

CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

ADDENDUM

TO THE

SENATE CALENDAR

**Text of Senate Concurrent
Resolutions**

of

Tuesday, January 17, 2012

CONSENT CALENDAR

Concurrent Resolutions for Notice under Joint Rule 16

The following joint concurrent resolutions have been introduced for approval by the Senate and House and will be adopted by the Senate unless a Senator requests floor consideration before the end of the session of the next legislative day. Requests for floor consideration should be communicated to the Secretary's Office.

S.C.R. 27.

By Senators Kitchel, Benning, Doyle, Illuzzi, Mazza and Starr,

By Representatives Crawford of Burke, Johnson of Canaan, Kilmartin of Newport City, Koch of Barre Town, Larocque of Barnet, Lawrence of Lyndon, Peaslee of Guildhall, Reis of St. Johnsbury, South of St. Johnsbury and Toll of Danville.

S.C.R. 27. Senate concurrent resolution in memory of former Representative John H. Downs.

Whereas, former Representative John Downs was a distinguished Vermont legal, political, and civic leader, and

Whereas, a graduate of Yale University and Harvard Law School and a World War II United States Army veteran, John Downs commenced the practice of law in St. Johnsbury with Sterry Waterman, and

Whereas, after Sterry Waterman became a federal judge, John Downs' solo practice evolved into the state's largest law firm of Downs Rachlin Martin PLLC, and

Whereas, in the early 1950s, John Downs was elected Caledonia County's state's attorney, and a decade later, the voters of St. Johnsbury twice elected him to the House of Representatives in which his two terms included membership on the Committee on Appropriations and chairing the Committee on Ways and Means, and

Whereas, John Downs would later prove a most able chair of the Vermont State Colleges Board of Trustees, and

Whereas, his interest in national politics resulted in John Downs' selection as a delegate to the 1964 Republican National Convention, and after he switched political affiliations, he held the same role at the Democratic National conventions in 1968 and 1972, and

Whereas, John Downs was a respected member of the Vermont bar whose personal and institutional contributions to the legal profession were enduring, and

Whereas, among the most meaningful of his professional endeavors was providing pro bono representation for African-Americans in Mississippi and Alabama during the civil rights struggles of the 1960s, and

Whereas, in the 1970s, John Downs served as president of the Vermont Bar Association and was an early proponent for the establishment of Vermont Law School, and

Whereas, from 1983 to 1993, John Downs applied his legal wisdom to an international canvas, serving as a member of the prestigious Lawyers Alliance for Nuclear Arms Control, and

Whereas, this greatly respected attorney died in July 2011 at the age of 91 with survivors including his wife, Virginia, his children, Margaret, Peter, and Thomas, and four grandchildren, *now therefore be it*

Resolved by the Senate and House of Representatives:

That the General Assembly expresses its sincere condolences to the family of former Representative John H. Downs, and be it further

Resolved: That the Secretary of State be directed to send a copy of this resolution to Virginia Downs in Shelburne, and to the law firm of Downs Rachlin Martin PLLC in St. Johnsbury.

S.C.R. 28.

By Senators Doyle, Cummings and Pollina,

By Representatives Hooper and Kitzmiller of Montpelier,

S.C.R. 28. Senate concurrent resolution celebrating the centennial anniversary of Montpelier City Hall.

Whereas, the cream-colored neo-Renaissance edifice that graces Main Street in Vermont's capital city has served as Montpelier's City Hall for 100 years, and

Whereas, starting in 1857, Montpelier municipal government operated from a converted church known as Capital Hall and located on State Street, and

Whereas, in the final years of the 19th century, a Main Street building known variously as the armory, the "Golden Fleece," and finally as Community Hall became Montpelier's new governmental headquarters, and

Whereas, this State Street facility soon proved inadequate for the now city of Montpelier's expanding administrative requirements, and deliberations were started to design and build a new structure intended specifically for use as a city hall, and

Whereas, at town meeting in March 1907, the voters authorized the establishment of a city hall building committee and the issuance of \$125,000.00 in bonds to finance construction and related costs, and

Whereas, George G. Adams, an architect from Lawrence, Massachusetts, was hired, and

Whereas, the city purchased a site known as the Haymarket Square and two adjacent lots, and

Whereas, the amount of \$25,000.00 in additional bond authorization was approved at town meeting in 1909, and W.E. Jackson of Montpelier was hired as the contractor, and

Whereas, construction began later that year, and on August 31, 1909, the cornerstone was laid, and

Whereas, even before the building was officially opened, the flooring in the large upstairs auditorium became a matter of controversy as a maple floor was installed to accommodate the 1911 inaugural of Governor John Mead and replaced weeks later with the terrazzo floor originally envisioned, and

Whereas, despite delays and cost overruns, the dignified and magnificent new city hall, with its distinctive clock tower, was formally presented to the citizenry in a ceremony held on May 26, 1911, *now therefore be it*

Resolved by the Senate and House of Representatives:

That the General Assembly celebrates the centennial anniversary of Montpelier City Hall, *and be it further*

Resolved: That the Secretary of State be directed to send a copy of this resolution to Montpelier City Manager William Fraser.

