

CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

ADDENDUM

TO THE

HOUSE CALENDAR

**Text of House Concurrent
Resolutions**

of

January 18, 2018

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. 220.

House concurrent resolution honoring former Senator Elizabeth M. Ready for her dedicated leadership on issues pertaining to social justice

Offered by: Representatives Lanpher of Vergennes, Baser of Bristol, Conlon of Cornwall, Norris of Shoreham, Scheu of Middlebury, Sharpe of Bristol, Sheldon of Middlebury, Smith of New Haven, and Van Wyck of Ferrisburgh

Offered by: Senators Ayer and Bray

Whereas, Elizabeth Ready has dedicated much of her life to solving problems directly affecting some of the most underserved Vermonters, and

Whereas, after graduating from Burlington College, she taught basic literacy classes; worked as a consultant for the Department (now Agency) of Education, establishing new adult education programs; and served as a policy staffer for Governor Madeline Kunin, and

Whereas, in 1989, Elizabeth Ready was elected to the first of six consecutive terms as an Addison County State Senator, chairing the Committee on Natural Resources and Energy for four years, and in 2000, she was elected to the first of two consecutive terms as Auditor of Accounts, and

Whereas, in 1989, Elizabeth Ready embarked on a parallel career as a nonprofit sector leader, founding, and then directing for 12 years, the Addison County Community Trust, an organization dedicated to providing affordable housing and preserving agricultural land in Addison County, and

Whereas, in 2005, Elizabeth Ready became the director of the John Graham Shelter (now known as John Graham Housing & Services) in Vergennes, and

Whereas, the organization provides food, shelter, and housing; services and support that help transform lives; and prevention and intervention in times of crisis, and

Whereas, immediate housing, food, and hope are offered at the John W. Graham Emergency Shelter in Vergennes, and transitional housing and longer-term support services are provided at the organization's four rapid-rehousing units, two in Vergennes and one each in Bristol and Middlebury, and

Whereas, Elizabeth Ready's compassionate and inspired leadership has brought immediate sustenance and shelter and in many cases brightened the housing or

employability prospects of Vermonters and their families, and

Whereas, on January 1, 2018, Elizabeth Ready concluded her superb service as the director of John Graham Housing & Services and is continuing as its chief financial officer, now therefore be it

Resolved by the Senate and House of Representatives:

That the General Assembly honors former Senator Elizabeth M. Ready for her dedicated leadership on issues pertaining to social justice, and be it further

Resolved: That the Secretary of State be directed to send a copy of this resolution to Elizabeth Ready and to John Graham Housing & Services in Vergennes.

H.C.R. 221.

House concurrent resolution designating January 2018 as School Board Recognition Month

Offered by: Representatives LaLonde of South Burlington, Baser of Bristol, Belaski of Windsor, Bock of Chester, Botzow of Pownal, Brennan of Colchester, Brumsted of Shelburne, Buckholz of Hartford, Burditt of West Rutland, Burke of Brattleboro, Canfield of Fair Haven, Chesnut-Tangerman of Middletown Springs, Christensen of Weathersfield, Christie of Hartford, Colburn of Burlington, Conlon of Cornwall, Connor of Fairfield, Conquest of Newbury, Copeland-Hanzas of Bradford, Corcoran of Bennington, Cupoli of Rutland City, Dakin of Colchester, Dickinson of St. Albans Town, Donovan of Burlington, Dunn of Essex, Emmons of Springfield, Fields of Bennington, Forguites of Springfield, Giambatista of Essex, Gonzalez of Winooski, Grad of Moretown, Haas of Rochester, Harrison of Chittenden, Head of South Burlington, Higley of Lowell, Hooper of Randolph, Houghton of Essex, Howard of Rutland City, Joseph of North Hero, Juskiewicz of Cambridge, Keefe of Manchester, Kitzmiller of Montpelier, Krowinski of Burlington, Lawrence of Lyndon, Lefebvre of Newark, Lewis of Berlin, Lippert of Hinesburg, Long of Newfane, Macaig of Williston, Marcotte of Coventry, Mattos of Milton, McCoy of Poultney, McFaun of Barre Town, Miller of Shaftsbury, Morris of Bennington, Morrissey of Bennington, Mrowicki of Putney, Murphy of Fairfax, Myers of Essex, Nolan of Morristown, Noyes of Wolcott, Ode of Burlington, O'Sullivan of Burlington, Pearce of Richford, Potter of Clarendon, Pugh of South Burlington, Savage of Swanton, Scheu of Middlebury, Scheuermann of Stowe, Sharpe of Bristol, Shaw of Pittsford, Sheldon of Middlebury, Sibia of Dover, Squirrel of Underhill, Stevens of Waterbury, Strong of Albany, Stuart of Brattleboro, Sullivan of Dorset, Sullivan of Burlington, Till of Jericho, Toleno of Brattleboro, Toll of Danville, Townsend of South Burlington, Troiano of Stannard, Turner of Milton, Walz of Barre City, Webb of Shelburne, Weed of Enosburgh, Wood of Waterbury,

