

**CONCURRENT RESOLUTION**

**ADDENDUM**

**TO THE**

**HOUSE CALENDAR**

**Text of House Concurrent  
Resolutions**

**of**

**January 18, 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.

### **Resolutions**

#### **H.C.R. 136**

House concurrent resolution recognizing February 2024 as School Board Recognition Month in Vermont

Offered by: Representatives Sibia of Dover, Birong of Vergennes, Brennan of Colchester, Burke of Brattleboro, Buss of Woodstock, Carpenter of Hyde Park, Christie of Hartford, Elder of Starksboro, Goldman of Rockingham, Graning of Jericho, Labor of Morgan, LaLonde of South Burlington, Lipsky of Stowe, McGill of Bridport, Morrissey of Bennington, Pajala of Londonderry, Patt of Worcester, and Stebbins of Burlington

Whereas, the education of Vermont's youth is of great importance, and the role of local school board members is essential in this process, and

Whereas, all too often, Vermonters do not fully appreciate the scope of the commitment school board members must make to their duties and the challenges they encounter performing this critical civic role, and

Whereas, school board members have responded to major developments, such as district consolidations and the presence of PCB contamination, but they also address a variety of more mundane, yet no less important, issues, and

Whereas, these special community public servants deserve our admiration and respect for their continuing devotion to the success of public education in Vermont, now therefore be it

Resolved by the Senate and House of Representatives:

That the General Assembly recognizes February 2024 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 Board Association.

### **H.C.R. 137**

House concurrent resolution congratulating the 2023 Georgia Elementary and Middle School Chargers seventh- and eighth-grade girls' soccer team on completing an outstanding, undefeated season

Offered by: Representatives Branagan of Georgia, Andrews of Westford, Bartley of Fairfax, Mattos of Milton, and Taylor of Milton

Offered by: Senators Brock and Norris

Whereas, in 2023, Georgia Elementary and Middle School fielded a girls' soccer team comprised of highly talented seventh- and eighth-grade players who demonstrated a knack to win, and

Whereas, the ability of these girls to score more goals than their opponents and mount a powerful defensive strategy was truly impressive, and

Whereas, the Chargers concluded the 2023 season thrilled with their superb 12–0 record, and

Whereas, the proud Chargers were Audreana Sullivan, Ava Reynolds, Avery Lozier, Celia LeClair, Charleigh White, Chatham Brouillette, Emma Gordon, Evangeline Tullos, Gabriela Knowles, Gabrielle Bombard, Ivey Wilkinson, Jenna Sweeney, Julia Hungerford, Karlie Lowell, Khloe Mobbs, Lanae Buford, Lydia Cole, Madalynn White, Mia Hubscher, Nora Pelletier, Payton Moore, Phoebe Barnes, Sonni Gebhardt, and Zaylee Buford, and Head Coach Courtney Chadburn expertly guided the team, now therefore be it

Resolved by the Senate and House of Representatives:

That the General Assembly congratulates the 2023 Georgia Elementary and Middle School Chargers seventh- and eighth-grade girls' soccer team on completing an outstanding, undefeated season, and be it further

Resolved: That the Secretary of State be directed to send a copy of this resolution to Georgia Elementary and Middle School.

### **H.C.R. 138**

House concurrent resolution commemorating the centennial of the Vermont State Parks

Offered by: Representatives Roberts of Halifax, Andrews of Westford, Andriano of Orwell, Arrison of Weathersfield, Austin of Colchester, Bartholomew of Hartland, Bartley of Fairfax, Beck of St. Johnsbury, Birong of Vergennes, Black of Essex, Bluemle of Burlington, Bongartz of Manchester, Bos-Lun of Westminster, Boyden of Cambridge, Brown of Richmond, Brumsted of Shelburne, Burrows of West Windsor, Canfield of Fair Haven, Casey of Montpelier, Chapin of East Montpelier, Chesnut-

