

**CONCURRENT RESOLUTION**

**ADDENDUM**

**TO THE**

**HOUSE CALENDAR**

**Text of House Concurrent  
Resolutions**

**of**

**March 23, 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. 57**

House concurrent resolution congratulating the 2023 Mill River Union High School Minutemen Division II championship cheerleading team

Offered by: Representatives Peterson of Clarendon, Burditt of West Rutland, and Harrison of Chittenden

Whereas, typically, cheerleading is known as a supplement to a sporting event or school pep rally, designed to rouse enthusiasm among the fans for the hometown team, and

Whereas, in reality, cheerleading is truly a sport of its own accord as the cheerleaders must exercise agility, athleticism, split-second timing, and an ability to coordinate their routines both with music and with teammates, and

Whereas, annually, Vermont's high school cheerleading teams gather for their own day of championship competition, and

Whereas, at the 2023 event, conducted at Vergennes Union High School, the Mill River Minutemen extended an impressive cheerleading dynasty, winning their seventh straight Division II title over the past eight years, outscoring Rutland High School 193–192.5, posting the tournament's top score in all divisions and earning the title Grand Champions, and

Whereas, the victorious Minutemen cheerleaders were Lucia Verdon, Kyran Allen, Kylee Goodell, Emma Johnson, Olive Skiathitis, Aliah Stilwell, and Rylee Roundy, and

Whereas, Head Coach Baylee Austin was a fantastic leader, now therefore be it

Resolved by the Senate and House of Representatives:

That the General Assembly congratulates the 2023 Mill River Union High School Minutemen Division II championship cheerleading team, and be it further

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

### **H.C.R. 58**

House concurrent resolution designating April 7, 2023 as Vermont Habitat for Humanity Affiliates Day at the State House

Offered by: Representatives Williams of Barre City, Anthony of Barre City, Casey of Montpelier, McCann of Montpelier, and Priestley of Bradford

Whereas, in 1976, Linda and Millard Fuller established Habitat for Humanity as an ecumenical nonprofit housing corporation that now operates in 70 nations, and it builds affordable homes that the future homeowners construct in partnership with dedicated volunteers, and

Whereas, for 38 years, Habitat for Humanity has engaged in its affordable housing mission in Vermont, and its seven affiliates—Bennington County, Addison County, Central Vermont, Rutland County, Greater Springfield, Upper Valley (and Lamoille County), and Green Mountain—are exclusively funded through local financial support, and

Whereas, since 2010, 23,903 volunteers have devoted 317,321 hours to this special endeavor, and

Whereas, this important volunteer work of sweat and passion has built, rehabbed, or recycled 112 housing units for home ownership, and has repaired an additional 101 housing units, and

Whereas, Vermont Habitat for Humanity volunteers will be visiting the State House on April 7, 2023, now therefore be it

Resolved by the Senate and House of Representatives:

That the General Assembly designates April 7, 2023 as Vermont Habitat for Humanity Affiliates 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 Habitat for Humanity.

### **H.C.R. 59**

House concurrent resolution congratulating the 2023 Spaulding High School Crimson Tide Division I championship girls' ice hockey team

Offered by: Representatives Anthony of Barre City, Galfetti of Barre Town, McFaun of Barre Town, and Williams of Barre City

Offered by: Senators Cummings, Perchlik, and Watson

Whereas, the Crimson Tide girls' ice hockey team had, until recently, played in Division II, where they scored a perfect season, and

Whereas, deemed ready for more challenging competition, Spaulding was reassigned to Division I, and

Whereas, in just a few years, the Crimson Tide validated this divisional transfer with a perfect season of play, winning 15 of their 21 games by at least a three-goal margin, and

Whereas, at the Division I championship game, skated at the University of Vermont's Gutterson Fieldhouse against the No. 3 Burlington/Colchester SeaLakers, the Crimson Tide scored four goals during a nine-plus-minute second-period spree to win the game 4–1 and clinch their school's first Division I Title, in any sport, since 2010, and

