

**CONCURRENT RESOLUTION**

**ADDENDUM**

**TO THE**

**HOUSE CALENDAR**

**Text of House Concurrent  
Resolutions**

**of**

**April 20, 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. 92**

House concurrent resolution in memory of Vergennes Fire Chief James M. Breur

Offered by: Representatives Lanpher of Vergennes and Birong of Vergennes

Offered by: Senators Bray and Hardy

Whereas, since 2009, the City of Vergennes was most fortunate that Fire Chief Jim Breur was on the job overseeing the protection of property and the response to various incidents within the jurisdiction of the City of Vergennes Fire Department, and

Whereas, the illustrious firefighting career of Jim Breur started in 1978, shortly after his graduation from Vergennes Union High School, and his 45 years of responding to the alarm's call-to-duty represented the gold standard of firefighting service, and

Whereas, he was an enthusiastic departmental advocate, ensuring that his volunteer force remained numerically sufficient and technologically up-to-date, and surrounding municipalities confidently relied on Vergennes for mutual aid support, and

Whereas, the professional and personal admiration Jim Breur engendered extended beyond the city limits of Vergennes to all of Addison County, where he served on the Addison County Firefighters Association Advisory Board for 28 years and as the Association's president in 2005 and 2006, was named the organization's 2021 Chief of the Year, and also served on the executive board of the Vermont State Firefighters' Association, and

Whereas, when not performing firefighting duties, Jim Breur was a regional director at Fluor Industrial Services, and he loved spending time with his family, traveling to the ocean, playing board games, and riding tractors of all sizes, and

Whereas, Jim Breur died on March 24, 2023, and his survivors include his mother; his wife, Sandi; and his children, grandchildren, and great-grandchild, now therefore be it

Resolved by the Senate and House of Representatives:

That the General Assembly extends its sincere condolences to the family of Vergennes Fire Chief James M. Breur, and be it further

Resolved: That the Secretary of State be directed to send a copy of this resolution to the family of Jim Breur and the City of Vergennes Fire Department.

### **H.C.R. 93**

House concurrent resolution recognizing April 2023 as Donate Life Awareness Month in Vermont

Offered by: Representatives Rachelson of Burlington, Andrews of Westford, Anthony of Barre City, Arsenault of Williston, Austin of Colchester, Beck of St. Johnsbury, Berbeco of Winooski, Black of Essex, Bos-Lun of Westminster, Brown of Richmond, Brownell of Pownal, Brumsted of Shelburne, Buss of Woodstock, Campbell of St. Johnsbury, Canfield of Fair Haven, Chapin of East Montpelier, Chesnut-Tangerman of Middletown Springs, Coffey of Guilford, Cole of Hartford, Dolan of Essex Junction, Dolan of Waitsfield, Donahue of Northfield, Farlice-Rubio of Barnet, Galfetti of Barre Town, Goslant of Northfield, Graning of Jericho, Gregoire of Fairfield, Hango of Berkshire, Harrison of Chittenden, Headrick of Burlington, Houghton of Essex Junction, Howard of Rutland City, Krasnow of South Burlington, LaBounty of Lyndon, Logan of Burlington, Masland of Thetford, McCann of Montpelier, McGill of Bridport, Minier of South Burlington, Mulvaney-Stanak of Burlington, Nicoll of Ludlow, Noyes of Wolcott, Ode of Burlington, Page of Newport City, Patt of Worcester, Priestley of Bradford, Rice of Dorset, Scheu of Middlebury, Sibilia of Dover, Small of Winooski, Stebbins of Burlington, Stone of Burlington, and White of Bethel

Offered by: Senators Clarkson, Collamore, Hardy, Lyons, Vyhovsky, Watson, and Wrenner

Whereas, the federal Health Resources and Services Administration reports that, despite the 42,000 donor transplants performed in 2022, more than 104,000 persons are on the national transplant waiting list, and every 10 minutes another person's name is added, and

Whereas, on a daily basis, 17 persons die in the United States while waiting to receive an organ, a number that translates to 6,000 annually, and

Whereas, according to the University of Texas Southwestern Medical Center, an estimated 450,000 Americans annually need tissue transplants to improve or even save their lives, and

Whereas, Vermont is a leader in the percentage of driver's license holders who have signed up to be organ donors, and

Whereas, on Tuesday, April 25, during National Donate Life Awareness Month—a commemoration that the U.S. Secretary of Human Services established in 2003—the Vermont Department of Motor Vehicles and the Vermont Department of Health will cohost a celebration of the effectiveness of organ donations that is also intended to encourage Vermonters to designate themselves as organ donors, now therefore be it

Resolved by the Senate and House of Representatives:

That the General Assembly designates April 2023 as Donate Life Awareness 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 Commissioner of Health, the Vermont Commissioner of Motor Vehicles, and Donate Life Vermont.

