

CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

ADDENDUM

TO THE

HOUSE CALENDAR

**Text of House Concurrent
Resolutions**

of

March 28, 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. 192

House concurrent resolution congratulating Trey Lee on his achievements as a Fair Haven Union High School wrestler

Offered by: Representatives Canfield of Fair Haven, Andriano of Orwell, Clifford of Rutland City, and Sammis of Castleton

Offered by: Senators Bray, Collamore, Hardy, and Williams

Whereas, for the past three academic years, Trey Lee has brightened the athletic landscape at Fair Haven Union High School as a Slater football offensive wide receiver and defensive back and as a second baseman on the baseball diamond, but his true passion is wrestling, and

Whereas, in his sophomore year, Trey Lee compiled a commendable 37–9 win-loss record, and secured a second-place finish in the 126-pound class at the State championship, and

Whereas, as a junior, and still wrestling at 126 pounds, he improved on his prior statistics, earning a 41–9 win-loss record and clinching individual titles at both the Mike Baker Essex Classic and the State championship, and

Whereas, during his senior year, Trey Lee demonstrated that practice and perseverance can be rewarding as, at his new 132-pound status, he won top honors at the Hubie Wagner Invitational (both by scoring first place in his weight class and by being named Outstanding Wrestler), the Mike Baker Essex Classic, and the State championship; and he concluded his three-season pandemic-shortened high school wrestling career with a 133–22 win-loss record, comparable to the results for an outstanding four-year high school wrestler, and

Whereas, Head Coach Scott Shaddock, Trey Lee's wrestling coach at Fair Haven Union High School, has praised this young athlete's wrestling achievements and outstanding sportsmanship, now therefore be it

Resolved by the Senate and House of Representatives:

That the General Assembly congratulates Trey Lee on his achievements as a Fair Haven Union High School wrestler, and be it further

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

H.C.R. 193

House concurrent resolution honoring Steve Mason for his dedicated and superb leadership of the Lowell School Board and the North Country Supervisory Union Board

Offered by: Representatives Higley of Lowell, Labor of Morgan, Marcotte of Coventry, Page of Newport City, and Smith of Derby

Offered by: Senators Ingalls and Starr

Whereas, an example of an ideal school board member and leader is Steve Mason of Lowell, whose long service on both local and supervisory union panels has won much praise, and

Whereas, school board service requires a special commitment to the governance and improvement of local public schools and an ability to meet the needs of students, teachers, parents, and the broader taxpaying community, and

Whereas, longevity in school board leadership roles is becoming increasingly unusual, given that the important issues confronting school boards are subject to intense public scrutiny, and

Whereas, Steve Mason chaired the Lowell School Board for 19 years (2005–2024), the North Country Supervisory Union Board for eight years (2014–2022), and the North Country Supervisory Union Policy Committee for 17 years (2005-2022), and

Whereas, he has always been passionate about students being engaged learners with rigorous instruction that transcends the classroom, and

Whereas, Steve Mason has worked tirelessly to develop fiscally responsible district and supervisory union budgets for voter approval, while simultaneously proposing the best possible available curriculum and education opportunities, and

Whereas, the Lowell School’s students, teachers, administrators, and support staff will miss Steve Mason’s knowledge and wisdom and his unique ability to ask thought provoking questions, encouraging everyone, always, regardless of age, to do his or her best, now therefore be it

Resolved by the Senate and House of Representatives:

That the General Assembly honors Steve Mason for his dedicated and superb leadership of the Lowell School Board and the North Country Supervisory Union Board, and be it further

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

H.C.R. 194

House concurrent resolution in memory of Rutland City Police Officer Jessica Marie Ebbighausen of Ira

Offered by: Representatives Maguire of Rutland City, Burditt of West Rutland, Canfield of Fair Haven, Chesnut-Tangerman of Middletown Springs, Clifford of Rutland City, Harrison of Chittenden, Howard of Rutland City, Jerome of Brandon, McCoy of Poultney, Morrissey of Bennington, Notte of Rutland City, Peterson of Clarendon, Roberts of Halifax, and Shaw of Pittsford

Offered by: Senators Collamore, Weeks, and Williams

Whereas, the all-too-short life of Jessica Ebbighausen had been one of youthful joy and optimism, and

Whereas, this Class of 2021 Rutland High School graduate was the enthusiastic goalie on the field hockey team, and she enjoyed skating and practicing karate and had earned her brown belt, and

