

CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

ADDENDUM

TO THE

HOUSE CALENDAR

**Text of House Concurrent
Resolutions**

of

February 12, 2015

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. 28.

House concurrent resolution designating February 6, 2015, as Wear Red Day in Vermont

Offered by: Representatives Krowinski of Burlington, Ram of Burlington, Clarkson of Woodstock, Batchelor of Derby, Berry of Manchester, Bissonnette of Winooski, Botzow of Pownal, Buxton of Tunbridge, Cole of Burlington, Conquest of Newbury, Dakin of Chester, Dakin of Colchester, Davis of Washington, Dickinson of St. Albans Town, Donovan of Burlington, Ellis of Waterbury, Evans of Essex, Fields of Bennington, Frank of Underhill, French of Randolph, Haas of Rochester, Huntley of Cavendish, Keenan of St. Albans City, Kitzmiller of Montpelier, LaLonde of South Burlington, Lenos of Shelburne, Long of Newfane, Lucke of Hartford, Macaig of Williston, Martin of Wolcott, Masland of Thetford, McCormack of Burlington, McCoy of Poultney, Miller of Shaftsbury, Morris of Bennington, Potter of Clarendon, Pugh of South Burlington, Rachelson of Burlington, Russell of Rutland City, Sheldon of Middlebury, Sweaney of Windsor, Till of Jericho, Toleno of Brattleboro, Townsend of South Burlington, and Walz of Barre City

Offered by: Senators Lyons and Ayer

Whereas, heart disease is the number one killer of women, yet 80 percent of cardiac events can be prevented, and

Whereas, cardiovascular disease is the cause of one-third of the deaths of women who die each year, and one woman dies of cardiovascular disease approximately every minute, and

Whereas, an estimated 44 million women in the U.S. are affected by cardiovascular diseases, and

Whereas, 90 percent of women have one or more risk factors for developing heart disease, yet only one in five American women believes that heart disease is her greatest health threat, and

Whereas, since 1984, more women than men have died each year from heart disease, and

Whereas, women comprise only 24 percent of participants in all heart-related studies, and

Whereas, only 43 percent of African American women and 44 percent of Hispanic women know that heart disease is their greatest health risk, compared with 60 percent of Caucasian women, and

Whereas, nearly 90 percent of women involved with the American Heart Association's Go Red For Women movement have made at least one healthy behavior change, and

Whereas, Go Red for Women is asking all Americans to Go Red by wearing red, and

Whereas, the Go Red for Women campaign is asking every woman to have her blood pressure and cholesterol checked, stop smoking, lose weight, exercise, eat healthfully, teach her children the importance of staying active, and be aware that heart disease is the number one killer of women, and

Whereas, increasing awareness, speaking up about heart disease, and empowering women to reduce their risk for cardiovascular disease can save thousands of lives each year, now therefore be it

Resolved by the Senate and House of Representatives:

That the General Assembly designates February 6, 2015, as Wear Red Day in Vermont, and be it further

Resolved: That the Secretary of State be directed to send a copy of this resolution to the American Heart Association-American Stroke Association in Williston.

H.C.R. 29.

House concurrent resolution congratulating the Vermont Jazz Center of Brattleboro on winning a 2014 Chamber Music America Acclaim Award

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

Whereas, the Vermont Jazz Center (VJC) originated in the Newfane home of guitarist Attila Zoller where he hosted informal jam sessions featuring prominent New York City jazz artists, and

Whereas, these initial musical encounters evolved into summer jazz workshops and ultimately were formalized as the VJC under Attila Zoller's dedicated leadership, and

Whereas, since 1997, pianist and current VJC Director Eugene Uman, his wife, Elsa Borrero, and VJC Board President Howard Brofsky have broadened

the VJC's menu of musical activities to encompass a year-round schedule, including concerts, workshops, weekly jam sessions, jazz history classes, ensembles, outreach to local schools, and private lessons, and

Whereas, Chamber Music America (CMA) is an organization promoting all aspects of ensemble music performance, and since 2000, jazz has been prominent in its repertoire, and