Whereas, the thrilled Crimson Tide were Avery Burke, Ruby Harrington, Gracie Lunt, Peyton LaPerle, Amelia Healey, Hannah King, Aubrey Tremblay, Kaya Moulton, Rylee Pelletier, Bellarina Fontana, Molly Parker, Lanie Thayer, Ellie Parker, Allison French, Rebecca McKelvey, Lilly Mayo, Mattie Cetin, and Rayna Long, and

Whereas, Head Coach Dave Lawrence, assistant coaches Brian Wilkin, Ashley Pelkey, and Vika Simons, and team managers Maria Saldi and Amira Pelletier were elated, now therefore be it

Resolved by the Senate and House of Representatives:

That the General Assembly congratulates the 2023 Spaulding High School Crimson Tide Division I championship girls' ice hockey team, and be it further

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

## **H.C.R. 60**

House concurrent resolution commemorating the 90th anniversary of the establishment of the Civilian Conservation Corps

Offered by: Representatives Bos-Lun of Westminster, Anthony of Barre City, Bartley of Fairfax, Beck of St. Johnsbury, Bluemle of Burlington, Branagan of Georgia, Brennan of Colchester, Brumsted of Shelburne, Burditt of West Rutland, Buss of Woodstock, Campbell of St. Johnsbury, Canfield of Fair Haven, Casey of Montpelier, Chapin of East Montpelier, Cina of Burlington, Clifford of Rutland City, Conlon of Cornwall, Demar of Enosburgh, Demrow of Corinth, Dickinson of St. Albans Town, Donahue of Northfield, Emmons of Springfield, Farlice-Rubio of Barnet, Galfetti of Barre Town, Goldman of Rockingham, Goslant of Northfield,

Graham of Williamstown, Graning of Jericho, Gregoire of Fairfield, Hango of Berkshire, Harrison of Chittenden, Headrick of Burlington, Higley of Lowell, Jerome of Brandon, Labor of Morgan, Laroche of Franklin, Logan of Burlington, Maguire of Rutland City, Marcotte of Coventry, Masland of Thetford, Mattos of Milton, McCann of Montpelier, McCoy of Poultney, McFaun of Barre Town, Morgan of Milton, Morrissey of Bennington, Mulvaney-Stanak of Burlington, Nicoll of Ludlow, Ode of Burlington, Oliver of Sheldon, Page of Newport City, Parsons of Newbury, Peterson of Clarendon, Rachelson of Burlington, Roberts of Halifax, Sammis of Castleton, Shaw of Pittsford, Sibilia of Dover, Sims of Craftsbury, Small of Winooski, Smith of Derby, Taylor of Milton, Taylor of Colchester, Toof of St. Albans Town, Troiano of Stannard, Walker of Swanton, Williams of Granby, and Wilson of Lyndon

Whereas, on March 21, 1933, President Franklin D. Roosevelt proposed that Congress establish a Civilian Conservation Corps (CCC) to provide unemployed men ranging from 18–25 years of age (an age range later extended to 17–28) with manual labor work on conservation- and forestry-related projects, and

Whereas, the enabling legislation, known as the Emergency Conservation Work Act, also referred to as the Civilian Conservation Corps Reforestation Relief Act, 48 Stat. 22 (1933), sped through Congress, and, on April 5, 1933, President Franklin Roosevelt issued Executive Order 6101 formally organizing the CCC, and

Whereas, from 1933–1942, three million men passed through its residential work camps, 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 or near Bellows Falls, Bethel, Brunswick, Cuttingsville-North Shrewsbury, Danby-Mount Tabor, East Barre, East Wallingford-Weston, Elmore, Jericho, Ludlow, Lyndonville-East Burke, Marshfield-Groton, Mendon, Middlesex, Milton, Montpelier, Montpelier-Wrightsville, Moscow-Stowe, Northfield, North Thetford, Peru, Plymouth, Proctorsville-Cavendish, Poultney, Ricker Mills, Rochester, St. Albans, Sharon, Underhill Center, Waterbury, Waterbury Village, West Burke-Sutton, Wilmington, and Windsor, leaving a legacy of dams, forests, parks, trails, and shelters and garnering a reputation for effective forest fire fighting, now therefore be it

