

**CONCURRENT RESOLUTION**

**ADDENDUM**

**TO THE**

**HOUSE CALENDAR**

**Text of House Concurrent  
Resolutions**

**of**

**February 9, 2023**

## **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. 24**

House concurrent resolution honoring teenage Rockingham volunteer firefighter Alex Leonard for his heroism and decisive action

Offered by: Representatives Goldman of Rockingham and Bos-Lun of Westminster

Offered by: Senators Harrison and Hashim

Whereas, Alex Leonard is a humble scholar-athlete at Bellows Falls Union High School and a volunteer firefighter for the Town of Rockingham, and

Whereas, on the night of January 17, 2023, after having responded to an earlier emergency call, he returned home at approximately 11:00 p.m. to discover the smoke alarm blaring and a fire raging in a second-story room, and he immediately called in this emergency, and

Whereas, Alex Leonard, then 17 years of age, rushed to the source of the fire and attempted to extinguish it with a fire extinguisher, and, when this proved unsuccessful, he immediately closed the door to the room, a decision that prevented the fire from spreading, and

Whereas, he expertly assisted a responding police officer and a crew from the Golden Cross Ambulance in the evacuation of his father, who is confined to a wheelchair, and

Whereas, Alex Leonard's quick action, which Bellows Falls Fire Chief Shaun McGinnis praised, saved his family's home and prevented a far greater tragedy from occurring, and his family is extremely proud of this fourth-generation firefighter, now therefore be it

Resolved by the Senate and House of Representatives:

That the General Assembly honors teenage Rockingham volunteer firefighter Alex Leonard for his heroism and decisive action, and be it further

Resolved: That the Secretary of State be directed to send a copy of this resolution to Alex Leonard, to Rockingham Fire Chief Kevin Kingsbury, and to Bellows Falls Fire Chief Shaun McGinnis.

### **H.C.R. 25**

House concurrent resolution recognizing the critical importance of 3SquaresVT for thousands of Vermonters

Offered by: Representative Williams of Barre City

Whereas, 3SquaresVT is the Vermont name for the federal Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program (SNAP), and the Vermont Department for Children and Families—Economic Services Division serves as the State’s administrative authority, and

Whereas, SNAP is the most effective and efficient anti-hunger program in the country, providing nine meals for every one that the private charitable food system offers, and

Whereas, more than 40,000 households, consisting of over 70,000 Vermonters of all ages and demographics, are 3SquaresVT beneficiaries, and

Whereas, this critical program supports the food needs of friends, neighbors, and families, with privacy and dignity, and it mitigates the impact of poverty on our most vulnerable residents, and

Whereas, 3SquaresVT strengthens Vermont’s local communities’ economic vitality, and, through the spending of more than \$18,000,000 in federal funds each month on food purchases, supports Vermont’s retailers, grocers, farmers, and members of the State’s workforce, and

Whereas, without a vibrant 3SquaresVT program, an essential nutritional lifeline for over 10 percent of Vermonters would vanish, now therefore be it

Resolved by the Senate and House of Representatives:

That the General Assembly recognizes the critical importance of 3SquaresVT for thousands of Vermonters.

### **H.C.R. 26**

House concurrent resolution honoring Putney Selectboard Vice Chair Joshua Laughlin for his outstanding municipal public service

Offered by: Representative Mrowicki of Putney

Offered by: Senators Harrison and Hashim

Whereas, since his midterm selectboard appointment in 2006, the Town of Putney has greatly benefited from the fair and thoughtful leadership of its current vice chair, Josh Laughlin, especially when the panel confronted the general store fires in 2008 and 2009, the devastation of Tropical Storm Irene in 2011, and, more recently, the continuing impact of the COVID-19 pandemic, and

Whereas, he played an important role in the execution of major town endeavors, such as the construction of a sidewalk adjacent to Route 5, a town-wide property reappraisal, the school districts' merger, the municipality's assumption of library ownership, and the transition from an elected to an appointed Putney Town Clerk, and

Whereas, despite the pressure of the moment, even when chairing the panel, Josh Laughlin nearly always maintained a cool and respectful demeanor, and

Whereas, Town Meeting Day 2023 will mark the conclusion of his exemplary tenure as a Putney Selectboard member, now therefore be it

Resolved by the Senate and House of Representatives:

That the General Assembly honors Putney Selectboard Vice Chair Joshua Laughlin for his outstanding municipal public service, and be it further

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

### **H.C.R. 27**

House concurrent resolution honoring Edwin G. Camp of Derby for his outstanding 58-year career in the Vermont insurance industry

Offered by: Representatives Page of Newport City, Smith of Derby, Bluemle of Burlington, Brennan of Colchester, Canfield of Fair Haven, Clifford of Rutland City, Demar of Enosburgh, Dickinson of St. Albans Town, Dolan of Waitsfield, Galfetti of Barre Town, Goslant of Northfield, Gregoire of Fairfield, Harrison of Chittenden, Higley of Lowell, Holcombe of Norwich, Labor of Morgan, Marcotte of Coventry, McFaun of Barre Town, Mihaly of Calais, Morrissey of Bennington, Shaw of Pittsford, Squirrell of Underhill, and Wilson of Lyndon

Whereas, at 92 years of age, Edwin Camp's remarkable longevity as a Vermont Property & Casualty licensee is a tribute to his professional dedication and optimistic outlook, and

Whereas, a 1948 graduate of the former Newport High School, he excelled in many of his school's athletic activities, and

Whereas, following two years as a University of Vermont student, Ed Camp joined the U.S. Navy, served on the U.S.S. Midway, was discharged in 1954, and soon returned to Newport, and