S.C.R. 29.

By Senators Westman, Doyle, Cummings, Nitka and Pollina,

By Representatives Woodward of Johnson, Shand of Weathersfield, Bohi of Hartford, Christie of Hartford, Dickinson of St. Albans Town, Emmons of Springfield, Evans of Essex, French of Shrewsbury, French of Randolph, Heath of Westford, Jerman of Essex, Jewett of Ripton, Keenan of St. Albans City, Martin of Springfield, Myers of Essex, Peltz of Woodbury, Savage of

Swanton, Smith of Morristown, Till of Jericho, Townsend of Randolph, Waite-Simpson of Essex, Wilson of Manchester and Yantachka of Charlotte,

S.C.R. 29. Senate concurrent resolution congratulating the 2011 Johnson State College national Division IV championship women's rugby team.

Whereas, the current women's rugby club at Johnson State College (JSC) started merely three years ago when the sport was introduced at the club level, and

Whereas, the fall 2011 season marked the team's first year of competitive play, and

Whereas, rugby fans at Johnson State College did not necessarily hold high expectations that a first-year team would have great success, and

Whereas, the quality of the team's play was truly astounding, as these dedicated college players were strongly motivated to demonstrate their worthiness to be considered as a viable Division IV team, and

Whereas, the only once-defeated JSC women confidently entered the New England Rugby Football Union (NERFU) tournament hopeful of making their initial appearance memorable, and

Whereas, JSC's exciting wins over Springfield College (26–10) and Saint Anselm College (17–12), the one team that had defeated JSC during the regular season, gave JSC the 2011 NERFU championship title, and

Whereas, this upstart first-year JSC team continued to amaze everyone as it traveled to Cherry Hill, New Jersey, where on November 20 it clinched the 2011 national Division IV women's rugby championship title, surpassing previously undefeated Albright College of Reading, Pennsylvania with a 12–5 victory, and

Whereas, team members Molly Banks, Coral Bolio, Taylor Brown, Ashley Carrington, Tiana Cross, Aly Finn, Mikala Frenette, Miranda Giles, Trina Guaraldi, Miranda Ingram, Jules Jacovini, Belinda LaFountain, Paige Libby, Satu Lord, Amara MacKillop, Jessica Mott, Muzzy Wronski, and the national tournament's most valuable player award-winner Nora Wynter can be proud of their singular athletic accomplishment as can Coach Don Allen, *now therefore be it*

Resolved by the Senate and House of Representatives:

That the General Assembly congratulates the 2011 Johnson State College national Division IV championship women's rugby team, *and be it further*

Resolved: That the Secretary of State be directed to send a copy of this resolution to the Johnson State College athletic department.

S.C.R. 30.

By Senators Doyle, Cummings and Pollina,

By Representatives Hooper and Kitzmiller of Montpelier,

S.C.R. 30. Senate concurrent resolution recognizing the contribution of Kenric A. Kite to the development of public access television in central Vermont.

Whereas, for two decades, Kenric Kite has creatively and effectively advocated and produced public access television programming in central Vermont, and

Whereas, immediately upon graduating from Lyndon State College, he became a production assistant for public access production at the Adelpia Cable studio in Berlin, and

Whereas, Kenric Kite's duties included training community producers on the technical aspects of television production, assisting them as needed as they produced their programs, including all elements of studio production and program transmission activities, and

Whereas, in 1996, Kenric Kite was promoted to the position of public access production coordinator at Adelpia, a role which encompassed all of his prior duties plus new budgeting and managerial responsibilities, and

Whereas, during his years at Adelpia Cable, Kenric Kite always strove to produce the highest quality programs and broaden the scope of community cablecasts being offered to local subscribers, and

Whereas, in 2004, locally produced cable television public access programming in central Vermont was reorganized under the banner of the newly formed and independent Onion River Community Access Media (ORCA Media), and

Whereas, Kenric Kite left Adelpia to become the first executive director of this new organization dedicated exclusively to producing and transmitting public access cable television programming in central Vermont, and

Whereas, this new job required him to perform even broader managerial duties, as he was now responsible for the direction of a nonprofit organization, and

Whereas, under his stewardship, ORCA Media broadened the available coverage of public affairs and sporting events, and, in January 2011, Kenric Kite became ORCA Media's manager of programming, production, and training in order to once again focus fulltime on production activities, and

Whereas, after over two decades of resounding success in the field of community access television programming, Kenric Kite is now embarking on a new career, *now therefore be it*

Resolved by the Senate and House of Representatives:

That the General Assembly recognizes Kenric A. Kite's contribution to public access television in central Vermont and wishes him well in his new career, *and be it further*

Resolved: That the Secretary of State be directed to send a copy of this resolution to Kenric Kite in Montpelier.

S.C.R. 31.

