

CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

ADDENDUM

TO THE

**HOUSE AND SENATE
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**Text of House and Senate
Concurrent Resolutions**

of

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Concurrent Resolutions for Adoption Under Joint Rule 16

The following concurrent resolutions will be adopted automatically unless a Representative requests floor consideration before the end of today's legislative session. Requests for floor consideration should be communicated to the House Clerk's office.

Resolutions

H.C.R. 39.

House concurrent resolution congratulating the Manchester Journal on 150 years of journalism excellence

Offered by: Representatives Wilson of Manchester, Browning of Arlington, Komline of Dorset, Malcolm of Pawlet and Olsen of Jamaica

Offered by: Senators Hartwell and Sears

Whereas, as the northern shire town for Bennington County, Manchester has long been an important regional civic and commercial center, and

Whereas, a reliable newspaper is an essential adjunct to facilitate the activities that transpire in a community such as Manchester, and

Whereas, since 1861, the Manchester Journal has ably fulfilled this role, chronicling the events of the day, promoting mercantile activity, and serving as a repository for legal notices, and

Whereas, this community news source was started modestly with \$40 that the original publisher, Charles Pierce, borrowed as well as old printing equipment, and

Whereas, the inaugural edition was published on May 28, 1861 under the editorship of H. E. Miner, and

Whereas, during the newspaper's first decade, the editorial leadership was shared among several individuals including some who served and were wounded as Union Army members during the Civil War, and

Whereas, among the early editors was Loveland Munson, who later in life served as Chief Justice of the Vermont Supreme Court, and

Whereas, in 1871, the ownership of the Manchester Journal changed twice, first as Charles Pierce and his brother Everett sold it to Franklin Orvis, who soon sold the newspaper to D. K. Simonds, the publisher until 1905, and

Whereas, Simonds, under whose leadership circulation rose to approximately 3,000, was always kept abreast of town occurrences in his other roles as town clerk and postmaster, and

Whereas, in 1905, a new publisher, Otto Bennett, purchased the Manchester Journal, and, during the course of his time as publisher, he served for a dozen years, from 1920 to 1932, as the member from Manchester in the House of Representatives, and his family's ownership continued through much of the 20th century, and

Whereas, noted Vermont poet and author Walter Hard, Sr., contributed delightful columns that ended in free-style verse, and

Whereas, after 150 years, the Manchester Journal remains a must-read newspaper to learn the latest happenings in Manchester, now therefore be it

Resolved by the Senate and House of Representatives:

That the General Assembly congratulates the Manchester Journal on 150 years of journalism excellence, and be it further

Resolved: That the Secretary of State be directed to send a copy of this resolution to Manchester Journal Managing Editor Andrew McKeever.

H.C.R. 40.

House concurrent resolution recognizing May 12, 2011 as "Diabetic Peripheral Neuropathy Day" in Vermont

Offered by: Representatives Lewis of Derby and Helm of Fair Haven

Offered by: Senator Mullin

Whereas, Vermonters recognize the importance of diagnosing and treating diabetes and of educating the public concerning its complications, and

Whereas, diabetes can result in diabetic peripheral neuropathy (DPN), a serious condition that damages nerves due to prolonged exposure to high amounts of glucose in the bloodstream, and

Whereas, DPN accounts for more diabetes-related hospitalizations than any other complication, and

Whereas, in the United States, 23.6 million people, or 7.8 percent of the population, including 33,000 adults in Vermont, or 6.2 percent of the state's population, have diabetes, and

Whereas, in 2006, the cost of diabetes for Vermonters was estimated at \$346,800,000, including both medical expenses and the value of lost productivity, and

Whereas, DPN can occur whether a person has Type I diabetes, also known as juvenile diabetes, or Type II diabetes, which typically begins in adulthood, and

Whereas, the American Diabetes Association estimates that about 60 to 70 percent of persons with diabetes have mild to severe forms of nervous system damage due to DPN, which often causes intense pain, and

Whereas, 64 percent of diabetic nerve pain sufferers reported experiencing pain that interfered with daily activities, and 80 percent reported mobility problems, and

Whereas, diabetic nerve pain may cause difficulty for people to remain physically active and to exercise, a critical component of diabetes management, and can contribute to worsening glycemic control which can result in further health problems including more nerve damage, and

Whereas, according to the American Diabetes Association, diabetic patients should be screened for DPN at least annually, and

Whereas, public awareness efforts explaining the many dangers that diabetes poses as well as the effects of DPN, its symptoms, and preventive measures are essential, now therefore be it

Resolved by the Senate and House of Representatives:

That the General Assembly recognizes May 12, 2011 as “Diabetic Peripheral Neuropathy 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 Diabetes Association in Colchester.