Whereas, Chamber Music America's Acclaim Award honors lesser known organizations that have made "extraordinary cultural contributions in a locality or region" and is conferred annually on two deserving winners, and

Whereas, CMA was pleased to honor the VJC as a 2014 Acclaim Award recipient in recognition of its notable contribution to jazz education and performance in southeastern Vermont, and

Whereas, the Acclaim Award ceremony, held on October 18, 2014, at the VJC headquarter in Brattleboro, was a wonderful tribute to the organization and jazz, and

Whereas, the festivities featured a concert with MacArthur Award-winning Cuban jazz drum virtuoso Dafnis Prieto, a leader in the New Latin Jazz movement, and his Si o So Quartet that also includes saxophonist Peter Afelbaum, pianist Manuel Valera, and bassist Johannes Weidenmueller, and

Whereas, CMA Chief Executive Officer Margaret Lioi was the distinguished presenter of this special accolade, and local arts and civic leaders attended the celebration, now therefore be it

Resolved by the Senate and House of Representatives:

That the General Assembly congratulates the Vermont Jazz Center of Brattleboro on winning a 2014 Chamber Music America Acclaim Award, and be it further

Resolved: That the Secretary of State be directed to send a copy of this resolution to the Vermont Jazz Center.

H.C.R. 30.

House concurrent resolution honoring Deborah and Wayne Granquist of Weston for their leadership in the public and nonprofit sectors

Offered by: Representatives Olsen of Londonderry, Komline of Dorset, and Smith of Morristown

Offered by: Senators Balint, Campbell, McCormack, and Nitka

Whereas, for many years, Deborah and Wayne Granquist have each served in either public or nonprofit sector leadership roles with great distinction, and they have resided in Weston since 1983, and

Whereas, Deborah Granquist graduated from Cornell University, the University of Connecticut Law School, and the Snelling Center for Government's Vermont Leadership Institute, and

Whereas, she worked as a banker and private attorney in Connecticut, and

Whereas, Deborah Granquist and her husband own a consulting firm that advises nonprofit organizations on governance matters, and

Whereas, her nonprofit board service has included the Vermont Community Foundation, where she served as board chair, and Green Mountain College, where she is currently a trustee, and

Whereas, Wayne Granquist earned both his bachelor's and law degrees from Harvard University, and

Whereas, his federal government career included serving as chief of staff to former U.S. Senator Abraham Ribicoff of Connecticut, a senior position at the National Aeronautics and Space Administration, and as former President Carter's Associate Director of the U.S. Office of Management and Budget Administration, where he implemented regulatory reform procedures that continue to this day, and witnessed unique and unexpected moments in the history of the American Presidency, and

Whereas, following his federal service, Wayne Granquist was a partner at a Connecticut asset management company and oversaw the administration of the Bromley and Stratton Mountain Ski resorts before embarking on a private-sector consultancy career, and

Whereas, Wayne Granquist has chaired economic development commissions for former governors Kunin and Dean, served as a senior economic advisor to Howard Dean's presidential campaign, and has chaired several nonprofit boards, including those of the Vermont Symphony Orchestra, the Weston Playhouse Theater Company, and the Dartmouth-Hitchcock Medical Center, and currently sits on the Vermont Public Radio board, and

Whereas, his dedication to public service has continued through his long-serving role as Weston Town Moderator, now therefore be it

Resolved by the Senate and House of Representatives:

That the General Assembly honors Deborah and Wayne Granquist of Weston for their leadership in the public and nonprofit sectors, and be it further

Resolved: That the Secretary of State be directed to send a copy of this resolution to Deborah and Wayne Granquist in Weston.

H.C.R. 31.