Whereas, Jessica Ebbighausen, since the age of nine, had a keen interest in pursuing a law enforcement career, which was advanced through her completion of the Stafford Technical Center's Public Safety & Criminal Justice program and an internship with the Rutland Police Department, and

Whereas, upon graduation, the Rutland Regional Medical Center hired her as a security officer, but she aspired to serve in a law enforcement organization, and

Whereas, in the spring of 2023, Jessica Ebbighausen's career hopes were fulfilled when she was sworn in as a Rutland City Police officer, and

Whereas, the excitement and professional satisfaction of serving on one of Vermont's largest municipal police forces ended tragically on July 7, 2023, when Jessica Ebbighausen was driving a police cruiser and a driver traveling in the opposite direction, allegedly attempting to flee from the police, collided with her vehicle, abruptly ending her life, and

Whereas, at a well-attended funeral, at which Governor Phil Scott was present, many persons paid their respects to the first Rutland City Police officer killed in the line of duty, and

Whereas, members of the current Rutland High School field hockey team held a remembrance ceremony near the team's favorite tree, and a plaque will be placed at this location as a permanent memorial, now therefore be it

Resolved by the Senate and House of Representatives:

That the General Assembly expresses its sincere condolences to the family of Rutland City Police Officer Jessica Marie Ebbighausen, and be it further

Resolved: That the Secretary of State be directed to send a copy of this resolution to the family of Jessica Ebbighausen and to the Rutland City Police Department.

H.C.R. 195

House concurrent resolution recognizing April 5, 2024 as Civilian Conservation Corps Day in Vermont

Offered by: Representatives Bos-Lun of Westminster, Arrison of Weathersfield, Brennan of Colchester, Casey of Montpelier, Dickinson of St. Albans Town, Emmons of Springfield, Galfetti of Barre Town, Harrison of Chittenden, Headrick of Burlington, Higley of Lowell, Laroche of Franklin, Maguire of Rutland City, Morrissey of Bennington, Page of Newport City, Roberts of Halifax, Taylor of Milton, and Troiano of Stannard

Whereas, at the height of the Great Depression, the nation was experiencing an unprecedented economic crisis resulting in massive unemployment and a major decrease in public works activity, and millions of young men were idle, lacking constructive activity in which to engage and insufficient, if any, financial resources to support themselves, and

Whereas, on April 5, 1933, President Franklin D. Roosevelt issued Executive Order 6101 formally organizing the Civilian Conservation Corps (CCC) and implementing the recently enacted Emergency Conservation Work Act, 48 Stat. 22 (1933), and

Whereas, from 1933 to 1942, approximately 3,463,000 men, mostly 18 to 25 years of age, resided at CCC camps and worked on public works projects with long-term societal benefits, and

Whereas, across the country, in national and state parks and on other public recreational lands, the CCC constructed over 3,000 fire towers, 46,854 bridges, 125,000 miles of roads, and 13,100 miles of foot trails, and

Whereas, three billion trees were planted, 40 million acres of farmland were improved, and 972 million fish were stocked in the nation's waters, and

Whereas, beyond these construction initiatives, 110,000 members of the CCC who were illiterate gained basic reading and writing skills, and

Whereas, Vermont was slated to host four CCC camps, but the passionate lobbying of legendary State Forester Perry H. Merrill raised that number to more than 30, and camps were organized in communities throughout Vermont, leaving an amazing legacy, now therefore be it

Resolved by the Senate and House of Representatives:

That the General Assembly recognizes April 5, 2024 as Civilian Conservation Corps Day in Vermont, and be it further

Resolved: That the Secretary of State be directed to send a copy of this resolution to National Civilian Conservation Day Coordinator Mary Podskoch.

H.C.R. 196

House concurrent resolution honoring Robert Bick for his remarkable three decades of leadership at the Howard Center

Offered by: Representatives Rachelson of Burlington, Squirrell of Underhill, Austin of Colchester, Berbeco of Winooski, Bluemle of Burlington, Brumsted of Shelburne, Cina of Burlington, Dodge of Essex, Dolan of Essex Junction, Donahue of Northfield, Garofano of Essex, Graning of Jericho, Headrick of Burlington, Houghton of Essex Junction, Hyman of South Burlington, Krasnow of South Burlington, Krowinski of Burlington, Lalley of Shelburne, LaLonde of South Burlington, Logan of Burlington, Minier of South Burlington, Mulvaney-Stanak of Burlington, Nugent of South Burlington, Ode of Burlington, Stone of Burlington, Taylor of Colchester, and Waters Evans of Charlotte