Resolved by the Senate and House of Representatives:

That the General Assembly commemorates the 90th anniversary of the establishment of the Civilian Conservation Corps and honors the memory of those dedicated CCC personnel who strove to enhance the natural resources and associated amenities in Vermont during the Great Depression.

## **H.C.R. 61**

House concurrent resolution congratulating the undefeated 2023 Georgia Middle School Chargers girls' basketball team

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

Offered by: Senators Brock and Norris

Whereas, the nickname of all Georgia Middle School teams is the Chargers, an appellation most fitting for this year's girls' basketball squad, and

Whereas, these highly focused seventh and eighth grade hoopsters proved adept at offensive play, shooting frequently accurate bull's-eyes through the basket, while displaying a defensive strategy that minimized their Middle School Athletics opponents' scores, and

Whereas, in fact, the Chargers were so bullish on winning games, reflecting their team mascot, that they concluded the 2022–2023 season with a perfect 12–0 record of victories on the hardwood floor, and

Whereas, the athletically talented girls who achieved this mark of distinction were Adele Stubbs, Amelia Munger, Audreena Sullivan, Ava Reynolds, Ellie Yates, Emma Harrison, Hannah Chagnon, Julia Larson, Julia Hungerford, Lanae Buford, Madison Parah, and Shaylyn Stevens, and Head Coach Joe Buford served as the perfect team mentor, now therefore be it

Resolved by the Senate and House of Representatives:

That the General Assembly congratulates the undefeated 2023 Georgia Middle School Chargers girls' basketball team, and be it further

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

## **H.C.R. 62**

House concurrent resolution congratulating the undefeated 2022 Georgia Middle School Chargers girls' soccer team

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

Offered by: Senators Brock and Norris

Whereas, in the fall of 2022, the Georgia Middle School seventh and eighth grade girls' soccer team was an exemplar of enthusiastic athletic achievement, and

Whereas, playing under the auspices of the Middle School Athletics organization, the Chargers were persistently bullish, reflecting their mascot, and always maintained the ultimate advantage, and

Whereas, the Chargers' teamwork reaped rewards as they concluded their 2022 season undefeated, proudly achieving a 12–0 record, and

Whereas, sharing this superb on-field success were Audreena Sullivan, Ava Reynolds, Celia LeClair, Chatham Brouillette, Julia Hungerford, Karlie Lowell, Lanae Buford, Madalynn Wright, Madison Parah, Malia White, Phoebe Barnes, Anna Ebert, Ava Badger, Emma Redfield, Emma Sibley, Emma Harrison, Kaidence Quackenbush, Maddie Lozier, Marah McGinn, and Megan Westen, and Head Coach Courtney Chadburn is to be commended for steering the team so well, now therefore be it

Resolved by the Senate and House of Representatives:

That the General Assembly congratulates the undefeated 2022 Georgia Middle School Chargers girls' soccer team, and be it further

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

### **H.C.R. 63**

House concurrent resolution congratulating the undefeated 2022–2023 Georgia Middle School Chargers boys' basketball team

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

Offered by: Senators Brock and Norris

Whereas, the Georgia Middle School Chargers, comprised of eighth grade boys, played on the basketball court cohesively, determinedly, and with an admirable team spirit reflective of the team's mascot, a bull, and

Whereas, throughout the season, the Chargers competed in the Middle School Athletics organization, developing an enviable reputation among their peers, and

Whereas, although the Middle School Athletics schedule does not culminate in a playoff tournament and a championship game, the Chargers, who remained undefeated throughout the eight-game season, effectively earned a championship title, and