House concurrent resolution designating February 12, 2015, as Alzheimer's Awareness Day in Vermont

Offered by: All Members of the House

Offered by: All Members of the Senate

Whereas, Alzheimer's disease and other forms of dementia destroy the lives of their victims and greatly impede the lives of their caregivers, and

Whereas, the Alzheimer's Association estimated that 5.2 million Americans lived with Alzheimer's in 2014, including 200,000 persons younger than 65 years of age, and

Whereas, 15.5 million caregivers provided 17.7 billion hours of unpaid care valued at \$220 billion in 2013, and

Whereas, Alzheimer's disease is the sixth leading cause of death in the United States, and there are 500,000 people dying each year due to Alzheimer's, and

Whereas, women in the United States are especially impacted as almost two-thirds of Americans with Alzheimer's are women, and 2.5 times more women than men serve as intensive round-the-clock Alzheimer's caregivers, and

Whereas, the national financial impact of Alzheimer's disease in 2014 included \$37 billion of Medicaid expenditures, \$36 billion of out-of-pocket costs, and \$28 billion in other expenses, and

Whereas, as Americans continue to live longer lives, the Alzheimer's Association estimates that the number of persons who live with Alzheimer's could triple by 2050 unless a major medical breakthrough is discovered, and

Whereas, in Vermont, the Department of Disabilities, Aging and Independent Living has developed a Vermont State Plan on Dementia, and the Governor's Commission on Alzheimer's Disease and Related Disorders continues to focus attention on this critical societal problem, and

Whereas, today, Thursday, February 12, 2015, families of persons with Alzheimer's and others dedicated to finding a cure for this debilitating disease are gathered in the State House to inform members of the General Assembly about Alzheimer's disease, now therefore be it

Resolved by the Senate and House of Representatives:

That the General Assembly designates February 12, 2015, as Alzheimer's 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 chapter of the Alzheimer's Association.

H.C.R. 32.

House concurrent resolution congratulating Iva Fisher on her 100th birthday

Offered by: Representatives Partridge of Windham and Trieber of Rockingham

Whereas, Iva Bonnie Gibbs was born in South Windham a century ago on February 21, 1915, and

Whereas, although she spent her youth in the town of Windham, in the decades since she married Theron Fisher in 1934, Iva Gibbs' life has been centered in Grafton, and

Whereas, the couple's 1943 decision to purchase the Bert Walker Farm in Grafton was not unexpected as Theron Fisher has direct ties to the town that began in 1780, when his ancestor Asa Fisher arrived from Massachusetts and built a cabin on land now part of this municipality, and

Whereas, Iva and Theron Fisher became dedicated contributors to Vermont's agricultural economy as they milked over 100 cows and hayed almost every field in Grafton, plus others in Andover, Rockingham, and on Parker Hill located in Rockingham and Springfield, and

Whereas, the extent of the Fisher haying operation one year grew to 12,000 bales, and

Whereas, Iva Fisher had a life beyond her family's farm and was active in Grafton's civic affairs, and

Whereas, for many years, she served as Grafton's tax collector and was also a justice of the peace, and

Whereas, both Iva and Theron Fisher drove the Grafton school bus, and

Whereas, Iva and her late husband, Theron, were the parents of four daughters and one son, and she is a proud grandmother and great-grandmother, and

Whereas, all four of their daughters, their son having died at age 30, have made their homes on the family's farm land, and

Whereas, a great-grandson, Theron A, represents the ninth generation of the Fisher family residing in Grafton, and

Whereas, on February 21, 2015, the family and friends of Iva Fisher will gather at the Chester American Legion to celebrate the centennial birthday of one of Grafton's most celebrated citizens, now therefore be it

Resolved by the Senate and House of Representatives:

That the General Assembly congratulates Iva Fisher on her 100th birthday, and be it further

Resolved: That the Secretary of State be directed to send a copy of this resolution to Iva Fisher in Grafton.

H.C.R. 33.

House concurrent resolution honoring Peter Mello for his outstanding contributions to public education, including his leadership of the Rutland City School Board

Offered by: Representatives Fagan of Rutland City, Cupoli of Rutland City, Gage of Rutland City, and Russell of Rutland City

Offered by: Senators Collamore, Flory, and Mullin

Whereas, for over 45 years, Peter Mello has been a dedicated educator bringing his talents to the forefront in various roles, and

Whereas, he graduated from Bridgewater State University in Massachusetts, earned a master's degree from Rhode Island College in Providence, a certificate of advanced graduate studies from Castleton State College, and completed additional graduate courses at both Castleton State College and the University of Vermont, and