By Senators Mullin, Carris, Flory and Nitka,

By Representatives Acinapura of Brandon, Andrews of Rutland City, Courcelle of Rutland City, Donaghy of Poultney, Fagan of Rutland City, McNeil of Rutland Town and Russell of Rutland City,

S.C.R. 31. Senate concurrent resolution honoring Dr. Frank G. Miglorie for his 41 years of service to and outstanding 28-year tenure as President of the College of St. Joseph.

Whereas, Dr. Frank Miglorie graduated from St. Michael's College, earned a master's degree in philosophy at the University of Vermont, and was awarded a doctorate from Nova Southeastern University in Florida, and

Whereas, the College of St. Joseph (CSJ) in Rutland then hired Dr. Frank Miglorie as a faculty member, and his nine years of teaching excellence at this college, which the Sisters of St. Joseph established, led to his appointment as Academic Dean, a post he held with distinction for four years, and

Whereas, the college's board was so impressed with his continuing efforts in the classroom and in the dean's office that in 1983, Dr. Frank Miglorie was named the fourth president of CSJ and the first lay person and male to fill this office, and

Whereas, no one could have envisioned the historic importance of this decision as an unusually lengthy 28-year presidential tenure had begun, and

Whereas, his leadership at CSJ has been extraordinary and exemplary from every perspective, and

Whereas, Dr. Frank Miglorie oversaw the creation of two accelerated bachelor degree programs for working adults, various academic offerings leading to professional licensure, master's degrees in psychology and business

administration, and his proudest achievement, the initiation of the STEPS program that enables foster youth to secure a college education, and

Whereas, under his leadership, the campus's academic and athletic space has increased extensively; the beautiful Clementwood estate was acquired and restored; and the college's fiscal affairs prudently administered, and despite these many endeavors, Dr. Frank Miglorie has taught every semester, and

Whereas, after 41 years, Dr. Frank Miglorie, one of the nation's longest serving college presidents, will retire this June and is looking forward to many happy years with his wife, Patricia, who is Register of the College of St. Joseph, his son, Darin, and grandchildren, Grace and Fletcher, and

Whereas, the College of St. Joseph in Rutland is indebted to its fourth president, Dr. Frank Miglorie, for his dynamic and innovative leadership, *now therefore be it*

Resolved by the Senate and House of Representatives:

That the General Assembly honors Dr. Frank G. Miglorie for his 41 years of service to and outstanding 28-year tenure as President of the College of St. Joseph, *and be it further*

Resolved: That the Secretary of State be directed to send a copy of this resolution to Dr. Frank Miglorie at the College of St. Joseph in Rutland.

S.C.R. 32.

By Senators Illuzzi, Galbraith and White,

By Representatives Burke of Brattleboro, Condon of Colchester, Deen of Westminster, Edwards of Brattleboro, Hebert of Vernon, Manwaring of Wilmington, Marek of Newfane, Moran of Wardsboro, Mrowicki of Putney, Olsen of Jamaica, Partridge of Windham, Stuart of Brattleboro and Trieber of Rockingham,

S.C.R. 32. Senate concurrent resolution honoring the public service work of Brattleboro radio station WTSA during Tropical Storm Irene.

Whereas, as a primary information source for transmitting public safety alerts related to the Vermont Yankee nuclear power plan, Brattleboro radio station WTSA-1450 AM/96.7 FM has familiarity with procedures for comprehensive, responsible, and timely emergency broadcasting, and

Whereas, on Thursday, August 25, 2011, in response to ominous weather forecasts predicting the potential local impact of powerful Hurricane Irene, Brattleboro station news director, Tim Johnson, approached local public safety officials regarding how the broadcaster could best respond to the storm, and

Whereas, an integral element of the station's storm preparation was to record interviews with officials who discussed precautionary steps citizens should take and how to access needed resources, and

Whereas, at 6:00 a.m. on Sunday morning, August 28, 2011, with now downgraded but still extremely dangerous Tropical Storm Irene clearly heading for Vermont, Tim Johnson, using broadband Internet access, began a marathon broadcast originating from his Vernon home on news-talk WTSA-FM, featuring weather and public safety updates, as well as pertinent excerpts from the prerecorded interviews, and he only left the air temporarily to travel to the WTSA studios when his home electricity failed, and

Whereas, Tim Johnson's 21st century coverage included on-air responses to e-mail inquiries and communications via the WTSA website, Facebook page, and Twitter account, as well as the airing of periodic reports on WTSA-AM's sports format broadcasts, and

Whereas, in the days, weeks, and months following the storm's devastation in Windham County, WTSA broadcast and digital media outlets continued to offer valuable post-storm informational support, and

Whereas, Kelli Corbeil, the local owner of WTSA, was fully committed to the extensive special coverage which displaced regular FM programming for an entire day, believing that serving the community during an emergency is the station's highest responsibility, *now therefore be it*

Resolved by the Senate and House of Representatives:

That the General Assembly honors the public service work of Brattleboro radio station WTSA during Tropical Storm Irene, *and be it further*

Resolved: That the Secretary of State be directed to send a copy of this resolution to Kelli Corbeil and Tim Johnson at WTSA Radio in Brattleboro.