

CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

ADDENDUM

TO THE

HOUSE CALENDAR

**Text of House Concurrent
Resolutions**

of

February 29, 2024

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.

H.C.R. 164

House concurrent resolution recognizing April 2024 as the Month of the Military Child in Vermont and supporting the important work it represents

Offered by: Representatives Morgan of Milton, Hango of Berkshire, Bartley of Fairfax, Birong of Vergennes, Branagan of Georgia, Brennan of Colchester, Canfield of Fair Haven, Demar of Enosburgh, Donahue of Northfield, Galfetti of Barre Town, Graham of Williamstown, Gregoire of Fairfield, Higley of Lowell, Hooper of Burlington, Labor of Morgan, Laroche of Franklin, Maguire of Rutland City, McCarthy of St. Albans City, McFaun of Barre Town, Morrissey of Bennington, Nugent of South Burlington, Page of Newport City, Parsons of Newbury, Peterson of Clarendon, Sims of Craftsbury, Taylor of Milton, Toof of St. Albans Town, and Williams of Granby

Whereas, many Americans and Vermonters may not be aware that there are more than 1.6 million children of U.S. military personnel, and

Whereas, family pressures are magnified for children who remain stateside when a parent is deployed abroad, and the children of the approximately 1,000 Vermont National Guard personnel who may be deployed over the course of a year experience this disruption firsthand, and

Whereas, military children's frequent relocation and corresponding lack of long-term community stability present them with an unwelcome distraction, and

Whereas, in 1986, the U.S. Department of Defense first designated April as the Month of the Military Child, and this annual event is part of a year-round initiative that brightens and improves these children's lives, and

Whereas, related programs include the national Military Kids Connect, partnerships with the Boys & Girls Clubs of America and 4-H Clubs, and Sesame Street for Military Families, as well as many local activities that offices such as the Vermont National Guard's Child & Youth Services administer, and

Whereas, as part of this special month, April 17, 2024 will be Purple Up! For Military Kids Day, an opportunity for Americans to show solidarity with military families by wearing purple, a color that symbolizes all branches of the military, now therefore be it

Resolved by the Senate and House of Representatives:

That the General Assembly recognizes April 2024 as the Month of the Military Child in Vermont, and be it further

Resolved: That the Secretary of State be directed to send a copy of this resolution to the Vermont National Guard Office of Child & Youth Services.

H.C.R. 165

House concurrent resolution congratulating the 2024 Essex High School Hornets Division I championship boys' indoor track and field team

Offered by: Representatives Dodge of Essex, Andrews of Westford, Black of Essex, Dolan of Essex Junction, Garofano of Essex, and Houghton of Essex Junction

Offered by: Senators Vyhovsky and Wrenner

Whereas, having won the 2022 boys' indoor track and field championship and nearly repeated this victory in 2023, the Essex Hornets were eager to reclaim their lost title, and

Whereas, the 2024 indoor track and field championship meet, conducted at the University of Vermont, showcased the Hornets' athletic prowess, as they secured top finishes in the 600-meter dash, the 4x200 meter relay, and the weight throw, along with other outstanding performances, and

Whereas, the Hornets entered the decisive final test, the 4x400 meter relay, with a narrow four-point lead, and their third-place finish, in an exciting relay in which only .15 seconds separated the top three teams, garnered Essex a sufficient number of points to emerge as the 2024 Division I champion, besting second place St. Johnsbury Academy 104–102, and

Whereas, the thrilled Hornets were Liam Beckett, Tyler Eccles, Mason Fay, Jack Gorman, Matthew Hun, Zachary Jackman, Alexander Johnson, Braden Larose, Carl Lavery, Maxwell Lesny, Nathan Lyle, Diwash Maidali, Matthew Mallory, Emilio Mattos-Canedo, Alexander McClary, Jonathan McNamara, Thomas Meek, Elliot Miklus, David Monsengo, Ashtyn Morel-Blake, Adam Niquette, Kelton Poirer, Joseph Reed, Aiden Sabel, Maxwell Spaeder, James Steward, Beckett Versluys, William White, and Benjamin Wolyneec, and

Whereas, Head Coach Nicholas Smith and assistant coaches Varpilah Chase, Adam Lacross, Julie McGilpin, and Toki Tierata were skilled advisors, now therefore be it

Resolved by the Senate and House of Representatives:

That the General Assembly congratulates the 2024 Essex High School Hornets Division I championship boys' indoor track and field 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. 166

House concurrent resolution congratulating the Essex High School Hornets girls' volleyball team on winning its third consecutive State championship

Offered by: Representatives Dodge of Essex, Andrews of Westford, Black of Essex, Dolan of Essex Junction, Garofano of Essex, and Houghton of Essex Junction

Offered by: Senators Vyhovsky and Wrenner

Whereas, after the Essex High School Hornets girls' volleyball team set a blazing pace of winning two perfect seasons, capped with State titles, the odds of repeating this accomplishment in 2023 seemed challenging at best, and