Offered by: Senators Chittenden, Lyons, Ram Hinsdale, and Wrenner

Whereas, over the past three decades, the scope and quality of mental health and substance abuse services in Vermont has moved forward due, in large measure, to the visionary work of Bob Bick, and

Whereas, as a licensed alcohol and drug counselor, he has innovatively applied his professional training to the treatment of clients, but his role has extended far beyond a typical counselor's domain, and

Whereas, Bob Bick served as the former Executive Director of Champlain Drug and Alcohol Services prior to that agency's 1994 merger with the Howard Center for Human Services, which formed the current-day Howard Center, and, until 2015, he was the merged organization's Director of Mental Health and Substance Abuse Services, and

Whereas, he was responsible for starting Vermont's first methadone clinic, supporting the creation of the hub and spoke treatment model for opioid use disorder, establishing harm reduction services as a bridge to recovery, and initiating the Street Outreach Program in downtown Burlington, and

Whereas, since 2015, Bob Bick has admirably served as the Chief Executive Officer of the Howard Center, transitioning the \$130 million organization with 50 programs, 1,600 employees, and 60 locations in order to improve the delivery of services to 19,000 persons through an improved organizational structure and new and revamped treatment programs, and

Whereas, Bob Bick is a pioneering national leader in mental health and substance abuse treatment and is concluding his tenure at the Howard Center, leaving a legacy of outstanding achievements, now therefore be it

Resolved by the Senate and House of Representatives:

That the General Assembly honors Robert Bick for his remarkable three decades of leadership at the Howard Center, and be it further

Resolved: That the Secretary of State be directed to send a copy of this resolution to Bob Bick and the Howard Center.

H.C.R. 197

House concurrent resolution designating April 3, 2024 as Prevention Day in Vermont

Offered by: Representatives Goldman of Rockingham, Andrews of Westford, Anthony of Barre City, Austin of Colchester, Berbeco of Winooski, Black of Essex, Bos-Lun of Westminster, Branagan of Georgia, Burrows of West Windsor, Buss of Woodstock, Carpenter of Hyde Park, Chase of Chester, Corcoran of Bennington, Cordes of Lincoln, Demar of Enosburgh, Dolan of Essex Junction, Farlice-Rubio of Barnet, Garofano of Essex, Houghton of Essex Junction, McCoy of Poultney, McFaun of Barre Town, McGill of Bridport, Noyes of Wolcott, Pajala of Londonderry, Peterson of Clarendon, Pouech of Hinesburg, Sims of Craftsbury, Small of Winooski, Taylor of Colchester, and Wood of Waterbury

Offered by: Senator Perchlik

Whereas, Prevention Day is an annual event created to call attention to the issue of substance misuse prevention in Vermont, and

Whereas, this observance is designed to bring together youth, prevention organizations, and supporters to educate public policy decision-makers and to celebrate the substance misuse prevention community in Vermont, and

Whereas, the General Assembly recognizes the struggles that Vermonters continue to encounter with the misuse of alcohol, marijuana, tobacco, and other substances, as well as the economic, emotional, and psychological toll that this misuse takes on individuals, families, schools, workplaces, and communities, and

Whereas, the network of community organizations, service providers, youth, and individuals dedicated to substance misuse prevention share a common goal of supporting healthy living for all Vermonters, and

Whereas, celebrating Prevention Day is an opportunity for communities across the State to raise their voices in order to create a strong, sustainable, and unified system that promotes substance misuse prevention, healthy living, and wellness in Vermont, now therefore be it

Resolved by the Senate and House of Representatives:

That the General Assembly designates April 3, 2024 as Prevention Day in Vermont, and be it further

Resolved: That the Secretary of State be directed to send a copy of this resolution to Prevention Works!VT.

H.C.R. 198

House concurrent resolution designating April 18, 2024 as USS VERMONT (SSN 792) Day in Vermont

Offered by: Representatives Hango of Berkshire, Bartley of Fairfax, Birong of Vergennes, Boyden of Cambridge, Branagan of Georgia, Brennan of Colchester, Burditt of West Rutland, Chase of Colchester, Clifford of Rutland City, Demar of Enosburgh, Dickinson of St. Albans Town, Donahue of Northfield, Farlice-Rubio of Barnet, Galfetti of Barre Town, Goslant of Northfield, Gregoire of Fairfield, Harrison of Chittenden, Higley of Lowell, Hooper of Randolph, Hooper of Burlington, Labor of Morgan, Laroche of Franklin, Lipsky of Stowe, Maguire of Rutland City, Marcotte of Coventry, Mattos of Milton, McCarthy of St. Albans City, McCoy of Poultney, McFaun of Barre Town, Morgan of Milton, Morris of Springfield, Morrissey of Bennington, Mrowicki of Putney, Nugent of South Burlington, Oliver of Sheldon, Page of Newport City, Parsons of Newbury, Peterson of Clarendon, Shaw of Pittsford, Sibia of Dover, Smith of Derby, Stone of Burlington, Taylor of Milton, Toof of St. Albans Town, Waters Evans of Charlotte, and Williams of Granby