Wright of Burlington, Yacovone of Morristown, and Yantachka of Charlotte

Whereas, the elected citizen members of Vermont's school boards are extremely dedicated public servants, and

Whereas, school board members devote countless hours to overseeing all local jurisdictional aspects of public education in Vermont and, at most, receive token monetary compensation, and

Whereas, they tackle education policy issues that are of enormous concern to school administrators, teachers, parents, students, and the citizenry at large, and

Whereas, certain matters confronting school boards may resonate strongly with a specific constituency—for example, whether a particular high school course will be offered or a varsity sport played, and

Whereas, school board members must occasionally decide potentially sensitive and divisive questions, such as whether to continue the tenure of a teacher, principal, or superintendent, and the individual whose job is in question may have both strong supporters and strong opponents, and

Whereas, although they are not the originators of State education laws and administrative directives, these locally selected public officials may experience public criticism regarding Vermont's education policies, and

Whereas, since the passage of 2015's Act 46, school board service has become more challenging, as it involves deliberations to determine the future composition of the State's school districts and boards, and

Whereas, school board members have labored with their communities many additional nights and weekends, since Act 46 was enacted, to consider how to improve the educational opportunities for their students, and

Whereas, in facing these difficult and possibly conflicting demands, school board members receive far too little praise for their public service, and

Whereas, a number of states and local communities throughout the country observe January as School Board Recognition Month in order to honor the special work of school boards, and this honor to Vermont's school boards and their members is well deserved, now therefore be it

Resolved by the Senate and House of Representatives:

That the General Assembly designates January 2018 as School Board Recognition Month in Vermont, and be it further

Resolved: That the Secretary of State be directed to send a copy of this resolution to the Vermont School Boards Association in Montpelier.

H.C.R. 222.

House concurrent resolution congratulating the 2017 Fair Haven Union High School Slaters Division II championship football team

Offered by: Representatives Canfield of Fair Haven, Helm of Fair Haven, and Norris of Shoreham

Offered by: Senators Collamore, Flory, Soucy, Ayer, and Bray

Whereas, the Fair Haven Slaters rushed, kicked, and defended effectively throughout the 2017 season, meriting the No. 2 ranking among their Division II gridiron competitors, and

Whereas, not surprisingly, the Slaters earned a berth in the Division II championship game, played in Rutland, and the chance to face the defending title holders, the No. 4 ranked Bellows Falls Terriers, and

Whereas, the Slaters took an early 13–0 lead, commanded the scoreboard 26–0 at halftime, and during the second half held off a resurgent Terrier squad, winning the game, 46–20 and clinching the 2017 Division II title, and