H.C.R. 41.

House concurrent resolution honoring retiring Bennington District Probate Court Judge Sally I. Cook for her outstanding career accomplishments

Offered by: Representatives Morrissey of Bennington, Corcoran of Bennington, Botzow of Pownal, Browning of Arlington, Campion of Bennington, Komline of Dorset, Mook of Bennington and Wilson of Manchester

Offered by: Senators Hartwell and Sears

Whereas, there is no finer example than Sally Cook of an individual who has continuously persevered to achieve worthy career goals, and

Whereas, as the academically sixth-ranked student in the 1960 Syracuse, New York high school class, she demonstrated the potential for academic and professional success, and

Whereas, Sally Cook began her college studies at the State University of New York at Albany, and after her marriage to John Cook in 1962, they

relocated on a number of occasions, requiring her to enroll in local colleges in several different states, and

Whereas, she eventually graduated from Johnson State College's external degree program, after making intermediate higher education stops at the Syracuse University night school, Old Dominion University in Norfolk, Virginia, and the State University of New York at Brockport, and

Whereas, in the late 1970s, Sally Cook was introduced to the possibility of a legal career while employed at a Hartford, Connecticut law firm, and

Whereas, Sally Cook's legal ambitions were placed on hold when she taught at the Mt. Anthony Union Vocational School, and

Whereas, in 1989, Sally Cook won the unanimous endorsement of the Bennington County Democratic Party for a midterm Manchester district probate judgeship vacancy, Governor Madeleine Kunin appointed her, and she has retained her seat at every election, and

Whereas, once adjudicating estate-related matters, she soon recognized that more formal legal training would greatly assist her jurisprudential decision-making, and

Whereas, Judge Sally Cook started to read the law with local law firms and Vermont District Court Judge Robert Grussing, and on November 19, 2002, she proudly recited the oath of admission to the Vermont Bar, and

Whereas, when the two Bennington County probate districts were merged in 2008, she assumed the county's newly unified probate judgeship, and

Whereas, after two decades of distinguished judicial service, which has been a great asset to the citizens of Bennington County and the state of Vermont, Judge Sally Cook will step down from the bench on February 1, 2011, now therefore be it

Resolved by the Senate and House of Representatives:

That the General Assembly honors retiring Bennington District Probate Court Judge Sally I. Cook for her outstanding career accomplishments, and be it further

Resolved: That the Secretary of State be directed to send a copy of this resolution to Judge Sally Cook in Bennington.

H.C.R. 42.

House concurrent resolution congratulating the 2010 Mount Mansfield Union High School Cougars Division I championship boys' cross-country team

Offered by: Representatives O'Brien of Richmond, Frank of Underhill, Till of Jericho and Stevens of Waterbury

Whereas, for Vermont's interscholastic runners, the state championship meet at Thetford Academy is a memorable event, and

Whereas, in 2010, the Division I boys' competition generated extra excitement during the final half-mile surge, the segment of a race when the adrenaline and mental concentration of a runner are pushing the competitor to finish at the maximum possible pace, and

Whereas, this competitive final surge can prove critical to the overall team standings at the championship meet where the best interscholastic runners in Vermont are showcasing their talent, and

Whereas, two runners, one a Mount Mansfield Union High School (MMU) Cougar and the second a St. Johnsbury Academy (SJA) Hilltopper, pushed extra hard in the final minutes as the Cougar narrowly surpassed the Hilltopper at the finish line, earning a decisive 22nd-place finish, and

Whereas, MMU runners also proudly placed fourth, fifth, eleventh, and twentieth to create a combined winning score of 59 points, just slightly ahead of the strong second-place SJA finish of 61 points, and