Whereas, the boys who performed so superbly all season long, shooting accurately and preventing their opponents from ever gaining an insurmountable scoring advantage, were Avery Shedrick-Blades, Benjamin Bunnell, Braylon Lavalley, Caleb Ralph, Dylan Cobb, Ethan Edwards, George Tyler, Jack LaChance, Levi Walters, Logan Frechette, Max Sweeney, Michael Lavalley, Peyton Orosz, Ryan Lockerby, and Tripp Rabtoy, and Coach

Samantha Trayah was proud of these outstanding young athletes, now therefore be it

Resolved by the Senate and House of Representatives:

That the General Assembly congratulates the undefeated 2022–2023 Georgia Middle School Chargers boys’ basketball team, and be it further

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

### **H.C.R. 64**

House concurrent resolution honoring exemplary Kirby Town Clerk-Treasurer Wanda Grant

Offered by: Representatives Beck of St. Johnsbury, Campbell of St. Johnsbury, and Williams of Granby

Offered by: Senator Ingalls

Whereas, an informed, interested, and supportive town clerk is essential for every Vermont municipality, and

Whereas, for the past 41-plus years, Wanda Grant has served with abundant dedication in this role for the Town of Kirby’s 575 residents, a municipality the General Assembly chartered as Hopkinstown in 1790, and known as Kirby since 1807, and

Whereas, the life of Wanda Grant and the town of Kirby are deeply intertwined, as she has resided since birth in this rural community, and

Whereas, Wanda Grant attended her first Kirby Town Meeting in 1980, shortly thereafter accepted the combined post of assistant town clerk-treasurer, and in 1981, she stepped up to become clerk-treasurer, and

Whereas, by necessity, she became computer literate to meet the myriad State and federal compliance responsibilities required of municipalities, and

Whereas, Wanda Grant has carefully overseen numerous elections, maintained the town’s municipal records, and, with great affection and pride, served as an amazing mentor to a generation of town officials, and

Whereas, in order to be fully conversant with town affairs and maximize her helpfulness to everyone, she faithfully attended all selectboard meetings, and

Whereas, at Town Meeting 2023, Wanda Grant is concluding her amazing career as Kirby Town Clerk-Treasurer, and this year’s town report is most appropriately dedicated in her honor, now therefore be it



Resolved by the Senate and House of Representatives:

That the General Assembly honors exemplary Kirby Town Clerk-Treasurer Wanda Grant, and be it further

Resolved: That the Secretary of State be directed to send a copy of this resolution to Wanda Grant and the Town of Kirby.

### **H.C.R. 65**

House concurrent resolution congratulating the 2023 Winooski High School Spartans Division III championship boys' basketball team

Offered by: Representatives Small of Winooski and Berbeco of Winooski

Offered by: Senators Baruth, Gulick, Ram Hinsdale, and Vyhovsky

Whereas, the top-seeded Winooski High School Spartans played the second-seeded Hazen Union High School Wildcats in a thrilling championship boys' basketball game at the Barre Auditorium, and

Whereas, the Spartans claimed a 57–52 victory and their first state crown in 12 years, and

Whereas, the Division III championship win capped Winooski's first undefeated season, as it won an impressive 22 victories, and

Whereas, the victorious Spartans were Trevon Bradley, Xavier Perez, Hassan Hassan, Daniel Surma, Sam Freije, Ayden Johnson, George Rogers, Kellen Bourgeois, Hussien Abdulaziz, Sam Parris, and Nick Ferdinand, and

Whereas, Head Coach Sam Jackson, and assistant coaches Josh Safran, Abdullahi Sadik, and Tim Ely were outstanding, now therefore be it

Resolved by the Senate and House of Representatives:

That the General Assembly congratulates the 2023 Winooski High School Division III championship boys' basketball team, and be it further

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

### **H.C.R. 66**

House concurrent resolution congratulating the 2023 North Country Union High School Falcons Division II championship girls' basketball team