Whereas, Slaters Austin Ellis, Gabrielle Ochs, Sam Worthing, Zach Ellis, Cameron Colloutti, Liam Tomasi, Chance Clark, Abrey Ramey, Tim Fyles, Drew Eddy, Evan Reed, Andrew Wolk, Brandon Parker, Doug Hendey, Riley Ochs, Shaun Clark, Jesse Combs, Ryan Mason, Aiden Williams, Adam Parker, Zach Murray, Brennen Lussier, Dillion Coltey, Aaron Szabo, Luke Nusbaum, Alex Riecker, Dylan Lee, Parker Morse, Jake Stoodley, Dillion D’Avignon, Nathan Bathlon, Jager Burke, Gabe Ellis, Hunter Muzzy, Taylor Jones, Adam Stewart, Jake Grenier, Kolby Felion, Brian Norton, Josh Wood, AJ Munger, Seth Park, Jake Heibler, Reese Hadeka, Jesse Tucker, Joe Gannon, and Ryan Stannard exhibited mastery on the field, and

Whereas, Head Coach Brian Grady and assistant coaches PJ Szabo, Adam Perry, DJ Perry, Chris Kiernan, and Brad Ravlin were ideal mentors, now therefore be it

Resolved by the Senate and House of Representatives:

That the General Assembly congratulates the 2017 Fair Haven Union High School Slaters Division II championship football team, and be it further

Resolved: That the Secretary of State be directed to send a copy of this resolution to Fair Haven Union High School.

H.C.R. 223.

House concurrent resolution congratulating the 2017 South Burlington High School Wolves Division I championship boys' soccer team

Offered by: Representatives LaLonde of South Burlington, Head of South Burlington, Pugh of South Burlington, and Townsend of South Burlington

Whereas, in 2017, the South Burlington High School Wolves boys' soccer team proved among the best in Vermont, and

Whereas, the Wolves' opponents developed a strong respect for the team's soccer skills as reflected in an impressive regular season record that featured only a single defeat and one tie, and

Whereas, when the playoffs commenced, South Burlington entered the competition as the first seed and ready to prove the validity of this top ranking, and

Whereas, the Wolves proceeded into the decisive contest at Burlington's Buck Hard Field, confronting the second-seeded St. Johnsbury Hilltoppers, and signaling an exciting soccer showdown, and

Whereas, South Burlington opened the game's scoring in the game's 17th minute, held a 2-1 halftime lead, and with a third goal at 13:05 of the second half secured a sweet 3-1 victory and its third Division I title since 2011, and

Whereas, Wolves Ben Capano, Brendan Precourt, Cody Bellinghiri, LukeLeclair, Justin King, Amza Issa, Josh Coon, David Larrabee, Sangay Khenkhenpa, Tenzin Choedak, Amerlin Nemeye, Ben Knudsen, Lukas Kaiser, Alex Lefebvre, Hari Karki, Patrick O'Hara, Spencer Baker, Ben Mazza-Bergeron, Brendan Bridge, Tommy O'Leary, and Samy Slamani were all thrilled with their great triumph, and

Whereas, Head Coach David Martin and assistant coaches Andy Weiss, Adolphe Lumumba, and Amar Kapi were expert teachers and mentors, now therefore be it

Resolved by the Senate and House of Representatives:

That the General Assembly congratulates the 2017 South Burlington High School Wolves Division I championship boys' soccer team, and be it further

Resolved: That the Secretary of State be directed to send a copy of this resolution to South Burlington High School.

H.C.R. 224.

House concurrent resolution congratulating the 2017 South Burlington High School Wolves on their three-peat Division I field hockey championship

Offered by: Representatives LaLonde of South Burlington, Head of South Burlington, Pugh of South Burlington, and Townsend of South Burlington

Whereas, as the Division I field hockey champions in 2015 and 2016, the South Burlington High School Wolves felt empowered to seek a third consecutive divisional crown, and

Whereas, throughout the fall of 2017, the Wolves demonstrated a steady command on the field, sustaining only one defeat during the regular season, and

Whereas, not surprisingly, South Burlington was seeded as the number-one team in the Division I playoffs and successfully gained a berth in the championship game, where it met the Champlain Valley Union High School Redhawks, the only team to defeat the Wolves during 2017 competition, and