Whereas, Peter Mello's first teaching assignment was in Somerset, Massachusetts, the community where he accepted his first administrative post in 1974 as an assistant principal, and

Whereas, he later served as principal at the Westport, Massachusetts, elementary school, held several curriculum supervisory positions with the Rutland City schools, and lead the Neshobe School in Brandon as its principal, and

Whereas, in more recent years, Peter Mello was both a program administrator and adjunct faculty member at Castleton State College, and

Whereas, in 2003, Rutland City voters elected Peter Mello to the city's school board, where he was always ready to offer his expertise, and

Whereas, fellow school board members recognized Peter Mello's leadership qualities and chose him to serve as their president beginning in 2008, and

Whereas, while Peter Mello sat on the board, the district's excellence initiative was completed, Rutland High School won recognition as a leader in the transformation movement, the Rowland Foundation awarded the district significant financial support for teacher fellowships, Rutland City public schools were leaders in both STEM (science, technology, engineering, and math) programs and global studies initiatives, and major improvements to school buildings were completed, and

Whereas, Peter Mello is now concluding his Rutland City School Board service, now therefore be it

Resolved by the Senate and House of Representatives:

That the General Assembly honors Peter Mello for his outstanding contributions to public education, including his leadership of the Rutland City School Board, and be it further

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

H.C.R. 34.

House concurrent resolution congratulating Barbara G. Rhoad as the winner of the 2014 Vermont Tree Steward Award for the Unsung Steward

Offered by: Representatives Sweaney of Windsor and Bartholomew of Hartland

Whereas, the Vermont Urban and Community Forestry Council honors the champions of the State's community trees and forests with its annual Vermont Tree Steward Awards, and

Whereas, one of the awards presented is for the Unsung Steward that recognizes "an individual and/or team who work behind the scenes and consistently goes above and beyond to make a difference in their community's urban and community forest," and

Whereas, the 2014 Unsung Steward is Barbara Rhoad of Windsor, and

Whereas, although not a professional arborist, Barbara Rhoad is a dedicated organizer and participant in tree planting activities, and

Whereas, if there are not others to perform a task, she assumes direct responsibility for its completion, and

Whereas, Barbara Rhoad is responsible for the presence of the honey-locust and linden trees lining Windsor's Main Street, the sugar maples on the town common, and the shade memorial trees and liberty elms at the Windsor School complex, and

Whereas, the diverse trees adorning the Constitution House's grounds thrive on account of her special attention, and

Whereas, Barbara Rhoad monitors the grand old trees at the Old South and Ascutney cemeteries, and

Whereas, she has nurtured many local apple orchards and trees, and

Whereas, in 1979, Barbara Rhoad was a founding member of the Windsor Paradise Park Commission, and

Whereas, Barbara Rhoad's extensive work to beautify Windsor and make its trees stand strong made her an ideal choice as the 2014 Unsung Steward, and she was honored at a State House ceremony, now therefore be it

Resolved by the Senate and House of Representatives:

That the General Assembly congratulates Barbara Rhoad as the winner of the 2014 Vermont Tree Steward Award for the Unsung Steward, and be it further

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

H.C.R. 35.

House concurrent resolution in memory of master fiddler Harold Luce

Offered by: Representatives Davis of Washington, Buxton of Tunbridge, Conquest of Newbury, French of Randolph, Graham of Williamstown, Haas of Rochester, Masland of Thetford, and Ryerson of Randolph

Offered by: Senator MacDonald

Whereas, traditional fiddle playing is closely associated with Vermont's traditional rural culture, and

Whereas, one of Vermont's renowned traditional fiddlers was Harold Luce of Chelsea, and

Whereas, Harold Luce was born on October 11, 1918, in Chelsea and called the Orange County shire town home for much of his life, and

Whereas, he and his wife, Edith, married in 1939 and were wed for 58 years until her death in 1997, and

Whereas, Harold Luce began performing as a fiddler in 1934 with the Ed Larkin Contra Dancers and was a lead soloist with the Vermont Fiddle Orchestra, and