### **H.C.R. 94**

House concurrent resolution congratulating the National Wild Turkey Federation on its 50th anniversary

Offered by: Representatives Brennan of Colchester, Beck of St. Johnsbury, Canfield of Fair Haven, Clifford of Rutland City, Demar of Enosburgh, Galfetti of Barre Town, Labor of Morgan, Laroche of Franklin, McCoy of Poultney, Morgan of Milton, Parsons of Newbury, Taylor of Milton, Toof of St. Albans Town, and Wilson of Lyndon

Whereas, the National Wild Turkey Federation (NWTF) was established on March 28, 1973, to promote “the conservation of the wild turkey and the preservation of our hunting heritage,” and today it is an international organization with more than 250,000 members in 17 nations, and

Whereas, in order to ensure future healthy turkey populations in the United States, the NWTF has spent over \$8.5 million, and

Whereas, since 1985, the NWTF has invested in excess of \$500 million “to conserve or enhance more than 22 million acres of critical wildlife habitat, forests, and grasslands across public and private lands,” and the organization is proud to be the longest-serving and largest nonprofit stewardship partner of the U.S. Department of Agriculture Forest Service, and

Whereas, since 2012, the NWTF has recruited more than 1.5 million hunters in its effort to revitalize the sport, and

Whereas, in Vermont, the NWTF has a membership numbering approximately 1,150 and is organized into a State chapter and three local

chapters—the Southern VT Limbhangers, the Lamoille County Strutters, and the Lake Champlain Longbeards, and

Whereas, the Vermont natural resources agenda of the NWTF is “to maintain healthy hardwood forests, stop habitat loss, and increase habitat diversity and winter wildlife survival,” and, during the past five years, NWTF has made 1,031 acres accessible to hunting, while, in the same time period, it has recruited 264 new hunters, now therefore be it

Resolved by the Senate and House of Representatives:

That the General Assembly congratulates the National Wild Turkey Federation on its 50th anniversary, and be it further

Resolved: That the Secretary of State be directed to send a copy of this resolution to the national headquarters and Vermont chapters of the NWTF.

### **H.C.R. 95**

House concurrent resolution congratulating the 2022 Green Mountain Council Class of Eagle Scouts and the recipient of the Summit Award

Offered by: Representatives Morgan of Milton, Taylor of Milton, Arrison of Weathersfield, Austin of Colchester, Bartley of Fairfax, Beck of St. Johnsbury, Birong of Vergennes, Black of Essex, Boyden of Cambridge, Brady of Williston, Branagan of Georgia, Brennan of Colchester, Buss of Woodstock, Canfield of Fair Haven, Carpenter of Hyde Park, Carroll of Bennington, Chase of Colchester, Chesnut-Tangerman of Middletown Springs, Christie of Hartford, Clifford of Rutland City, Cole of Hartford, Conlon of Cornwall, Demar of Enosburgh, Demrow of Corinth, Dickinson of St. Albans Town, Dolan of Essex Junction, Dolan of Waitsfield, Donahue of Northfield, Elder of Starksboro, Emmons of Springfield, Farlice-Rubio of Barnet, Galfetti of Barre Town, Garofano of Essex, Graham of Williamstown, Graning of Jericho, Hango of Berkshire, Harrison of Chittenden, Higley of Lowell, Holcombe of Norwich, Hooper of Randolph, Hooper of Burlington, Houghton of Essex Junction, Howard of Rutland City, Hyman of South Burlington, Jerome of Brandon, Labor of Morgan, LaBounty of Lyndon, Lanpher of Vergennes, Laroche of Franklin, Lipsky of Stowe, Maguire of Rutland City, Masland of Thetford, Mattos of Milton, McCarthy of St. Albans City, McCoy of Poultney, Mihaly of Calais, Minier of South Burlington, Morris of Springfield, Morrissey of Bennington, Mrowicki of Putney, Nugent of South Burlington, Ode of Burlington, Oliver of Sheldon, Page of Newport City, Parsons of Newbury, Patt of Worcester, Peterson of Clarendon, Pouech of Hinesburg, Roberts of Halifax, Sammis of Castleton, Shaw of Pittsford, Smith of Derby, Stebbins of Burlington, Taylor of Colchester, Toleno of Brattleboro, Troiano of Stannard, Walker of Swanton, Waters Evans of Charlotte, White of Bethel, Wilson of Lyndon, and Wood of Waterbury

