

CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

ADDENDUM

TO THE

HOUSE CALENDAR

**Text of House Concurrent
Resolutions**

of

February 1, 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. 144

House concurrent resolution designating February 8, 2024 as Farm to School and Farm to Early Childhood Awareness Day at the State House

Offered by: Representative Surprenant of Barnard

Whereas, 2007 Acts and Resolves No. 24 established the Rozo McLaughlin Farm-to-School program "to award local grants for the purpose of helping Vermont schools develop relationships with local farmers and producers," and

Whereas, the Rozo McLaughlin Farm-to-School and the Vermont Farm to Early Childhood Programs enable students to eat foods that are more healthful and more nutritious than those that they might otherwise consume, and they create economically advantageous partnerships between Vermont's farmers and local schools, and

Whereas, in 2019, the latest year for which this data is available, 17.3 million meals were served under the auspices of the program and over 100 Vermont farms were participants, and

Whereas, 89 percent of Vermont schools and 56 percent of early childhood programs purchase at least some of their food from local farms, and

Whereas, 2023 Acts and Resolves No. 64 established the universal school meals program, which expanded the opportunity for Vermont students to consume food products originating from the State's farms, and

Whereas, as a result of the farm-to-school programs, farmers in Vermont adopt more environmentally friendly practices and youngsters are encouraged to develop lifelong healthy eating habits, and

Whereas, today, February 8, 2024, Rozo McLaughlin Farm-to-School Program participants are speaking with legislators to share the important economic, educational, and health impacts of Vermont Farm to School and Farm to Early Childhood Programs, now therefore be it

Resolved by the Senate and House of Representatives:

That the General Assembly designates February 8, 2024 as Farm to School and Farm to Early Childhood Awareness Day at the State House, and be it further

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

H.C.R. 145

House concurrent resolution congratulating the 2023 Harwood Union High School championship bass fishing team

Offered by: Representatives Stevens of Waterbury, Dolan of Waitsfield, Torre of Moretown, and Wood of Waterbury

Whereas, for the past six years, bass fishing has been a competitive high school sport in Vermont, and

Whereas, the students who participate are dedicated to the sport, and some of them subsequently compete on collegiate teams and pursue careers related to fishing, wildlife management, or outdoor recreation, and

Whereas, in 2023, the championship tournament, held in October, was launched from the John Guilmette Fishing Access Site in South Hero; 21 teams from across the State participated; each team was limited to six fish, all of which were subsequently released back into the water with the Department of Fish and Wildlife's assistance; and on board every team boat was the coach-boat captain, and

Whereas, the first-place Harwood fishing enthusiasts' catch weighed a total of 24 pounds, 9.9 ounces, a tournament-record weight and well ahead of second-place Middlebury's 21 pounds, 3 ounces, and

Whereas, the members of the 2023 Harwood bass fishing varsity team were Jordan Farr, Nate Conyers, Caleb Durand, Sid Ritzinger, Acer Thompson, Jackson Palermo, Tyler Bravin, and Sawyer Popowicz, and Head Coach-Captain Scott Green and Assistant Coach-Captain Rich Wilbur were outstanding, now therefore be it

Resolved by the Senate and House of Representatives:

That the General Assembly congratulates the 2023 Harwood Union High School championship bass fishing team, and be it further

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

H.C.R. 146

House concurrent resolution congratulating the 2023 Harwood Union High School Division II boys' championship soccer team

Offered by: Representatives Stevens of Waterbury, Dolan of Waitsfield, Torre of Moretown, and Wood of Waterbury

Whereas, the team's focused concentration aptly highlighted the 2023 Division II boys' soccer championship game played at the Maxfield Sports Complex in Hartford between the third-seeded Harwood Union High School Highlanders and the ninth-ranked Green Knights of Rice Memorial High School, and

Whereas, despite repeated scoring attempts, the contest remained scoreless into the second overtime period, and

Whereas, a Highlander player took advantage of an opportunity to employ his left foot to direct the ball into the goal zone and clinch the game and title for Harwood, and afterward, while holding the ball tightly, he described his scoring experience as unreal, and

Whereas, the proficient Highlanders, whose 13–1–4 record included a 17-game undefeated streak, were Matthew Fiaschetti, Emmett Lisai, Lincoln Dice, Teighen Fils-Aime, Cole Shullenberger, Eamon Langlais, Eamon Knight, Caleb Brookens, Steele Nelson, Zachary Smith, Jackson McKay, Jack Greenwood, Owen Farr, Eli Herrington, Brycen Scharf, Dylan Rogers, Ollie Reilly, Tucker Buffum, Felix Kretz, Cody Milia, Finnegan Kramer, Dylan Mauro, Anthony Caforia, Will Andrus, Tyce Begin, and Tristan Lafayette, and

Whereas, Head Coach Joe Yalicki and assistant coaches Elan Shems and Lloyd Gotshall wisely advised the team throughout the soccer season, now therefore be it

Resolved by the Senate and House of Representatives:

That the General Assembly congratulates the 2023 Harwood Union High School Division II boys' championship soccer team, and be it further

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

H.C.R. 147

House concurrent resolution honoring the organizations and individuals working to resolve Vermont's rural broadband access crisis through communications union districts

Offered by: Representatives Masland of Thetford, Anthony of Barre City, Arrison of Weathersfield, Bongartz of Manchester, Branagan of Georgia, Buss of Woodstock, Chesnut-Tangerman of Middletown Springs, Demrow of Corinth, Farlice-Rubio of Barnet, Harrison of Chittenden, Hooper of

Burlington, McCann of Montpelier, Page of Newport City, Patt of Worcester, Priestley of Bradford, Roberts of Halifax, Sibia of Dover, Sims of Craftsbury, and Torre of Moretown

Whereas, in order to solve Vermont's rural broadband access crisis, the General Assembly has enacted, among other measures, 2021 Acts and Resolves No. 71, An act relating to accelerated community broadband deployment, the legislation that authorized the formation of the Vermont Community Broadband Board (VCBB) and the Vermont Community Broadband Fund (VCBF), and

Whereas, the legislative intent is directly implemented through the 10 regional Communications Union Districts (CUDs), each of which consists of multiple communities and is legally recognized as a municipality, and

Whereas, located throughout Vermont, the 10 CUDs are Chittenden County CUD, CVFiber (Central Vermont), DVFiber (Southeastern Vermont), ECFiber (East-Central Vermont), Lamoille FiberNet, Maple Broadband (Addison County), NEK Broadband, Northwest FiberworX, Otter Creek CUD (Rutland County), and Southern Vermont CUD (Southwestern Vermont), and

Whereas, the 10 CUDs, which are dedicated to extending broadband service to locations that are challenging for other providers, have jointly established the Vermont Communications Union District Association (VCUDA) to serve as an institutional support and advocacy organization on their behalf, and

Whereas, in 2023, the CUDs achieved important milestones on the path to statewide access to world-class broadband coverage, and the enhanced economic, educational, and entertainment options this offers, through constructing and inaugurating new fiber optic segments, adding new customers in communities and areas that have lacked reliable high-quality broadband service, and solidifying plans toward the achievement of the CUD's ultimate comprehensive statewide coverage goal, now therefore be it

Resolved by the Senate and House of Representatives:

That the General Assembly honors the organizations and individuals working to resolve Vermont's rural broadband access crisis through communications union districts, and be it further

Resolved: That the Secretary of State be directed to send a copy of this resolution to each Communications Union District, the Vermont Communications Union District Association, and the Vermont Community Broadband Board.