Offered by: Senators Collamore, Norris, Weeks, and Williams

Whereas, the submarine VERMONT (SSN 792) was commissioned on April 18, 2020, and it is the third U.S. naval vessel to be named in honor of the State of Vermont, and

Whereas, April 18, 2024 marks the fourth anniversary of the commissioning of the USS VERMONT (SSN 792), and

Whereas, the superior performance of the officers and enlisted personnel serving on the USS VERMONT (SSN 792) has extended Vermont's proud U.S. naval heritage to the Pacific as the submarine's new home port is U.S. Naval Station Pearl Harbor in Hawaii, and

Whereas, the officers and enlisted personnel of the USS VERMONT (SSN 792) honor Vermont traditions with the moniker *Big Sugar* and the motto *Freedom and Unity*, as they serve to protect our country and its freedoms, now therefore be it

Resolved by the Senate and House of Representatives:

That the General Assembly designates April 18, 2024 as USS VERMONT (SSN 792) Day in Vermont, and be it further

Resolved: That the Secretary of State be directed to send a copy of this resolution to the USS VERMONT (SSN 792) and the USS VERMONT Support Group.

H.C.R. 199

House concurrent resolution congratulating the Boys & Girls Clubs of Vermont's 2024 Youth of the Year honorees and designating April 4, 2024 as Boys & Girls Club Day at the State House

Offered by: Representatives Rachelson of Burlington, Berbeco of Winooski, Black of Essex, Bluemle of Burlington, Bos-Lun of Westminster, Brown of Richmond, Brumsted of Shelburne, Burditt of West Rutland, Burke of Brattleboro, Campbell of St. Johnsbury, Canfield of Fair Haven, Chapin of East Montpelier, Chase of Colchester, Chesnut-Tangerman of Middletown Springs, Christie of Hartford, Cina of Burlington, Coffey of Guilford, Conlon of Cornwall, Cordes of Lincoln, Dodge of Essex, Dolan of Essex Junction, Donahue of Northfield, Farlice-Rubio of Barnet, Garofano of Essex, Goldman of Rockingham, Goslant of Northfield, Graham of Williamstown, Gregoire of Fairfield, Headrick of Burlington, Hooper of Randolph, Hooper of Burlington, Houghton of Essex Junction, Kornheiser of Brattleboro, Krasnow of South Burlington, Krowinski of Burlington, Lalley of Shelburne, Leavitt of Grand Isle, Logan of Burlington, Marcotte of Coventry, Masland of Thetford, McCarthy of St. Albans City, Minier of South Burlington, Mrowicki of

Putney, Mulvaney-Stanak of Burlington, Nugent of South Burlington, Ode of Burlington, Pajala of Londonderry, Pouech of Hinesburg, Shaw of Pittsford, Small of Winooski, Stebbins of Burlington, Stone of Burlington, and Waters Evans of Charlotte

Offered by: Senators Chittenden, Lyons, Ram Hinsdale, Vyhovsky, and Wrenner

Whereas, since 1947, the Boys & Girls Clubs of America's Youth of the Year program has encouraged the organization's young members to reach their full potential through academic success, healthy lifestyles, and contributing to their communities, and this program epitomizes the positive impact that the Boys & Girls Clubs can have on young people's lives, and

Whereas, Boys & Girls Clubs prepare their members to become responsible, successful, and patriotic adults and community leaders, and

Whereas, the Youth of the Year award winners at the local, state, regional, and national levels exemplify the hard work, determination, and hope of the Boys & Girls Clubs movement, and

Whereas, being named a Youth of the Year award winner is the highest honor that the Boys & Girls Clubs can bestow on their members, and

Whereas, all Youth of the Year award winners have experienced and overcome personal challenges and obstacles in their lives, even as they devoted considerable time and effort to improving the lives of others, and

Whereas, the 2024 Youth of the Year honorees in Vermont and their local clubs are Braden Howe (Boys & Girls Club of Brattleboro) and Henry Tornwini (Boys & Girls Club of Burlington), now therefore be it

Resolved by the Senate and House of Representatives:

That the General Assembly congratulates the Boys & Girls Clubs of Vermont's 2024 Youth of the Year honorees and designates April 4, 2024 as Boys & Girls Club 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 each Boys & Girls Club member honored in this resolution.