Offered by: Senators Weeks, Baruth, Bray, Brock, Champion, Chittenden, Clarkson, Collamore, Cummings, Gulick, Hardy, Harrison, Hashim, Ingalls, Kitchel,

Lyons, MacDonald, Mazza, McCormack, Norris, Perchlik, Starr, Watson, Westman, White, Williams, and Wrenner

Whereas, earning the Boy Scout rank of Eagle is a special honor, which only four percent of Scouts achieve, and

Whereas, an Eagle Scout is an individual who exhibits a strong commitment to service and perseveres to reach this challenging goal, and

Whereas, the following Scouts, members of troops in the Green Mountain Council, achieved Eagle rank during 2022: Denis Adams, Thomas Andres, Gavin Ashline, Paul Balkan, Morgan Barnes, Cameron Barney, Jackson Bennett, Tullus Bergeron, Bradley Bishop, Alec Blevins, Landon Boardman, Keith Carrara, Richard Cosgrove, James Cusick, Callum DeBoer, Jonah Delaney, Russell Endres, Ryan Fisher, Cassidy Fleming, Trenton Fletcher, Matthew Fournier, Andrew Gould, Nathaniel Jacobs, Morgan Jones, Andrew Kachmar, Gavin Kouwenhoven, Grant Laclair, Carolyn Lawrence, Charles Levene, Tyler Loiselle, Luke Miklus, Sean Moran, William Moran, Cooper Niles, Ryan Norris, Lucas Phillips, Simon Pientka, Stuart Robinson, Michael Sargent, Joshua Sherman, Rory Stein, Tristan Stute, Logan Sudol, Logan Vaughan, and Porter Walbridge Jr., and

Whereas, Venturing is an outdoor activity Boy Scout program for young men and women, and the Summit Award is the top Venturing rank, and

Whereas, in 2022, a Venturing Crew 39 member, Katherine Lewis, proudly earned the Summit Award, now therefore be it

Resolved by the Senate and House of Representatives:

That the General Assembly congratulates the 2022 Green Mountain Council Class of Eagle Scouts and the recipient of the Summit Award, and be it further

Resolved: That the Secretary of State be directed to send a copy of this resolution to each person honored in this resolution.

## **H.C.R. 96**

House concurrent resolution congratulating The Wilson House on its 35th anniversary

Offered by: Representatives Rice of Dorset, Bongartz of Manchester, and James of Manchester

Offered by: Senators Campion and Sears

Whereas, the vision and mission of The Wilson House in East Dorset is to serve as a special destination for persons in recovery and as a welcoming memorial that defines the life of William G. (Bill) Wilson, a cofounder in 1935 of Alcoholics Anonymous, and

Whereas, in 1852, Ira Cochran, a local marble entrepreneur, opened a new hotel in the village of East Dorset; in the late 1800s, the Wilson family assumed ownership of the property; and on November 26, 1895, Bill Wilson was born on the premises, and

Whereas, in 1986, Ozzie Lepper purchased the then-deteriorated structure, and in 1988, the building was opened to the public as The Wilson House, a hotel, conference center, and celebration venue that is recovery-focused and alcohol-free, and

Whereas, The Wilson House is an internationally recognized destination for those in recovery, welcoming thousands of guests annually, and

Whereas, in 1992, The Wilson House was placed on the National Register of Historic Places, and

Whereas, *Time* magazine recognized Bill Wilson as one of the “100 most influential people of the 20th century” for having created a program that has saved and continues to save millions of lives worldwide in the 21st century, and

Whereas, Bill Wilson and his wife, Lois, chose to be buried in the East Dorset Cemetery because it was the community they always considered home, and

Whereas, on the weekend of June 3, The Wilson House will celebrate its 35th Anniversary, marking a special milestone, now therefore be it

Resolved by the Senate and House of Representatives:

That the General Assembly congratulates The Wilson House of East Dorset 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 Wilson House in East Dorset.