Whereas, the entire MMU boys' cross-country team, including Joseph Adkisson, William Adkisson, Julian Arnott, Matthew Ashe, Rudy Bentlage, Trevor Bibb, Avery Bliss, Thaddeus Bliss, Benjamin Bourdeau, Hayden Bove, William Bresee, Nathan Brown, Jackson Burroughs, Craig Calhoun, Andrew Carbee, Gabe Cummings, Keegan Cummings, Aaron Early, Sean Feenan, Ben George, Brendan Giroux, Ted Grover, Eric Hallman, Jason Hardacre, Aidan Hartswick, John Hegman, Keegan Heston, Jeffrey Jewell, Ben King, Noah King, Sam Kitsos, Tom Kitsos, Andrew Lange, Timothy Lindberg, Christian Marier, Adam Martin, Austin Merrill, Jeffrey Meyer-Lorentson, Matthew Noonan, Sean O'Connor, Nathaniel Ogilvie, Hunter Peryer, Joseph Poley, Derrek Schultz, Quinn Self, Nick Shallow, Dan Shank, Kyle Werner, and Braden Yeates, contributed to the team's great 2010 season, and

Whereas, Coach Bill Eschholz and Assistant Coach Al Sartwell kept the runners disciplined and prepared to pace themselves appropriately, now therefore be it

Resolved by the Senate and House of Representatives:

That the General Assembly congratulates the 2010 Mount Mansfield High School Cougars Division I championship boys' cross-country team, and be it further

Resolved: That the Secretary of State be directed to send a copy of this resolution to Bill Eschholz at Mount Mansfield Union High School.

H.C.R. 43.

House concurrent resolution recognizing the outstanding public sector and community service career of Gretchen Morse of Burlington

Offered by: Representatives Wizowaty of Burlington, Aswad of Burlington, Atkins of Winooski, Bissonnette of Winooski, Bouchard of Colchester, Brennan of Colchester, Condon of Colchester, Donovan of Burlington, Evans of Essex, Frank of Underhill, Head of South Burlington, Heath of Westford, Jerman of Essex, Kupersmith of South Burlington, Larson of Burlington, Lenes of Shelburne, Lippert of Hinesburg, Lorber of Burlington, Macaig of Williston, McCullough of Williston, Munger of South Burlington, Myers of Essex, O'Brien of Richmond, Pearson of Burlington, Pugh of South Burlington, Ram of Burlington, Spengler of Colchester, Till of Jericho, Turner of Milton, Waite-Simpson of Essex, Webb of Shelburne, Weston of Burlington, Wright of Burlington and Yantachka of Charlotte

Whereas, Gretchen Morse has focused her professional life on less fortunate Vermonters, and

Whereas, she chaired both the education and former health and welfare committees in the House of Representatives and served as Secretary of Human Services during the administration of Governor Madeleine Kunin, and

Whereas, in 1991, Gretchen Morse become the executive director of the United Way of Chittenden County (UWCC), and

Whereas, during the two decades of her forward-looking and innovative leadership, the UWCC has raised over \$70 million in annual community campaign contributions, and

Whereas, although this financial success is noteworthy, her other achievements are equally impressive, and

Whereas, Gretchen Morse transformed the operating structure of UWCC into a community impact investment model; helped launch the Champlain Initiative, a healthy community initiative; and played major roles in creating the Chittenden County Truancy Project and the UWCC Volunteer Center which merged the Foster Grandparent, RSVP and Volunteer Connection programs, and

Whereas, her merging of two assistance call centers into a single "Get Info" center was the pivotal step in creating Vermont's 2-1-1-phone service, a statewide nonemergency information and referral telephone assistance network, and

Whereas, under the leadership of Gretchen Morse, UWCC collaborated on an earned income tax credit program and a free taxpayer assistance initiative, and

Whereas, UWCC, in partnership with IBM, conducted an annual Days of Caring project, involving 430 persons from 12 companies volunteering 2,000

hours at 32 local nonprofit agencies, and other innovative efforts under her direction included drawing on the resources of local emergency assistance providers to create the HELP Fund and creating the Child Care Food Network, and

Whereas, Gretchen Morse has announced her retirement, effective June 30, 2011, now therefore be it

Resolved by the Senate and House of Representatives:

That the General Assembly recognizes the outstanding public sector and community service career of Gretchen Morse of Burlington, and be it further

Resolved: That the Secretary of State be directed to send a copy of this resolution to Gretchen Morse in Burlington.

H.C.R. 44.