H.C.R. 200

House concurrent resolution commemorating Vermont's historic April 8, 2024 total solar eclipse

Offered by: Representatives Farlice-Rubio of Barnet, Andrews of Westford, Andriano of Orwell, Anthony of Barre City, Arsenault of Williston,

Austin of Colchester, Black of Essex, Bos-Lun of Westminster, Boyden of Cambridge, Brownell of Pownal, Brumsted of Shelburne, Burke of Brattleboro, Campbell of St. Johnsbury, Carpenter of Hyde Park, Carroll of Bennington, Casey of Montpelier, Chapin of East Montpelier, Chase of Chester, Chase of Colchester, Chesnut-Tangerman of Middletown Springs, Christie of Hartford, Cina of Burlington, Coffey of Guilford, Cole of Hartford, Cordes of Lincoln, Demar of Enosburgh, Demrow of Corinth, Dodge of Essex, Dolan of Essex Junction, Dolan of Waitsfield, Durfee of Shaftsbury, Galfetti of Barre Town, Garofano of Essex, Goldman of Rockingham, Goslant of Northfield, Graning of Jericho, Hango of Berkshire, Harrison of Chittenden, Headrick of Burlington, Higley of Lowell, Hooper of Randolph, Hooper of Burlington, Howard of Rutland City, Hyman of South Burlington, Jerome of Brandon, Krasnow of South Burlington, LaBounty of Lyndon, Lalley of Shelburne, LaMont of Morristown, Leavitt of Grand Isle, Logan of Burlington, McCann of Montpelier, McFaun of Barre Town, McGill of Bridport, Minier of South Burlington, Morgan of Milton, Morris of Springfield, Morrissey of Bennington, Mrowicki of Putney, Nicoll of Ludlow, Ode of Burlington, Peterson of Clarendon, Pouech of Hinesburg, Priestley of Bradford, Rachelson of Burlington, Rice of Dorset, Roberts of Halifax, Sammis of Castleton, Scheu of Middlebury, Sims of Craftsbury, Small of Winooski, Stebbins of Burlington, Stevens of Waterbury, Taylor of Milton, Toof of St. Albans Town, Torre of Moretown, Walker of Swanton, White of Bethel, Williams of Barre City, and Wood of Waterbury

Offered by: Senators Clarkson, Hardy, Harrison, Kitchel, McCormack, Vyhovsky, Watson, and Wrenner

Whereas, a syzygy is the alignment “of three celestial bodies in a gravitational system,” and this cosmic phenomenon often results in a total solar or lunar eclipse, and

Whereas, eclipses occur around the world with a degree of regularity, but the visibility of a total solar eclipse in Vermont is a rare event, the sky having last offered this astronomical extravaganza nearly a century ago in 1932, and

Whereas, on April 8, 2024, residents of and visitors to much of the northern half of the State will be offered the unusual chance to witness a total solar eclipse, with great viewing in a corridor extending from Burlington to St. Albans in the western portion of the State to Newport and St. Johnsbury in the Northeast Kingdom, and

Whereas, in Burlington, the solar eclipse will commence at 2:14 p.m. and reach its totality between 3:26 and 3:29 p.m., and

Whereas, if the skies are clear, the effect will be to reduce the city's light level to dusk conditions, and, if the sky is cloudy, the eclipse will create middle-of-the-night illumination conditions, and

Whereas, the Vermont Space Grant Consortium and the University of Vermont are partnering with other academic institutions to provide a safe and exciting eclipse experience for the State's college students, faculty, and staff, and the Fairbanks Museum and Planetarium is educating Vermonters in advance of the eclipse, including on the importance of wearing special glasses if viewing the event directly, and

Whereas, eclipse gatherings are being held throughout the viewing zone, and Vermonters would be wise to take advantage of this special occasion as the next total eclipse visible in Vermont is projected to occur in 2079, now therefore be it

Resolved by the Senate and House of Representatives:

That the General Assembly commemorates Vermont's historic April 8, 2024 total solar eclipse, and be it further

Resolved: That the Secretary of State be directed to send a copy of this resolution to the Vermont Space Grant Consortium and to the Fairbanks Museum and Planetarium.