Tangerman of Middletown Springs, Christie of Hartford, Cina of Burlington, Clifford of Rutland City, Cole of Hartford, Conlon of Cornwall, Demrow of Corinth, Dolan of Essex Junction, Dolan of Waitsfield, Farlice-Rubio of Barnet, Goldman of Rockingham, Hango of Berkshire, Harrison of Chittenden, Headrick of Burlington, Howard of Rutland City, Hyman of South Burlington, Jerome of Brandon, Krasnow of South Burlington, LaMont of Morristown, Laroche of Franklin, Leavitt of Grand Isle, Lipsky of Stowe, Logan of Burlington, Long of Newfane, Maguire of Rutland City, Masland of Thetford, Mattos of Milton, McCann of Montpelier, McCoy of Poultney, McGill of Bridport, Morris of Springfield, Morrissey of Bennington, Noyes of Wolcott, Nugent of South Burlington, Ode of Burlington, Page of Newport City, Pajala of Londonderry, Parsons of Newbury, Patt of Worcester, Pearl of Danville, Priestley of Bradford, Rice of Dorset, Satcowitz of Randolph, Shaw of Pittsford, Sims of Craftsbury, Small of Winooski, Stebbins of Burlington, Stevens of Waterbury, Surprenant of Barnard, Taylor of Milton, Torre of Moretown, Troiano of Stannard, Whitman of Bennington, and Williams of Granby

Whereas, outdoor recreation, as embodied in the glory of our forests, lakes, and mountains, is easily accessible in the Vermont State Parks, which are located throughout the State from Alburgh Dunes to Woodford, and

Whereas, the genesis of the Vermont State Parks can be traced to 1924, when Francies Humphreys of Brookline, Massachusetts, the owner of the Mt. Philo Inn in Charlotte, donated the 232 nearby acres that encompasses the 968-foot Mt. Philo, which is topped by a summit that affords glorious views of the Champlain Valley, the Adirondack Mountains, and the Green Mountains, and

Whereas, in 2001, in recognition of the historic role of Mt. Philo State Park in the recreational history of Vermont, it earned a listing on the National Register of Historic Places, and

Whereas, the manual work and dedication of the Depression-era Civilian Conservation Corps crews and the greater travel mobility available following the Second World War enhanced both the attractiveness and growth of the Vermont State Parks, and

Whereas, in calendar year 2022, more than 1.1 million persons experienced the pleasure of visiting a Vermont State Park, and

Whereas, the 55 Vermont State Parks and 18 designated properties, which are a key component of Vermont's \$1.9 billion outdoor economy, benefit from the dedicated efforts of hundreds of State employees and the fundraising efforts of Vermont Parks Forever, the private foundation established in 2013 to support these special lands, now therefore be it

Resolved by the Senate and House of Representatives:

That the General Assembly commemorates the centennial of the Vermont State Parks, and be it further

Resolved: That the Secretary of State be directed to send a copy of this resolution to the State Parks Division of the Department of Forests, Parks and Recreation and to Vermont Parks Forever.

### **H.C.R. 139**

House concurrent resolution commemorating the bicentennial of Mt. Anthony Masonic Lodge No. 13

Offered by: Representatives Morrissey of Bennington, Brownell of Pownal, Carroll of Bennington, Corcoran of Bennington, Durfee of Shaftsbury, and Whitman of Bennington

Offered by: Senators Campion and Sears

Whereas, the origin of Mt. Anthony Masonic Lodge No. 13 dates back to October 7, 1823, when former Governor Isaac Tichenor presented a petition to the Masonic Grand Lodge of Vermont for the chartering of a new Lodge in the Town of Bennington, and

Whereas, the Masonic Grand Lodge of Vermont viewed this petition favorably and almost immediately, on October 8, 2023, granted the former Governor's petition, and

Whereas, the formal establishment of the newly created Mt. Anthony Masonic Lodge No. 60 occurred with the Lodge's initial meeting on June 23, 1824, and

Whereas, in subsequent years, anti-Masonic agitation in the United States severely tested the stability of the Masonic Order, and

Whereas, the Bennington Lodge survived this turbulence, and, on January 10, 1849, it was reorganized as Mt. Anthony Masonic Lodge No. 13, and

Whereas, on August 16, 1887, Bennington Battle Day, employing the ancient Masonic form, members of Mt. Anthony Masonic Lodge No. 13, including Masonic Brother and former Governor Hiland Hall, along with several members of the Masonic Grand Lodge of Vermont, laid the cornerstone of the Battle of Bennington Monument; and a century later, on Bennington Battle Day 1987, Lodge members and staff from the Division of Historic Preservation reenacted the original ceremony, and

Whereas, on Bennington Battle Day 1911, and as part of the sesquicentennial celebration of the granting of the Bennington Town Charter, the membership of Mt. Anthony Masonic Lodge No. 13 laid the cornerstone for a new Lodge headquarters and Masonic Temple at 504 Main Street, and

Whereas, for 200 years, Mt. Anthony Masonic Lodge No. 13 has continued as a civic-minded, fraternal organization in the Bennington community, now therefore be it

Resolved by the Senate and House of Representatives:

That the General Assembly commemorates the bicentennial of Mt. Anthony Masonic Lodge No. 13, and be it further

Resolved: That the Secretary of State be directed to send a copy of this resolution to Mt. Anthony Masonic Lodge No. 13.