Whereas, in 1965, Ed Camp made a decisive career step, qualifying for his Vermont Property & Casualty insurance license and entering a professional partnership with Roland Royer, and

Whereas, aside from his insurance work, Ed was a cofounder of the Chamberlin Birch ski area in Newport, served on the Newport Elementary School Board, and as a volunteer for the Vermont youth hockey leagues, and

Whereas, 2023 marks the 58th anniversary of Ed Camp's professional insurance licensure, which is longer than any of his currently licensed colleagues, a distinction of which he can be extremely proud, and

Whereas, in 2022, he and his wife, Joan, celebrated their sixtieth wedding anniversary, now therefore be it

Resolved by the Senate and House of Representatives:

That the General Assembly honors Edwin G. Camp for his outstanding 58-year career in the Vermont insurance industry, and be it further

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

## **H.C.R. 28**

House concurrent resolution honoring the Vermont Creative Network for its effective initiatives to develop a thriving creative sector in Vermont

Offered by: Representative Jerome of Brandon

Whereas, innovation and a creative culture are vital elements of the Vermont brand, and

Whereas, in 2016 Acts and Resolves No. 157, Sec. L.1, the General Assembly directed "the Vermont Arts Council...in collaboration with statewide partners...[to] establish the Vermont Creative Network" as a "communications, advocacy, and capacity-building entity that strengthens Vermont's creative sector," and

Whereas, the Vermont Creative Network has completed an ambitious statewide study that documents the substantial impact of the creative sector and offers the rationale for its expansion, and

Whereas, the Vermont Creative Network has launched CreateVT, a vision and action planning process that has resulted in a strategy for growing an

inclusive and resilient creative sector that will be a robust contributor to our State's economy, and

Whereas, over 40,000 artists, architects, brewers, crafters, dancers, and members of other creative professions, as well as support staff, representing more than nine percent of the State's workforce, are enthusiastically contributing to the State's emerging creative sector, and

Whereas, the arts, the humanities, and creativity are all key to helping Vermont to recover from the pandemic and to address the challenges of racism, climate change, and affordability, now therefore be it

Resolved by the Senate and House of Representatives:

That the General Assembly honors the Vermont Creative Network for its effective initiatives to develop a thriving creative sector in Vermont, and be it further

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

#### **H.C.R. 29**

House concurrent resolution congratulating the Vermont Housing and Conservation Board on its 35th anniversary

Offered by: Representatives Stevens of Waterbury and Sheldon of Middlebury

Whereas, in Vermont, the extensive "creat[ion of] affordable housing and conserving and protecting [of] Vermont's agricultural land, historic properties, important natural areas, and recreational lands" can be attributed to the enactment of 1987 Acts and Resolves No. 88, "The Vermont Housing and Conservation Trust Fund Act," which established both the Fund and the Vermont Housing and Conservation Board (VHCB), and

Whereas, the preserved 275,699 acres of working forests, natural areas, and recreational lands and the 170,918 acres of preserved agricultural lands, consisting of 789 farms, as well as the 900 businesses enrolled in the Farm & Forest Viability Program, all demonstrate the agricultural and forestry accomplishments of the VHCB, and

Whereas, the VHCB has funded the construction or rehabilitation of 15,000 affordable homes for rental or ownership, and lead paint has been reduced in over 2,800 residences, and

Whereas, 81 historic buildings have been restored for community use, promoting the State's architectural heritage and revitalizing village and town centers, and

Whereas, over 600 AmeriCorps members have learned important life skills and values serving on VHCB projects, and

Whereas, Vermont is a far better place to live, work, and play due to the initiatives of the VHCB, now therefore be it

Resolved by the Senate and House of Representatives:

That the General Assembly congratulates the Vermont Housing and Conservation Board on its 35th anniversary, and be it further

Resolved: That the Secretary of State be directed to send a copy of this resolution to the Vermont Housing and Conservation Board.

### **H.C.R. 30**

House concurrent resolution congratulating World Learning Inc on its 90th anniversary

Offered by: Representatives Burke of Brattleboro, Bos-Lun of Westminster, Chase of Chester, Goldman of Rockingham, Kornheiser of Brattleboro, Long of Newfane, Mrowicki of Putney, Pajala of Londonderry, Roberts of Halifax, Sibia of Dover, and Toleno of Brattleboro

Offered by: Senators Harrison and Hashim

Whereas, in 1932, World Learning Inc (World Learning) was established in Putney as The Experiment in International Living, the first program to enable Americans to engage in overseas educational and intercultural programs, and

Whereas, after World War II, World Learning sent groups of youth to Western Europe to assist in rebuilding war-torn communities, and

Whereas, in 1961, the Kennedy Administration enlisted The Experiment in International Living to design and deliver trainings for Peace Corps volunteers and to serve as a training center for 70 projects for over 30 countries, and

Whereas, based on its Peace Corps projects and similar activities, in 1964, World Learning established the School for International Training (SIT), which now annually sends over 2,000 American college and graduate students on semester-abroad study programs in 55 countries, and

Whereas, from 1979 to 1996, World Learning provided services in support of the resettlement of Southeast Asian refugees, and since December 2021, it has engaged in refugee resettlement efforts in southern Vermont, and

Whereas, World Learning administers more than 90 development programs in over 30 countries, and its youth, academic, and professional exchanges bring over 2,000 emerging leaders to the United States each year for educationally enriching degree and nondegree programs, now therefore be it

Resolved by the Senate and House of Representatives:

That the General Assembly congratulates World Learning Inc on its 90th anniversary, and be it further

Resolved: That the Secretary of State be directed to send a copy of this resolution to World Learning Inc.