Whereas, notwithstanding this extra challenge, South Burlington proved more than ready to play, earned three goals during the first half, displayed great defensive skills that prevented any Redhawk goals, and returned home from the University of Vermont's Moulton Winder Field with a 3-0 game victory and a third consecutive Division I title, and

Whereas, Wolves Emma Liebegott, Kate Hall, Emma Havers, Joan Vera, Sophia Thomas, Molly Boardman, Hanako Memon, Claire Wright, Emma Miner, Odessa O'Brien, Willow Yager, Emma Tolan, Caroline Desautels, Josie Ford, Elise Norotsky, Grace Hoehl, Audrey Smith, Danielle Sleiman, Marissa Pelino, and Ainsley Hultgren all played superb field hockey, and

Whereas, Head Coach Anjie Soucy was proud of the team, now therefore be it

Resolved by the Senate and House of Representatives:

That the General Assembly congratulates the 2017 South Burlington High School Wolves on their three-peat Division I field hockey championship, and be it further

Resolved: That the Secretary of State be directed to send a copy of this resolution to South Burlington High School.

H.C.R. 225.

House concurrent resolution congratulating the 2017 Lyndon Institute Vikings Division III championship field hockey team

Offered by: Representatives Lawrence of Lyndon and Feltus of Lyndon

Offered by: Senators Benning and Kitchel

Whereas, based on its strong 9–5 regular season record and third-seed ranking, the Lyndon Institute Vikings field hockey team entered the playoffs confidently and defeated Milton High School and Missisquoi Valley Union High School in the preliminary rounds to earn a Division III championship berth against a formidable Stowe High School squad, and

Whereas, when the unified Vikings entered the University of Vermont field for the decisive contest, they exuded confidence and were ready to engage in a spirited athletic competition, and

Whereas, Lyndon’s two first-half goals were all the scoring needed, although its defense was busy in the second half, stopping a robust Raider squad from denying the Vikings a 2–0 victory and the well-deserved 2017 Division III championship, and

Whereas, Vikings Katelyn Burgess, Bethany Austin, Falcia Lynch, Amber Grady, Gabby Rowell, Cortnee Keefer, Alicia Brisson, Sydney Smith, Delanie Ruggles, Mariah Kimball, Courteney Simpson, Haley Ott, Camryn Heath, Brittney Caron, Emma Hudson, and Grace Pearce worked in unison throughout the 2017 season, and

Whereas, Coaches Katelyn Sargent and Roxanne Courser were proud of the team’s 12–5 record and the players’ great sportsmanship, now therefore be it

Resolved by the Senate and House of Representatives:

That the General Assembly congratulates the 2017 Lyndon Institute Vikings Division III championship field hockey team, and be it further

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

H.C.R. 226.

House concurrent resolution congratulating the 2017 Essex High School Hornets Division I championship boys’ golf team

Offered by: Representatives Myers of Essex, Bancroft of Westford, Dunn of Essex, Giambatista of Essex, and Houghton of Essex

Whereas, in 2017, in anticipation of better ground conditions, varsity high school boys' golf was switched from a spring to a fall sport, and

Whereas, on a brilliant fall foliage day in October, these Vermont golfers gathered at a Killington course for the fall 2017 high school championship tournament, eager to drive and putt the ball, in pursuit of the lowest possible score, and

Whereas, Essex High School, which from 2007–2010 captured four consecutive Division I boys' golf titles, dispatched a talented team of four golfers to the championship links, hoping to return golfing glory to the school, and

Whereas, with a combined score of 337 points, the Hornets completed the championship round with the best Division I team score, a critical three points lower than second-place Champlain Valley Union High School achieved, and

Whereas, the entire Hornets squad played a great season on the State's golf courses and consisted of Jared Almeida, Stephen Astor, Eric Bahn, Patrick Cooper, Samuel Foster, Benjamin LaPlant, Jackson Moore, Brennan Moreau, Connor O'Neill, John Poratti, Steven Seaver, Alex Simard, Thomas Williams, Braden Woods, and Broderick Yates, and

Whereas, Head Coach Justin Norris and assistant coaches Gabe Coleman and Libby Smith served as outstanding mentors, now therefore be it

Resolved by the Senate and House of Representatives:

That the General Assembly congratulates the 2017 Essex High School Hornets Division I championship boys' golf 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. 227.