House concurrent resolution recognizing the celebration in the town of Rochester of the Asian Lunar New Year 4709

Offered by: Representative Haas of Rochester

Whereas, according to ancient legend, 4709 years ago, Nian, the evil dragon, ravaged the countryside, spreading war and famine and consuming human beings for sustenance, until the emperor vanquished him, and Nian has never returned, and

Whereas, annually, the Chinese people and others across east Asia celebrate this victory of good over evil with the loud sound of gongs and the beating of drums to keep Nian away and assure that the new year will be one of peace, prosperity, and good fortune, and

Whereas, an essential aspect of the Asian Lunar New Year festivities is the commemoration of the Chinese zodiac, as beautifully explained in Stockbridge author Gregory Crawford's children's book *Animals in the Stars – Chinese Astrology for Children*, and

Whereas, the Chinese zodiac consists of 12 animals, including a rat, an ox, a tiger, a rabbit, a dragon, a snake, a horse, a ram, a monkey, a rooster, a dog, and a pig that all race to the Buddha's presence on his calling them, and

Whereas, over a 12-year cycle, each animal in the Chinese zodiac is honored as the animal associated with one of the 12 years, and

Whereas, 2011 marks the 4709th commemoration of the emperor's triumph over Nian and is the Year of the Rabbit, and

Whereas, in order to create and promote a more culturally and socially diverse America and Vermont, for several years, a group of local residents has organized an Asian Lunar New Year celebration in Rochester, and

Whereas, 4709, the Year of the Rabbit, will be celebrated in Rochester on February 6, and the events marking the occasion this year will consist of: a children's crafts session, featuring noisemakers, face painting, instruction in the creation of Origami, and much more; Gregory Crawford presenting a public reading of his work; the burning of wishes at Rochester's Skatespace with a Year of the Rabbit parade following immediately thereafter; a simulated indoor firecracker display to take place at the Rochester School auditorium; and the serving of Asian dishes at local restaurants, and

Whereas, the Rochester Asian Lunar New Year Festival is a much-anticipated intercultural community celebration, now therefore be it

Resolved by the Senate and House of Representatives:

That the General Assembly commemorates and extends best wishes to the Rochester Asian Lunar New Year celebration as it commemorates the beginning of 4709, the Year of the Rabbit, and be it further

Resolved: That the Secretary of State be directed to send a copy of this resolution to the Rochester Lunar New Year Committee.

H.C.R. 45.

House concurrent resolution congratulating the 2010 Leland & Gray Union High School Rebels Division III championship boys' soccer team

Offered by: Representatives Olsen of Jamaica, Marek of Newfane, Moran of Wardsboro, Partridge of Windham and Trieber of Rockingham

Offered by: Senators Galbraith and White

Whereas, in over half a century of existence, the boys' soccer team at Leland & Gray Union High School never clinched a divisional title, and

Whereas, the talented athletes on the 2010 Rebels boys' soccer squad were destined to write a new page in the anthology of interscholastic competition at Leland & Gray as the merely twice-defeated team won the coveted first-seed in post-season playoff competition, and

Whereas, Leland & Gray continued defeating its opponents, establishing the southern half of a north-south Division III boys' soccer championship against the Bellows Free Academy (BFA)-Fairfax Bullets in a contest played at Castleton State College, and

Whereas, with 23:51 remaining in the opening half, a well-positioned Bullets player aimed the ball past the defending Rebels goalie and directly into the right side of the net for the opening score, and

Whereas, although behind at halftime, the Rebels did not despair, and

Whereas, in a cunning second-half charade, two Rebels distracted the Bullets goalie as he falsely signaled the BFA defender of impending kicks while a third teammate slammed the ball on a 25-yard volley that landed smack in the left side of the net to tie the game at one-all, and

Whereas, just minutes later, a Rebel recovered a loose ball and kicked it solidly into the right side of the goal zone, breaking the tie and securing Leland & Gray's first-ever boys' soccer championship, and

Whereas, the exuberant Rebels squad, consisting of Drew Ameden, Kevin Ameden, Michael Bergeron, Matthew Bizon, Hunter Buffum, Noah Chapin, James Crowther, Robert Culver, Nolan Edgar, Joshua Fontaine, Eric Ginter, Jake Huston, Chayse Jarvis, Seth Jerz, Nickolas Lawley, Tyler Miller, William Nupp, Colin Nystrom, Tom Pentoney, Tyler Scott, Jared Van Osdol, Zachary Wilkins, Xiang Yu, was thrilled with the victory, and

Whereas, Head Coach Chris Barton and his assistant coach Mike Fontaine were great mentors and teachers for the players, now therefore be it

Resolved by the Senate and House of Representatives:

That the General Assembly congratulates the 2010 Leland & Gray Union High School Rebels Division III championship boys' soccer team, and be it further

Resolved: That the Secretary of State be directed to send a copy of this resolution to Chris Barton at Leland & Gray Union High School.

