), the literary arts (National Book Award recipient Ralph Ellison, Guggenheim Fellow Langston Hughes, and Noble Prize winner Toni Morrison), science (astronomer and mathematician Benjamin Banneker, agricultural scientist George Washington Carver, and astrophysicist Neil deGrasse Tyson, the Director of the Hayden Planetarium), the musical arts (opera singers Marian Anderson, Jessye Norman, and Leontyne Price, classical music composers Terence Blanchard, and William Grant Still, and jazz musician extraordinaire, Duke Ellington), and in the field of national civic and political leadership (Nobel Peace Prize winners the Reverend Dr. Martin Luther King Jr., and former President Barack Obama), and

Whereas, the accomplishments of these individuals and many other Black Americans are worthy of celebration and reflection, *now therefore be it*

Resolved by the Senate and House of Representatives:

That the General Assembly recognizes February 2022 as Black History Month in Vermont.

S.C.R. 16.

By Senators Campion and Sears,

By Representatives Corcoran of Bennington, Durfee of Shaftsbury, Morrissey of Bennington, Nigro of Bennington, and Whitman of Bennington,

S.C.R. 16. Senate concurrent resolution commemorating the centennial of Robert Frost's poem "Stopping by Woods on a Snowy Evening".

Whereas, for nine years, Vermont's first poet laureate and four-time Pulitzer Prize-winner Robert Frost resided in an eighteenth-century stone-and-clapboard house in Shaftsbury, and

Whereas, Robert Frost wrote one of his most famous poems, "Stopping by Woods on a Snowy Evening", in his Shaftsbury residence, not during a precipitation-filled winter's night, but on a June day in 1922, and

Whereas, the poem concludes with the memorable final stanza "The woods are lovely, dark and deep, But I have promises to keep, And miles to go before I sleep, And miles to go before I sleep," and Frost scholar Jay Parini has described the poem as "about isolation, nature and the will to continue," and

Whereas, Bennington College now manages the poet's former residence as the Robert Frost Stone House Museum under the leadership of its director, Erin McKenny, *now therefore be it*

Resolved by the Senate and House of Representatives:

That the General Assembly commemorates the centennial of Robert Frost's poem "Stopping by Woods on a Snowy Evening," *and be it further*

Resolved: That the Secretary of State be directed to send a copy of this resolution to Erin McKenny at the Robert Frost Stone House Museum.