House concurrent resolution congratulating the 2017 Bellows Falls Union High School Terriers Division II championship field hockey team

Offered by: Representatives Partridge of Windham and Trieber of Rockingham

Whereas, as the Division III field hockey champions in 2015 and 2016, the Bellows Falls Terriers were a commanding presence in their sport, and

Whereas, in recognition of the team's strong performance, the Vermont Principals' Association promoted the Terriers to the more demanding Division II, and

Whereas, despite the new and supposedly more challenging competitive environment, the Terriers remained undefeated during the 2017 regular season, earned the coveted first seed for the playoffs, and merited a berth in the Division II championship game against the Spaulding Crimson Tide, played at the University of Vermont's Moulton Winder Field, and

Whereas, starting at 2 minutes and 55 seconds into the game, the contest became a Bellows Falls scoring fest, as the Terriers captured their first Division II field hockey title with an impressive 6–0 victory, and

Whereas, Terriers Dani Marchica, Reagan Baldasaro, Paxton Santorelli, Sarah Scarlett, Abbe Cravinho, Sophia Hyslop, Molly Kelly, Megan Banik, Madison Streeter, Michelle Marchica, Alice Salter-Roy, Brooke Bennett, Madi Joy, Halle Dickerson, Meagan Kelly, Kylie Comstock, Emma Lober, and Taylor Goodell proved they belong in Division II, and

Whereas, Head Coach Bethany Coursen and assistant coaches Melanie LaRoss and J Greenwood were outstanding team advisors, now therefore be it

Resolved by the Senate and House of Representatives:

That the General Assembly congratulates the 2017 Bellows Falls Union High School Terriers Division II championship field hockey team, and be it further

Resolved: That the Secretary of State be directed to send a copy of this resolution to Bellows Falls Union High School.

H.C.R. 228.

House concurrent resolution congratulating the 2017 Lake Region Union High School Rangers Division II championship boys' soccer team

Offered by: Representatives Young of Glover, Lefebvre of Newark, Marcotte of Coventry, Strong of Albany, and Viens of Newport City

Offered by: Senators Rodgers and Starr

Whereas, for the Lake Region Rangers boys' soccer team, the thrill of winning the 2016 Division II championship permeated into the 2017 season, and

Whereas, the top-seeded Rangers' soccer mastery led again to a Division II championship game berth, and Lake Region was well prepared to face the sixth-seeded Harwood Highlanders in South Burlington for 2017's most important contest, and

Whereas, the Rangers scored in the first half and again early in the second

half of the game, and although the Highlanders subsequently tallied two goals before regulation time concluded, tying the score at 2–all, the Rangers executed a decisive goal-scoring play during the first overtime period, enabling Lake Region to win the game 3–2 and clinch a second consecutive Division II championship, and

Whereas, Rangers Keith Herman, Dylan Gagnon, Logan Ingalls, Parker Perron, Riley Urie, Noah Royer, Kaleb Rogers, Brady Perron, Evan Inkel, Mathew Menard, Chad Royer, Hunter Matte, Bradey Kerr, Mason Svag, Connor Lanou, Isaiah Braithwaite, Jackson King, Gabe Riendeau, Drew Dragesett, and Liam Kennedy demonstrated the high quality of their soccer skills, and

Whereas, Head Coach Brad Urie and assistant coaches Jason Kennedy, Mark Royer, and Laurie Carr-Wolff constituted an ideal coaching team, now therefore be it

Resolved by the Senate and House of Representatives:

That the General Assembly congratulates the 2017 Lake Region Union High School Rangers Division II championship boys' soccer team, and be it further

Resolved: That the Secretary of State be directed to send a copy of this resolution to Lake Region Union High School.