

CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

ADDENDUM

TO THE

HOUSE CALENDAR

**Text of House Concurrent
Resolutions**

of

March 2, 2023

Concurrent Resolutions for Adoption Under Joint Rules 16a -16d

The following concurrent resolutions will be adopted automatically unless a Senator or Representative requests floor consideration in the member's chamber prior to adjournment of the next legislative day. Requests for floor consideration in either chamber should be communicated to the Senate Secretary's Office or the House Clerk's Office, as applicable.

Resolutions

H.C.R. 42

House concurrent resolution honoring Laura and Lewis Sumner of Halifax for their exemplary municipal public service

Offered by: Representative Roberts of Halifax

Whereas, Laura Sumner was raised in Vernon, and her husband, Lewis, in Halifax, where they have resided since their marriage in 1965, and

Whereas, Lewis Sumner continued his family's farming tradition, maintaining a dairy herd until 1988, and, subsequently, he was employed for many years as the custodian at Halifax Elementary School, and

Whereas, both Laura and Lewis Sumner were active in the former Guiding Star Grange, and they were also long associated with the West Halifax Bible Church, and

Whereas, each member of this this five-decade-plus partnership has served the Town of Halifax with dedication and distinction, and

Whereas, from 1967 until 2010, Laura Sumner was the dependable and knowledgeable Halifax Town Clerk, overseeing the daily operations of municipal government, ensuring democracy's vitality as the coordinator of elections' administration, safeguarding the town's municipal records, and transitioning the town into the digital era, and

Whereas, for 58 years, Lewis Sumner responded to the call to duty when the alarm sounded at the Halifax Fire Company Inc., and

Whereas, beginning in 1963, Lewis Sumner has stood successfully for election to the Halifax Selectboard, and, except for a brief hiatus from 2002 to 2005, has served continuously for 60 years, and during many of these years, has presided over the panel as chair, a position he currently holds, and

Whereas, on Town Meeting Day 2023, Lewis Sumner will conclude his remarkable six decades of Selectboard membership, highlights of which include eight weather events involving FEMA, and especially the aftermath of

Tropical Storm Irene, and this is a propitious occasion to recognize the couple who truly merit the title Mr. and Mrs. Halifax, now therefore be it

Resolved by the Senate and House of Representatives:

That the General Assembly honors Laura and Lewis Sumner of Halifax for their exemplary municipal public service, and be it further

Resolved: That the Secretary of State be directed to send a copy of this resolution to Laura and Lewis Sumner and to the Halifax Town Clerk.

H.C.R. 43

House concurrent resolution honoring Ludlow Selectboard Chair Bruce Schmidt for his distinguished civic leadership

Offered by: Representative Nicoll of Ludlow

Offered by: Senators Clarkson, McCormack, and White

Whereas, Ludlow native Bruce Schmidt has devoted his life to the betterment of his hometown, and

Whereas, Bruce Schmidt graduated from Black River High School and proved his mettle as a conscientious and consistently reliable employee during a 38-year career at the Okemo Mountain Resort, beginning at the entry-level and rising to the position of general manager, and

Whereas, prior to graduating from high school, Bruce Schmidt started serving the Town of Ludlow as a cemetery employee, and, since 2019, he has served on the cemetery commission, and

Whereas, public education is a topic of great concern for Bruce Schmidt, and, for many years, he was a member of the board of Black River High School, and, for much of that time, he served ably as the chair of the panel, and

Whereas, since 2002, Bruce Schmidt has sat on the Ludlow Selectboard, participating in municipal governance decisions that impact a broad spectrum of public life, and

Whereas, since 2018, he has been privileged to serve as chair of the selectboard, and

Whereas, in 2023, this much-respected community leader in the Town of Ludlow will not be standing for reelection to the selectboard, concluding an exemplary tenure of 21 years, now therefore be it

Resolved by the Senate and House of Representatives:

That the General Assembly honors Ludlow Selectboard Chair Bruce Schmidt for his distinguished civic leadership, and be it further

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

H.C.R. 44

House concurrent resolution honoring Philip Carter for his exemplary community service in the Town of Ludlow

Offered by: Representative Nicoll of Ludlow

Whereas, Phil Carter has lived in the Town of Ludlow for 48 eventful years, serving the town in many capacities and always looking to be of assistance, and

Whereas, gardening and landscaping are special passions of Phil Carter, and he is known as both a master gardener and master composter at the Ludlow Community Garden, and