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

Offered by: Senators Ingalls and Starr

Whereas, excitement and satisfaction characterized the 2022–2023 girls’ basketball season at North Country Union High School, and

Whereas, the Falcons persistent display of polished dribbling, passing, and shooting skills resulted in their earning the top seed in the post-season playoff competition and ultimately securing a championship game berth in Barre, against the hometown favorite, and third-seeded, Spaulding Crimson Tide, and

Whereas, despite trailing at halftime, the Falcons exhibited great fortitude and perseverance, winning this close and pivotal game 47–42 and bringing home their second Division II crown in three years, and

Whereas, the proud Falcons, who completed their amazing season with a perfect 24–0 record, were Abby Bathalon, Reeve Applegate, Sabine Brueck, Maya Auger, Emma Fortin, Haidin Bathalon, Rileigh Fortin, Addie Nelson, Cora Nadeau, and Aaliyah Wilburn, and

Whereas, Head Coach Sarah Roy and assistant coaches David Pepin and Seneca Smith were especially pleased, now therefore be it

Resolved by the Senate and House of Representatives:

That the General Assembly congratulates the 2023 North Country Union High School Falcons Division II championship girls’ basketball team, and be it further

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

### **H.C.R. 67**

House concurrent resolution honoring outstanding Concord Town Clerk Cynthia Gaboriault

Offered by: Representatives Beck of St. Johnsbury, Campbell of St. Johnsbury, and Williams of Granby

Offered by: Senator Ingalls

Whereas, the small Essex County Town of Concord was chartered in 1780, named for Concord, Massachusetts, and is proud of its civic history, and

Whereas, a highlight of that history has been the 11 years of municipal public service that Cynthia Gaboriault has provided to this community, and

Whereas, she began her town government career in 2012, when she was appointed Concord Assistant Town Clerk, and

Whereas, in 2016, the voters of Concord recognized the high quality of her work and elected Cynthia Gaboriault as the Concord Town Clerk, and

Whereas, during the past seven years, Cynthia Gaboriault has ensured the integrity of municipal operations, supervised elections, maintained town records, worked cheerfully with the selectboard and local residents, and responded to inquiries on a host of topics related to Concord, and

Whereas, she effectively adapted her office's operations to the special circumstances of COVID-19, and, despite unusual challenges, kept the wheels of municipal administration rolling, and

Whereas, Cynthia Gaboriault relinquished her post on Town Meeting Day 2023, with the sincere appreciation and thanks of the town's citizenry, now therefore be it

Resolved by the Senate and House of Representatives:

That the General Assembly honors outstanding Concord Town Clerk Cynthia Gaboriault, and be it further

Resolved: That the Secretary of State be directed to send a copy of this resolution to Cynthia Gaboriault and the Town of Concord.

### **H.C.R. 68**

House concurrent resolution recognizing March 2023 as Social Work Month in Vermont

Offered by: All Members of the House

Whereas, social workers have endeavored for more than a century to improve human well-being and enhance the basic needs of all people, and the profession's code of ethics is a directive to fight social injustice, and

Whereas, child welfare agencies, community centers, hospitals, schools, and all levels of government are settings in which social workers are employed, and they are on the frontlines of the nation's opioid addiction crisis, and

Whereas, social workers are advocates on behalf of all individuals, including persons of color and Indigenous heritage, those who identify as LGBTQIA2S+, and those who follow various religious faiths, and

Whereas, in 2023, social work is one of the fastest growing careers in the United States, with approximately 708,000 persons employed, and

Whereas, in 1963, the National Association of Social Workers established Social Work Month, and in 2023, on the 60th anniversary of this professional

commemoration, the theme is “Social Work Breaks Barriers,” reflecting how social workers “help empower individuals, families, communities, and our society to overcome hurdles that prevent them from achieving better well-being,” now therefore be it

Resolved by the Senate and House of Representatives:

That the General Assembly recognizes March 2023 as Social Work Month in Vermont, and be it further

Resolved: That the Secretary of State be directed to send a copy of this resolution to the National Association of Social Workers Vermont Chapter.

