

**CONCURRENT RESOLUTION**

**ADDENDUM**

**TO THE**

**HOUSE CALENDAR**

**Text of House Concurrent  
Resolutions**

**of**

**February 8, 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. 148**

House concurrent resolution recognizing February 14, 2024 as Recovery Day at the State House

Offered by: Representative Whitman of Bennington

Whereas, more than 12,000 Vermonters annually conclude their substance use disorder (SUD) treatment, and

Whereas, the State of Vermont has invested in a statewide network of 12 recovery centers, collectively organized as Recovery Partners of Vermont, as well as associated recovery houses, and

Whereas, the Vermont Association for Mental Health and Addiction Recovery (VAMHAR) and Recovery Partners of Vermont are dedicated to supporting all pathways to recovery from SUD in an effort to lead Vermonters to a healthier life, and

Whereas, to celebrate the success of those Vermonters who have successfully completed their SUD recovery and to educate the General Assembly on the activities that must continue in order to develop even more successful recovery initiatives, Vermonters in recovery are present at the General Assembly today, February 14, 2024, to observe Recovery Day, now therefore be it

Resolved by the Senate and House of Representatives:

That the General Assembly recognizes February 14, 2024 as Recovery 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 Recovery Partners of Vermont and to VAMHAR.

### **H.C.R. 149**

House concurrent resolution designating February 16, 2024 as Outdoor Recreation Day at the State House

Offered by: Representatives Dolan of Waitsfield, Jerome of Brandon, Anthony of Barre City, Bluemle of Burlington, Bongartz of Manchester, Bos-Lun of Westminster, Boyden of Cambridge, Brennan of Colchester, Brown of Richmond, Burke of Brattleboro, Campbell of St. Johnsbury, Carpenter of Hyde Park, Carroll of Bennington, Demrow of Corinth, Dickinson of St. Albans Town, Farlice-Rubio of Barnet, Graning of Jericho, Gregoire of Fairfield, Hango of Berkshire, Harrison of Chittenden, Holcombe of Norwich, Howard of Rutland City, Krasnow of South Burlington, Labor of Morgan, LaLonde of South Burlington, Lipsky of Stowe, Marcotte of Coventry, McCann of Montpelier, McCoy of Poultney, McGill of Bridport, Mihaly of Calais, Morrissey of Bennington, Mrowicki of Putney, Nicoll of Ludlow, Ode of Burlington, Page of Newport City, Priestley of Bradford, Rice of Dorset, Roberts of Halifax, Sammis of Castleton, Scheu of Middlebury, Sheldon of Middlebury, Sibia of Dover, Sims of Craftsbury, Squirrell of Underhill, Toleno of Brattleboro, Torre of Moretown, White of Bethel, Williams of Barre City, and Williams of Granby

Offered by: Senators Clarkson, Bray, Brock, Cummings, Gulick, Harrison, Ram Hinsdale, White, and Wrenner

Whereas, Vermont is proud of its unparalleled and diverse natural landscape, and it is a global destination for many types of world-class outdoor recreation, and

Whereas, our State's outdoor recreational assets consist of over 8,000 miles of public access trails, including 150 miles of recreational rail trails; 360,000 acres of wildlife management areas, State forests, and State parks; and more than six million acres of hunting-accessible land, and there are over 40 alpine and cross-country ski areas, and

Whereas, in 2012 Acts and Resolves No. 77, the General Assembly designated skiing and snowboarding as the State's official winter sports, and

Whereas, the importance of welcoming everyone, regardless of ethnicity or background, to enjoy outdoor recreational pursuits is recognized, and outdoor recreational venues embrace the intrinsic community values of inclusion and representation, and

Whereas, outdoor recreation creates business opportunities, attracts new residents, and offers workforce pathways that incentivize young Vermonters to remain in the State, and

Whereas, according to the U.S. Bureau of Economic Analysis, in fiscal year 2022, in businesses located in all 14 Vermont counties, outdoor recreation spending totaled \$1.9 billion, and the industry employed over 15,000 persons, comprising nearly five percent of the Vermont workforce, and

Whereas, Vermont Outdoor Recreation Day is an occasion to celebrate the importance of outdoor recreation to the economy, to the quality of life, and to the mental and physical well-being of Vermonters and visitors, now therefore be it

Resolved by the Senate and House of Representatives:

That the General Assembly designates February 16, 2024 as Vermont Outdoor Recreation 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 the Secretary of Commerce and Community Development, the Secretary of Natural Resources, the Commissioner of Forests, Parks and Recreation, the Commissioner of Tourism and Marketing, the Executive Director of the Vermont Outdoor Business Alliance, the Executive Director of the Vermont Mountain Bike Association, and the President of the Vermont Ski Areas Association.

### **H.C.R. 150**

House concurrent resolution honoring Dr. David Winfield Butsch for a half century of meritorious medical, civic, and humanitarian leadership in central Vermont and internationally

Offered by: Representatives Dolan of Waitsfield and Goslant of Northfield

Whereas, the mission of physicians is to heal their patients, and, for half a century, Dr. David (Dick) Butsch, a central Vermont surgeon, magnificently performed this role, and

Whereas, a Buffalo native, he graduated cum laude from Princeton University, earned his M.D. degree at Case Western Reserve School of Medicine in Cleveland, Ohio, and completed an internship and surgical residency in New York City at Roosevelt Hospital, and

Whereas, for his military service as a surgeon at the U.S. Naval Hospital in Da Nang, Vietnam (then known as South Vietnam), that country's government honored him for his dedication and great humanitarian deeds, and the U.S. Government awarded him a U.S. Presidential Commendation Medal, and

Whereas, in 1973, Dr. Dick Butsch arrived in central Vermont, along with his Roosevelt Hospital colleagues, Dr. David Angstreich and Dr. Bill Segal, to start a joint surgical practice, and

Whereas, professionally, aside from his many organizational memberships, he served as Vice Chair and Acting Chair of the Board of Medical Practice, as

an American Medical Association Vermont delegate, and as a clinic instructor in surgery at the University of Vermont Medical School, and

Whereas, during his 15 years serving as the Central Vermont Memorial Civic Center President, Dr. Dick Butsch, himself an ice hockey player, was a primary advocate and leader in the successful effort to construct the Capital City's combined indoor ice skating rink and fieldhouse, and

Whereas, his humanitarianism inspired Dr. Dick Butsch to volunteer repeatedly for surgical missions in India, and

Whereas, this generous, thoughtful, and family-oriented Vermonter has concluded an extraordinary medical career and created an admirable record of community service, now therefore be it

Resolved by the Senate and House of Representatives:

That the General Assembly honors Dr. David Winfield Butsch for a half century of meritorious medical, civic, and humanitarian leadership in central Vermont and internationally, and be it further

Resolved: That the Secretary of State be directed to send a copy of this resolution to Dr. Dick Butsch.