Whereas, he was honored to have performed at both New York World's Fairs, the Smithsonian Institution Festival of American Folklife in Washington, D.C., and, closer to home, at the Tunbridge World's Fair, and

Whereas, his regular performance venues were parties of all kinds, including weddings, senior citizen groups, and nursing homes, and

Whereas, Harold Luce was a member of the Northeast Fiddlers Association, the Southern Vermont Fiddlers, and the Champlain Valley Fiddlers, and

Whereas, passing on the fiddling tradition was a matter of great importance for Harold Luce, and he taught fiddling through the Vermont Folklife Center, and he was featured in the center's publication *Visit'n 8*, "Contras, Squares and Rounds: Fiddling the Night Away at Local Dances," and

Whereas, when not fiddling, Harold Luce had been a farmer, machinist, bus driver, grange member, and 4-H leader, and

Whereas, in recent years, Harold Luce and his companion, Marion Gilman, had enjoyed each other's company both in Chelsea and while traveling, until her death in 2013, and

Whereas, after a long life, in which he earned the respect and admiration of his many friends and fiddling fans far and wide, Harold Luce died on August 13, 2014, at age 95, and his survivors include: his six children, Russell, Clayton, Kevin, Donna, Martha, and Cynthia; 19 grandchildren; 37 great-grandchildren; and eight great-great-grandchildren, now therefore be it

Resolved by the Senate and House of Representatives:

That the General Assembly expresses its condolences to the family of master fiddler Harold Luce, and be it further

Resolved: That the Secretary of State be directed to send a copy of this resolution to each of his children.

H.C.R. 36.

House concurrent resolution honoring Barry and Wendy Rowland for their leadership in secondary education and their philanthropic community support

Offered by: Representatives Olsen of Londonderry, Beck of St. Johnsbury, Buxton of Tunbridge, Christie of Hartford, Cupoli of Rutland City, Jerman of Essex, Juskiewicz of Cambridge, Komline of Dorset, Long of Newfane, Manwaring of Wilmington, Sharpe of Bristol, and Wright of Burlington

Offered by: Senators Campbell, Campion, McCormack, and Sears

Whereas, Barry and Wendy Rowland have devoted much of their time and financial resources to promoting innovative ideas to improve the quality of secondary education in Vermont, and

Whereas, Barry Rowland graduated from Yale University and retired as a vice president and chief administrative officer of the mutual fund company Eaton Vance, and his wife, Wendy Rowland, is a graduate of Smith College, and

Whereas, the couple maintains a farm in Londonderry, Vermont, where they have conserved permanently much of the farmland and produce cheese as the West River Creamery, and

Whereas, Barry Rowland was appointed to the Burr and Burton Academy Board of Trustees in 2003 and now serves as its vice chair, and

Whereas, in 2005, the school's Rowland Center was dedicated in honor of their extraordinary support for the Campaign for Burr and Burton, and

Whereas, in 2007, the Rowlands donated an extraordinary \$10,000,000.00 to Burr and Burton Academy, the largest in the school's 180-year history, and

Whereas, also in 2007, the Rowlands created the Rowland Foundation to enable Vermont secondary school teachers to pursue unique professional development opportunities during a Rowland Fellowship sabbatical, and

Whereas, a maximum of ten Rowland Fellowships are offered annually, and

Whereas, the goal of the Rowland Fellowship program is to improve the culture and climate in Vermont's secondary schools in ways that are not necessarily measurable quantitatively, and

Whereas, educators who are Senior Rowland Associates participate in the foundation's strategic planning and help promote its mission, and Rowland Associates lead cohorts of Rowland Fellows organized around specific themes, and

Whereas, Barry and Wendy Rowland's philanthropic generosity has extended to many other local nonprofit organizations, including Hildene, the Lincoln family home; Friends of the West River Trail; and Neighborhood Connections; to name a few, now therefore be it

Resolved by the Senate and House of Representatives:

That the General Assembly honors Barry and Wendy Rowland for their leadership in secondary education and philanthropic generosity, and be it further

Resolved: That the Secretary of State be directed to send a copy of this resolution to Barry and Wendy Rowland.