### **H.C.R. 97**

House concurrent resolution honoring Boy Scout Troop 1 in Barre on becoming the official descendant of America’s first Boy Scout troop

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

Whereas, on January 24, 1908, Robert Baden-Powell established the Boy Scout movement in England with the issuance of the first installment of his publication *Scouting for Boys*, and

Whereas, the Boy Scouts of America were not officially organized until February 8, 1910, but the movement's presence in the United States precedes that formal inauguration date, and

Whereas, more than one Boy Scout troop has laid claim to the great honor of being the nation's first, but no troop has a stronger claim to this distinction than Troop 1 in Barre, with a history dating from 1909, when it met under the leadership of Barre resident William Foster Milne and the sponsorship of the First Baptist Church, and

Whereas, the U.S. Postal Service has honored Troop 1's pedigree, and an urn recognizing its historic status stands in front of the First Baptist Church, and

Whereas, in November 2018, an even more impressive sculptural recognition of Troop 1's legacy—a life-sized monument carved by local artisan Giuliano Cecchinelli II—was dedicated in Barre City's Depot Square, and it depicts two Scouts, one draped over the other's back in the fireman's carry, and

Whereas, Boy Scouting thrived for many years in Barre, but sadly, the changing times had reduced its presence to only two troops, 714 and 795, and

Whereas, in 2022, the two troops merged and adopted the historic designation Troop 1, and under the sponsorship of Granite Lodge #35 Free and Accepted Masons, the new Troop 1 is moving forward on an exciting path, now therefore be it

Resolved by the Senate and House of Representatives:

That the General Assembly honors Boy Scout Troop 1 in Barre on becoming the official descendant of America's first Boy Scout troop, and be it further

Resolved: That the Secretary of State be directed to send a copy of this resolution to Boy Scout Troop 1 in Barre.

### **H.C.R. 98**

House concurrent resolution congratulating the 2023 Vermont finalists for the Presidential Awards for Excellence in Mathematics and Science Teaching

Offered by: Representatives McCann of Montpelier, Andrews of Westford, Arsenault of Williston, Black of Essex, Bongartz of Manchester, Brady of Williston, Burke of Brattleboro, Carpenter of Hyde Park, Chapin of East Montpelier, Dodge of Essex, Dolan of Essex Junction, Garofano of Essex, Houghton of Essex Junction, and Noyes of Wolcott



Whereas, since 1983, the National Science Foundation, in collaboration with the White House Office of Science and Technology Policy, has annually presented the Presidential Awards for Excellence in Mathematics and Science Teaching (PAEMST) to two teachers from each state and American jurisdiction who teach either science, technology, engineering, or mathematics, and

Whereas, on a rotating basis, the eligible applicants are either elementary, or, as for the 2022–2023 academic year, secondary school teachers, and

Whereas, a local committee of prominent science and technology teachers and researchers reviews the applicants and selects a maximum of six teachers, and

Whereas, the factors considered include “evidence of deep content knowledge, exemplary pedagogical skills, student assessment expertise, reflective teaching, and leadership that results in improved student learning,” and

Whereas, each jurisdictional awardee receives a \$10,000 National Science Foundation award and an all-expenses-paid trip to Washington, D.C. for the awards ceremony, recognition events, and professional development opportunities at which a maximum of two national awardees per state or jurisdiction are named, and

Whereas, in 2023, the fantastic Vermont teachers who earned PAEMST finalist status for math are Michelle Page (Brattleboro Union High School), Thomas Payeur (Essex Center for Technology), and Brian Schwartz (Green Mountain Technology and Career Center), and for science are Randy Brown (U-32), Allan Miller (Williston Central School), and Nicole Preiser (Burr and Burton Academy), now therefore be it

Resolved by the Senate and House of Representatives:

That the General Assembly congratulates the 2023 Vermont finalists for the Presidential Awards for Excellence in Mathematics and Science Teaching, and be it further

Resolved: That the Secretary of State be directed to send a copy of this resolution to each teacher honored in this resolution.

## H.C.R. 99

House concurrent resolution recognizing July 2023 as Self-Care Awareness Month in Vermont

Offered by: Representative Toof of St. Albans Town

Whereas, self-care is the daily habit of making healthy choices, including observing good hygiene practices, eating a healthy diet, getting regular exercise, and initiating preventative health care, as well as knowing when to seek assistance from health care professionals, and

Whereas, individuals can be more active and productive when they are healthy, and Vermont benefits when more Vermonters can fully participate in the workforce, and

Whereas, the World Health Organization has designated the period from June 24 to July 24 as Self-Care Month and July 24 as Self-Care Day, now therefore be it

Resolved by the Senate and House of Representatives:

That the General Assembly recognizes July 2023 as Self-Care Awareness Month in Vermont, and be it further

Resolved: That the Secretary of State be directed to send a copy of this resolution to the Consumer Healthcare Products Association.