Whereas, his interest in beautiful landscapes also prompted a related concern for comprehensive town planning, the proper application of local zoning ordinances, and the thoughtful approval of proposed new construction projects, and

Whereas, these concerns resulted in his service for 37 years on the Ludlow Development Review Board, which he currently chairs, and

Whereas, his involvement with many community activities broadened his exposure to a variety of municipal issues, prompting him to stand successfully for election to the selectboard, on which he served for three years, including as chair, and

Whereas, the Town of Ludlow has frequently availed itself of the numerous talents of Phil Carter, a citizen always ready to answer the call to duty, now therefore be it

Resolved by the Senate and House of Representatives:

That the General Assembly honors Philip Carter for his exemplary community service in the Town of Ludlow, and be it further

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

H.C.R. 45

House concurrent resolution congratulating the Vermont medal winners at the 2022 National Senior Games and designating March 15, 2023 as Senior Physical Fitness Day at the State House

Offered by: Representatives Brumsted of Shelburne, Harrison of Chittenden, Austin of Colchester, Black of Essex, Brown of Richmond, Burditt of West Rutland, Conlon of Cornwall, Dodge of Essex, Dolan of Essex Junction, Dolan of Waitsfield, Donahue of Northfield, Garofano of Essex, Goldman of Rockingham, Gregoire of Fairfield, Holcombe of Norwich, Hooper of Burlington, Krasnow of South Burlington, Lalley of Shelburne, Mattos of Milton, Mihaly of Calais, Minier of South Burlington, Morgan of Milton, Morrissey of Bennington, Noyes of Wolcott, Pajala of Londonderry, Priestley of Bradford, Scheu of Middlebury, Sheldon of Middlebury, Squirrell of Underhill, Taylor of Milton, Torre of Moretown, Whitman of Bennington, and Wood of Waterbury

Whereas, annually, the Vermont Senior Games Association (VSGA) organizes the Vermont Senior Games, the qualifying event for Vermonters who desire to participate in the challenging National Senior Games, a biennial event held in Fort Lauderdale, Florida, and in 2022, 80 Vermont athletes traveled there, participated in 11 sports, and won 21 gold, 10 silver, and 14 bronze medals, making an impressive total of 45, and

Whereas, Vermonters especially noteworthy were Flo Meiler of Shelburne, 87 years of age, the National Senior Games top winner, with five gold and ten overall in track and field; Bob Willey of Essex, 89 years of age, a bronze medalist in basketball; and Donna Smyers of Adamant, in the 60–64 age group, with two golds, one in cycling and one in the triathlon, and

Whereas, the Vermonters who won one or more medals were Karen Andresen, Lee Ann Banks, Annie Besette, John Bolton, Sarah Bombardier, Linda Bracken, Eric Brigham, Anne Campbell, David Chesley, Mary Clifton, Brian Conchieri, Jim Flint, Margaret Gibson, Don Gilman, Matt Guild, Kristen Hartley, Kate Herbert, Tim Hogeboom, Jeanne Hulsen, Helga Immerfall, Todd Keller, Gurudharm Khalsa, Deborah Larkin, Victoria Luksch, Susan Madrigan, Elizabeth McCarthy, Flo Meiler, Mark Mulder, Loren Palmer, Sani Pasagic, John Prentice, Bill Romond, Zane Rodriguez, Marc Sacco, Patty Sacco, Jeff Schuman, David Shiman, Pam Sills, Donna Smyers, John Tashiro, Sandra Wall, Joan Weir, Stan Wilbur, and Bob Willey, and

Whereas, today, March 15, 2023, representatives of the VSGA and the Governor's Council on Physical Fitness are at the State House to explain the importance for seniors to remain athletically active, now therefore be it

Resolved by the Senate and House of Representatives:

That the General Assembly congratulates the Vermont medal winners at the 2022 National Senior Games and designates March 15, 2023 as Senior Physical Fitness 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 each athlete honored in this resolution, to the VSGA, to and the Governor's Council on Physical Fitness.