### **H.C.R. 140**

House concurrent resolution in memory of former Representative John C. Candon of Norwich

Offered by: Representatives Holcombe of Norwich and Masland of Thetford

Offered by: Senators Clarkson, McCormack, and White

Whereas, for many years, numerous children in the Upper Valley would eagerly anticipate their annual visit with Santa Claus in the person of Jack Candon, who enthusiastically and joyfully portrayed Saint Nick, and

Whereas, in real life, Jack Candon was a respected attorney, legislator, and civic leader who sought to better the lives of all Vermonters, and

Whereas, a native of Rutland, he graduated from Mount St. Joseph Academy, the University of Notre Dame, and Marquette University Law School, prior to embarking on a successful 46-year legal career in White River Junction and Norwich, and

Whereas, on February 10, 1983, Governor Richard Snelling appointed Jack Candon as the new member from Norwich, marking a legislative milestone as he joined Representative Tom Candon of Rutland (who served from 1967 to 1986) to form the first and only father-son pair to sit concurrently in the General Assembly, and with them served Jack Candon's cousin, Representative Mark Candon of Proctor (who served from 1983 to 1984), and

Whereas, beyond his four years (1983 to 1986) serving in the People's House, Jack Candon provided distinguished leadership as chair of the University of Vermont's and Vermont Public Television's governing boards, and

Whereas, a fly-fishing and single malt Scotch whiskey aficionado, Jack Candon died on December 5, 2023, at 73 years of age, and his survivors include his wife, Marty, and their son, now therefore be it

Resolved by the Senate and House of Representatives:

That the General Assembly extends its sincere condolences to the family of former Representative John C. Candon of Norwich, and be it further

Resolved: That the Secretary of State be directed to send a copy of this resolution to the family of Jack Candon.

### **H.C.R. 141**

House concurrent resolution honoring Director of Elections and Campaign Finance Will Senning for his superb public service

Offered by: House Committee on Government Operations and Military Affairs

Offered by: Senate Committee on Government Operations

Whereas, Will Senning grew up in Duxbury, attended Harwood Union High School, earned his undergraduate degree at Hampshire College in Amherst, Massachusetts, graduated from Vermont Law School, and practiced law at a Waterbury firm, and

Whereas, in 2011, Will Senning joined the staff of the Elections Division in the Office of the Secretary of State; in 2013, former Secretary of State Jim Condos, impressed with Will Senning's knowledge of Vermont election law and his display of administrative acumen, appointed Will Senning as the Director of Elections and Campaign Finance; and in 2023, Secretary of State Sarah Copeland Hanzas was delighted to extend his tenure in this role, and

Whereas, under Will Senning's respected nonpartisan leadership, Vermont successfully implemented an earlier summer primary date, greatly expanded the digitalization of the electoral administrative process, and inaugurated timely election night reporting on the web that the public, the news media, town clerks, and political candidates can confidently rely upon, and during the pandemic, he was instrumental in implementing a major expansion of the vote-by-mail balloting system on primary and general election days, and

Whereas, the cordial and effective professional relationship that Will Senning maintained with the House Committee on Government Operations and Military Affairs and the Senate Committee on Government Operations created a great partnership for the enactment and oversight of elections related laws, and

Whereas, Will Senning is a national leader in ensuring the integrity and sanctity of a state's elections and has been proactive in monitoring against cyber interference attempts, and

Whereas, this effort attracted the attention of the U.S. Department of Homeland Security, which hired him as the new New England regional security advisor focused on election security in the Department's Cybersecurity and Infrastructure Security Agency, leaving, at the Elections Division, a legacy of accomplishment and excellence, now therefore be it

Resolved by the Senate and House of Representatives:

That the General Assembly honors Director of Elections and Campaign Finance Will Senning for his superb public service and wishes him all the best in his new position, and be it further

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