Whereas, the top-ranked Hornets were eager to prove these odds wrong and proceeded to win each 2023 game, leading to the decisive contest, which was played at St. Michael's College, against the second-ranked Champlain Valley Union Redhawks, and

Whereas, the Hornets convincingly defeated the Redhawks in a straight set victory (25–14, 25–21, 25–10), as Essex won a third consecutive State crown and its 51st straight game, and

Whereas, these accomplished Hornets were Riley Austin, Jennifer Longway, Trinity Anaya, Reese Gregory, Sara Sinkewicz, Hannah Knickerbocker, Tess Adams, Bianca Williams, Anna Towne, Abigail Desilets, Colleen Sonnicks, Isabel Nerad, Shakeira Konare, and Lucia Minadeo, and

Whereas, Head Coach Jen Liguori and Assistant Coach Phil Reynolds were as ecstatic as the players to earn this most recent team honor, now therefore be it

Resolved by the Senate and House of Representatives:

That the General Assembly congratulates the Essex High School Hornets girls' volleyball team on winning its third consecutive State championship, 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. 167

House concurrent resolution commemorating the centennial of U.S. Navy Torpedoman 2nd Class Henry Breault's becoming the first submariner to receive the Medal of Honor

Offered by: Representatives Morgan of Milton, Bartley of Fairfax, Beck of St. Johnsbury, Birong of Vergennes, Boyden of Cambridge, Branagan of Georgia, Brennan of Colchester, Burditt of West Rutland, Canfield of Fair Haven, Clifford of Rutland City, Demar of Enosburgh, Donahue of Northfield, Galfetti of Barre Town, Graham of Williamstown, Gregoire of Fairfield, Hango of Berkshire, Higley of Lowell, Hooper of Burlington, Labor of Morgan, Laroche of Franklin, Leavitt of Grand Isle, Maguire of Rutland City, Mattos of Milton, McCarthy of St. Albans City, McCoy of Poultney, McFaun of Barre Town, Morrissey of Bennington, Mrowicki of Putney, Nugent of South Burlington, Oliver of Sheldon, Page of Newport City, Parsons of Newbury, Peterson of Clarendon, Sammis of Castleton, Shaw of Pittsford, Sabilia of Dover, Smith of Derby, Taylor of Milton, Toof of St. Albans Town, and Walker of Swanton

Whereas, the Medal of Honor is the U.S. military's highest recognition and is awarded for acts of extraordinary valor while serving our nation, and

Whereas, Henry Breault had a long naval career, first, as a member of the Royal Navy Canadian Volunteer Reserve during World War I, and, subsequently, from 1920–1941, as a submariner in the U.S. Navy who enlisted in Grand Isle and is designated in U.S. Naval records as a Vermonter, and

Whereas, on October 28, 1923, Henry Breault was stationed on the USS O-5, which, while in transit through the Panama Canal, collided with the steamship Abangarez, a commercial vessel, causing the nearly immediate sinking of the submarine, and

Whereas, nearly all the personnel on board the submarine, including Henry Breault, were able to escape, but Breault, on the verge of jumping overboard to safety himself, returned to the torpedo room to rescue a trapped fellow submarine mate, closing the torpedo hatch after him, and

Whereas, 31 hours later, a salvage party was able to rescue both men, and Henry Breault's selfless bravery resulted in President Calvin Coolidge's awarding him the Medal of Honor on March 8, 1924, making him the first submariner—and, to this day, the only enlisted submariner—so recognized, and

Whereas, naval historian Ryan Walker has since written a book entitled, *The Silent Service's First Hero: The First Submariner to Receive the Medal of Honor*, and Henry Breault's story was also the subject of an exhibit at the Submarine Force Library and Museum in Groton, Connecticut, now therefore be it

Resolved by the Senate and House of Representatives:

That the General Assembly commemorates the centennial of U.S. Navy Torpedoman 2nd Class Henry Breault's becoming the first submariner to receive the Medal of Honor, and be it further

Resolved: That the Secretary of State be directed to send a copy of this resolution to the Submarine Force Library and Museum and to Ryan Walker.

H.C.R. 168

House concurrent resolution honoring the artistic legacy of Skip Morrow and The Art of Humor Gallery in Wilmington

Offered by: Representative Roberts of Halifax

Whereas, the creative genius of Skip Morrow was expressed in his designs, music, and, most prominently, his cartoons, whose often humorous illustrations adorned books, calendars, and greeting cards, and

Whereas, as a youth in New Jersey, his doodling and musical talent emerged, and his skill as a guitarist, pianist, and singer took him to performance venues throughout the northeast, and

Whereas, in 1974, Skip Morrow graduated from Rutgers University, and, in 1980, his cartooning acumen became broadly known with the publication of his *New York Times*-bestseller *The Official I Hate Cats Book*, and

Whereas, in the decades that followed, Skip Morrow illustrated many publications, approximately 1,500 greeting cards for Recycled Paper Greetings, and both contracted as a corporate illustrator and worked on a pro bono basis, designing for local organizations, including the MOOver buses, and