### **H.C.R. 69**

House concurrent resolution honoring former President James Earl Carter as a tireless international humanitarian and public servant

Offered by: All Members of the House

Whereas, as a former Governor of Georgia and 39th President of the United States, Jimmy Carter’s place in our nation’s history is assured, and

Whereas, his post-presidential years, longer than any of his predecessors’, reflect the deep religious belief of a devoted Sunday School teacher, as well as the humanitarian focus of his mother, the indomitable Miss Lillian, who, in retirement, volunteered as a Peace Corps nurse in India, and

Whereas, Jimmy Carter never sought to monetize his fame for excessive personal enrichment, but, rather, he and his wife, Rosalynn, still reside in the same modest Plains home they built in 1961, and he has embarked on academic, health care, humanitarian, and writing endeavors with a broad societal impact, and

Whereas, in 1982, this now-prolific author became a Distinguished Professor at Emory University in Atlanta, Georgia, and established the university-associated Carter Center, a nonpartisan public policy center through which he and the center’s staff have engaged in conflict mediation in nations ranging from Bosnia to Uganda, conducted over 100 election-monitoring missions worldwide, led a campaign that has nearly eradicated Guinea worm disease, and vigorously promoted democracy and human rights, and

Whereas, Jimmy and Rosalynn Carter are passionate advocates for and have volunteered in 14 countries on behalf of Habitat for Humanity, an organization that constructs and rehabilitates affordable housing, and

Whereas, in recognition of his extraordinary humanitarian initiatives, the Norwegian Nobel Committee honored former President Jimmy Carter with the 2002 Nobel Peace Prize, and

Whereas, former President Carter has decided to enter hospice care in order to spend his remaining time in contentment and peace, and his life of serving others is a model to emulate, now therefore be it

Resolved by the Senate and House of Representatives:

That the General Assembly honors former President James Earl Carter as a tireless international humanitarian and public servant, and be it further

Resolved: That the Secretary of State be directed to send a copy of this resolution to former President Jimmy Carter.

### **H.C.R. 70**

House concurrent resolution honoring Heidi Baitz for her outstanding contribution to public education in the Town of Ludlow

Offered by: Representative Nicoll of Ludlow

Offered by: Senators Clarkson, McCormack, and White

Whereas, for nearly four decades, elementary school students in the Town of Ludlow have derived great educational benefit from the academic mentoring of Heidi Baitz, who, as the granddaughter of a former Black River High School principal, has continued a family pedagogic tradition, and

Whereas, originally a special education teacher, and, as a dedicated lifelong learner, Heidi Baitz earned a master's degree at the University of Vermont, and later, a certificate of advanced graduate studies from the University of Southern New Hampshire, and

Whereas, Heidi Baitz has developed a living history project in collaboration with the Black River Academy Museum, and in one instance, her sixth graders each selected an historic home and its past owner, a leading Ludlow personality, to study, and then portrayed the individual owners as part of a public walking tour, and

Whereas, as the school's wellness leader, Heidi Baitz has organized healthy lunch days, with menus she often prepared personally, hosted speakers on diet and wellness, arranged a master chef competition, and facilitated afterschool classes in yoga and Pilates, and

Whereas, personal wellness is important for Heidi Baitz as she regularly hikes and practices yoga, as well as bikes, does circuit training, dances, skates, swims, and, at home, she is a prolific gardener, and

Whereas, Heidi Baitz is a person of deep spirituality, who has a meaningful association with the Benedictine Monks of the Weston Priory, and

Whereas, in June 2023, Heidi Baitz will conclude her stellar teaching career, but she will no doubt remain active in Ludlow, now therefore be it

Resolved by the Senate and House of Representatives:

That the General Assembly honors Heidi Baitz for her outstanding contribution to public education in the Town of Ludlow, and be it further

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