H.C.R. 46

House concurrent resolution congratulating Tillie Walden of Norwich on her selection as the fifth Vermont Cartoonist Laureate

Offered by: Representatives Holcombe of Norwich and Masland of Thetford

Offered by: Senators Clarkson, McCormack, and White

Whereas, since 2011, the Center for Cartoon Studies in White River Junction has celebrated the foremost Vermont practitioners of this art form with a three-year term designation as Vermont Cartoonist Laureate, and prior honorees were James Kochalka, Ed Koren, Alison Bechdel, and Richard Veitch, and

Whereas, the fifth and newest recipient of this prestigious title is Tillie Walden of Norwich, a 2016 graduate of the Center for Cartoon Studies, and now one of its faculty members, and

Whereas, although only in her 20s, Tillie Walden is already a prolific cartoonist and the author-illustrator of *The End of Summer*, *I Love This Part*, *A City Inside*, *Spinning*, *On a Sunbeam*, *Are You Listening?*, *Alone in Space*, *Sketchbook 2017–2020*, *Creativity*, and *Clementine* (Book One and Book Two), and she is the co-author with Emma Hunsinger of *My Parents Won't Stop Talking!*, and the illustrator of Tegan and Sara Quin's *Junior High*, and

Whereas, among her numerous prizes are two Eisner Awards (Best Reality-Based Book in 2018, and Best Graphic Album–New Material in 2020), two Ignatz Awards (Outstanding Artist, and Promising New Talent, both in 2016), a Broken Frontier Award in 2016, and a Los Angeles Times Book Award in 2018, and

Whereas, Tillie Walden will proudly continue the tradition of the Vermont Cartoonist Laureate's promotion of cartooning and the ever-broadening application of this colorful illustrative medium, now therefore be it

Resolved by the Senate and House of Representatives:

That the General Assembly congratulates Tillie Walden of Norwich on her selection as the fifth Vermont Cartoonist Laureate, and be it further

Resolved: That the Secretary of State be directed to send a copy of this resolution to Tillie Walden and to the Center for Cartoon Studies.

H.C.R. 47

House concurrent resolution honoring Rotary International for its continuing good works and congratulating the Burlington, Bellows Falls, Montpelier, St. Johnsbury, and Windsor Rotary Clubs on their centennial

Offered by: Representatives Nugent of South Burlington, Krasnow of South Burlington, Priestley of Bradford, Waters Evans of Charlotte, Andriano of Orwell, Arsenault of Williston, Austin of Colchester, Birong of Vergennes, Boyden of Cambridge, Brumsted of Shelburne, Buss of Woodstock, Campbell of St. Johnsbury, Casey of Montpelier, Chapin of East Montpelier, Chase of Chester, Chesnut-Tangerman of Middletown Springs, Conlon of Cornwall, Dolan of Essex Junction, Donahue of Northfield, Farlice-Rubio of Barnet, Galfetti of Barre Town, Garofano of Essex, Goslant of Northfield, Hango of Berkshire, Harrison of Chittenden, Holcombe of Norwich, Houghton of Essex Junction, Lalley of Shelburne, Leavitt of Grand Isle, McCann of Montpelier, McCoy of Poultney, McGill of Bridport, Minier of South Burlington, Morgan of Milton, Morrissey of Bennington, Mrowicki of Putney, Nicoll of Ludlow, Ode of Burlington, Page of Newport City, Rachelson of Burlington, Toleno of Brattleboro, Torre of Moretown, and White of Bethel

Offered by: Senator Chittenden

Whereas, Rotary International has strong Vermont roots as the convenor of the first Rotary meeting, held in Chicago on February 23, 1905, was Wallingford native Paul P. Harris, and

Whereas, the objective of Rotary “is to encourage and foster the ideal of service as a basis of worthy enterprise,” and

Whereas, in 1917, the leadership of Rotary International established the Rotary Foundation “for the purpose of doing good in the world,” and in 1921, “the advancement of peace and international goodwill” was added to the Rotary Constitution, and

Whereas, the mission of Rotary International is implemented through its international programs to fight life-threatening diseases, improve health care, provide clean water and sanitation systems, offer nutritional programs, and support literacy education, and through its Interact and student exchange youth programs, and

Whereas, in 2011, Rotary Clubs in Vermont were a major financial contributor to Tropical Storm Irene relief efforts, and

Whereas, 2023 marks the centennial of the chartering of the Burlington (the first in Vermont), Bellows Falls, Montpelier, St. Johnsbury, and Windsor Rotary Clubs, which are among the many now-operating Rotary Clubs in this international organization’s Districts 7850 and 7870, now therefore be it

Resolved by the Senate and House of Representatives:

That the General Assembly honors Rotary International for its continuing good works and congratulates the Burlington, Bellows Falls, Montpelier, and St. Johnsbury Rotary Clubs on their centennial, and be it further

Resolved: That the Secretary of State be directed to send a copy of this resolution to the presidents of Rotary Districts 7850 and 7870, and to the Burlington, Bellows Falls, Montpelier, St. Johnsbury, and Windsor Rotary Clubs.