Whereas, in 1981, Skip Morrow married Laraine, and they became a performing musical duo, entertaining at restaurants, weddings, and other celebratory events, and

Whereas, at the picturesque property that the couple purchased in Wilmington, with a postal address on the unusually named Not-A Road, Skip Morrow designed a fun-filled home, a studio, and The Art of Humor gallery space, which, since 2001, has exhibited and sold his works, and

Whereas, in the 1990s, in response to a proposed highway bypass around Wilmington, Skip Morrow instead proposed leaving the road and relocating the town center, and, had this daring proposal been adopted, downtown Wilmington's devastation from Tropical Irene might have been avoided, and

Whereas, Skip Morrow died in 2019, his wife and daughters surviving him, and, in 2024, Laraine Morrow has decided to sell the family property and limit future art sales to an online gallery, thus ending The Art of Humor's unique presence in the Town of Wilmington, now therefore be it

Resolved by the Senate and House of Representatives:

That the General Assembly honors the artistic legacy of Skip Morrow and The Art of Humor Gallery in Wilmington, and be it further

Resolved: That the Secretary of State be directed to send a copy of this resolution to the members of the Morrow family.

H.C.R. 169

House concurrent resolution honoring Norwich University Athletic Hall of Fame member Harold Martin, in celebration of Black History Month

Offered by: Representatives Donahue of Northfield, Goslant of Northfield, and Morgan of Milton

Offered by: Senators Cummings, Perchlik, Ram Hinsdale, and Watson

Whereas, Norwich University's first Black Cadet Harold (Doc) Martin's pioneering academic, athletic, and leadership achievements foreshadowed his distinguished academic, coaching, and military career, and

Whereas, as a varsity athlete on the icy hockey surface (probably the first Black collegiate ice hockey player in the nation), on the baseball diamond, on the track, and on the gridiron, where he proudly served as captain, Doc Martin was a valued team member, and

Whereas, Doc Martin rose to the rank of 1st Sergeant in the Corps of Cadets, served on the Norwich University Student Council, and was the athletic editor of the student publication *War Whoop*, and

Whereas, he earned a master's degree from New York University, and held faculty posts at Virginia Union University in Richmond, Virginia, and Shaw University in Raleigh, North Carolina, and

Whereas, starting in 1927, Doc Martin served as Director of Athletics at Virginia State University, and, beginning in 1932, he became Director of Health and Physical Education at Miner College in Washington, DC, and

Whereas, Doc Martin played for a season with the Pittsburgh Keystones of the former Negro Leagues Baseball, and he coached nine of his college teams in various sports to Central Intercollegiate Athletic Association championships, and

Whereas, in 1942, Doc Martin joined the Army Air Force, and, in 1943, was appointed Director of the Ground School at Tuskegee Airfield in Alabama, earned the rank of major, was tragically killed on March 23, 1945 in a plane crash near Reidsville, North Carolina, and he was buried with full military honors in Arlington National Cemetery, and

Whereas, in 1984, Doc Martin, Class of 1920, was inducted into the Norwich University Athletic Hall of Fame, now therefore be it

Resolved by the Senate and House of Representatives:

That the General Assembly honors Norwich University Athletic Hall of Fame member Harold Martin, in celebration of Black History Month, and be it further

Resolved: That the Secretary of State be directed to send a copy of this resolution to the Director of Campus and Athletic Communications at Norwich University.

H.C.R. 170

House concurrent resolution honoring Putney Fire Chief Thomas Goddard for his exemplary achievements as a municipal public safety official

Offered by: Representative Mrowicki of Putney

Offered by: Senators Harrison and Hashim

Whereas, the Town of Putney had long relied exclusively on volunteer support for its firefighting services, and

Whereas, in more recent years, the needs of the community required that the municipality appoint a full-time fire chief to oversee this important aspect of public safety, and

Whereas, after careful consideration, the Town of Putney appointed Thomas Goddard to this important role, and

Whereas, not only was Thomas Goddard responsible for the management of the Putney Fire Department, but as the first full-time fire chief, he literally created its current organizational structure and operational procedures from scratch, and

Whereas, Thomas Goddard did not limit his day to direct firefighting responsibilities; rather, he also served as Putney's health officer, code and enforcement officer, emergency management director, and E-911 coordinator, and

Whereas, colleagues in neighboring towns on both sides of the Connecticut River respect Thomas Goddard's technical expertise and managerial capabilities and have selected him to serve as the VT EMS District 13 president and as the Southwestern New Hampshire District Fire Mutual Aid Board vice president, and

Whereas, after over two decades of doing his best to extinguish blazes large and small in Putney, serving as the town's go-to person on public health and safety issues, and providing his colleagues with valued regional leadership, Thomas Goddard is concluding his public service, and his friendship and wisdom will be missed, now therefore be it

Resolved by the Senate and House of Representatives:

That the General Assembly honors Putney Fire Chief Thomas Goddard for his exemplary achievements as a municipal public safety official, and be it further

Resolved: That the Secretary of State be directed to send a copy of this resolution to Thomas Goddard and to the Putney Fire Department.