S.C.R. 3.

Senate concurrent resolution designating May as Lupus Awareness Month in Vermont.

Offered by: Senator Mullin

Offered by: Rep. Mook of Bennington

Whereas, the Lupus Foundation of America designates May as National Lupus Awareness Month to show support for the estimated 1.5 million Americans who have lupus, and

Whereas, lupus is an acute and chronic autoimmune disease in which the immune system is unbalanced, causing inflammation and tissue damage to virtually every organ system in the body, and

Whereas, lupus can affect any part of the body, including the skin, lungs, heart, kidneys, and brain and can cause seizures, strokes, heart attacks, miscarriages, and organ failure, and

Whereas, although lupus strikes mostly women of childbearing age, no one is immune from lupus; and African Americans, Hispanics, Asians, and Native Americans are two to three times more likely to develop lupus, a disparity that remains unexplained, and

Whereas, lupus can be particularly difficult to diagnose because its symptoms are similar to those of many other illnesses, and major gaps exist in understanding the causes and consequences of lupus; more than one-half of all people with lupus take four or more years and visit three or more doctors before obtaining a correct diagnosis, and

Whereas, the U.S. Food and Drug Administration has not approved a new drug for lupus in 50 years, and current treatments for the disease can have damaging side-effects, and

Whereas, roughly 3,090 Vermonters are affected by lupus, *now therefore be it*

Resolved by the Senate and House of Representatives:

That the General Assembly designates May 2011 as Lupus Awareness Month in Vermont, *and be it further*

Resolved: That the General Assembly recognizes the importance of lupus education and research, *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 Lupus Foundation of America.

S.C.R. 4.

S.C.R. 4. Senate concurrent resolution honoring former Secretary of Transportation David Dill for his insightful leadership at the Agency of Transportation.

Offered By: Senate Committee on Transportation,

Offered By: House Committee on Transportation,

Whereas, David Dill distinguished himself in both the military and civilian sectors as a respected and thoughtful manager and leader, and

Whereas, a graduate of Wake Forest University, he then earned a master's degree in systems management from the University of Southern California, and

Whereas, his 21-year career as a United States Air Force officer was multifaceted, and one in which he was assigned important roles, and

Whereas, David Dill's talent was recognized when he was admitted to the highly selective Air Force Command and Staff College from which he graduated with distinction, and

Whereas, after flying as a military pilot, David Dill applied his strategic skills during a posting in the office of the United States Secretary of Defense, and

Whereas, upon retiring as a United States Air Force Colonel, David Dill became the first Lyndon town administrator, and after concluding his administrative tenure, served on the Lyndon selectboard, and

Whereas, with his unique combination of managerial experience and knowledge of Vermont, David Dill was a wise choice to serve in the key role of Director of Maintenance and Operations at the Agency of Transportation where his initial responsibilities included supervision of the agency's nine maintenance districts, and

Whereas, during his final two years in the director's office, he assumed a far-broader portfolio, including responsibility for public transit, rail operations, and state airports, a transportation element to which he brought extensive knowledge, and

Whereas, when Governor Douglas was searching for a new Secretary of Transportation, he opted not for a political appointee, but rather selected David Dill, the one Vermonter who truly understood the intricacies of the Agency of Transportation, and

Whereas, Secretary Dill quickly earned the respect of his agency colleagues and legislators of all political parties as he successfully oversaw the expenditure of federal stimulus money that enabled Vermont to tackle major paving and bridge projects, and he brought dynamic leadership to all aspects of his duties, *now therefore be it*

Resolved by the Senate and House of Representatives:

That the General Assembly honors former Secretary of Transportation David Dill for his insightful leadership at the Agency of Transportation, *and be it further*

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