

CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

ADDENDUM

TO THE

HOUSE CALENDAR

**Text of House Concurrent
Resolutions**

of

March 14, 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. 171

House concurrent resolution congratulating Goodridge Lumber Inc. of Albany on its 50th anniversary

Offered by: Representative Sims of Craftsbury

Whereas, Colleen Goodridge and her three sons, Doug, Mark, and Brian, are the proud owners of Goodridge Lumber, an anchor business in Albany, and their careful family management has made the company an important part of Vermont's forest product industry and economy, and

Whereas, the history of Goodridge Lumber coincides with the Goodridge family's history, starting in 1973, when the family's desire to build a log home led to the purchase of an old sawmill for \$500.00, and

Whereas, borrowing a neighboring farmer's tractor to pull trees from the woods, the Goodridges sold logs to pay for repairs to the saw, and they recognized a business opportunity, which continues to evolve, expand, and thrive, and

Whereas, Colleen Goodridge and her sons have deservedly earned a reputation for honesty, hard work, and a strong commitment to the success of the Vermont forest-based economy, and

Whereas, Goodridge Lumber epitomizes family teamwork, and there is a clear family succession plan in place: Colleen is the matriarch of not only the company but also of the Vermont forest industry; Doug, with his degree in civil engineering, oversees the sawing; Mark is responsible for planing and maintenance; Brian directs the lumber yard operation; and the grandchildren are responsible for cleaning and stacking the wood, and

Whereas, Goodridge Lumber utilizes naturally rot-and-disease resistant white cedar trees, a renewable natural resource harvested from within a 75-mile radius of the mill; and the company produces over one million board feet per year, primarily for home construction and fencing; but with each log's most profitable potential always the objective, and

Whereas, as a former teacher, Colleen Goodridge places importance on educating future industry participants and the public, and she meets with students at the North Country Career Center, the company offers tours, and it has even helped publish a children's book on logging and sawmills, and

Whereas, Colleen Goodridge serves as the Vermont Forest Products Association Vice President, sits on the Natural Resource Program Advisory Board of the North Country Career Center, and is a past president of the Northeastern Loggers' Association, and her sons are also community leaders, now therefore be it

Resolved by the Senate and House of Representatives:

That the General Assembly congratulates Goodridge Lumber Inc. of Albany on its 50th anniversary, and be it further

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

H.C.R. 172

House concurrent resolution congratulating the 2023 Green Mountain Council Class of Eagle Scouts

Offered by: Representatives Morgan of Milton, Bartley of Fairfax, Beck of St. Johnsbury, Birong of Vergennes, Bongartz of Manchester, Boyden of Cambridge, Brennan of Colchester, Canfield of Fair Haven, Chesnut-Tangerman of Middletown Springs, Clifford of Rutland City, Demar of Enosburgh, Galfetti of Barre Town, Graham of Williamstown, Gregoire of Fairfield, Hango of Berkshire, Higley of Lowell, Labor of Morgan, Laroche of Franklin, Maguire of Rutland City, Mattos of Milton, McCarthy of St. Albans City, McCoy of Poultney, McFaun of Barre Town, Morrissey of Bennington, Nugent of South Burlington, Ode of Burlington, Oliver of Sheldon, Page of Newport City, Parsons of Newbury, Peterson of Clarendon, Shaw of Pittsford, Squirrell of Underhill, Taylor of Milton, Toof of St. Albans Town, Williams of Granby, and Wilson of Lyndon

Offered by: All Members of the Senate

Whereas, earning the rank of Eagle is a special honor that only a small percentage of young persons enrolled in the Boy Scouts of America achieves, 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 proudly achieved the rank of Eagle during 2023: Morgan Ackerly, Evan Ambrose, Tristan Anderson, Orion Beardsley, Payton Bessette, Aiden Blevins, Andrew Bruneau, Noah Carmona, Kasey Clark, Icabaud Clarke, William Coates, Porter Costello, Jordan Davis, Charles Egbert, Anders Erickson, Rachael Eschelbach, Memphis Everest, Wyatt Fitz-Gerald, Brendan Hawko, Collin Heskett, Ayden Honnon, Kyle Howard, Fisher Irwin, Benjamin Johnsen, Ian Johnson, Christopher Jones, Francis Kautzman, Brandon Lewis, Evan Lynds, Austin Mallan, Brodie Massey, Thomas Mathon, Dane Maxfield, Luke Maxham, Conner Miles, Robert Nesbit, Vaughan Noble, Ryan Page, Gideon Palmer, Jack Pine, Calder Rakowski, Bruce Raymond, Carson Ring, Ian Ritter, Donald Roy Jr., Colby Schlegel-Barber, Kyle Southworth, Ronald Spivack, Jonathan Tenney, Samuel Tock, Noah Warner, Chase Whelihan, Wesley Wilson, and Camden Yadow, and

Whereas, all of these Scouts deserve commendation for their dedication and achievement, now therefore be it

Resolved by the Senate and House of Representatives:

That the General Assembly congratulates the 2023 Green Mountain Council Class of Eagle Scouts, and be it further

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

H.C.R. 173

House concurrent resolution in memory of former Castleton State College Dean of Education Honoree Fleming

Offered by: Representatives Sammis of Castleton, Andrews of Westford, Andriano of Orwell, Austin of Colchester, Branagan of Georgia, Brumsted of Shelburne, Burrows of West Windsor, Campbell of St. Johnsbury, Casey of Montpelier, Chapin of East Montpelier, Chase of Chester, Conlon of Cornwall, Dickinson of St. Albans Town, Dodge of Essex, Donahue of Northfield, Durfee of Shaftsbury, Elder of Starksboro, Goldman of Rockingham, Goslant of Northfield, Graning of Jericho, Harrison of Chittenden, Howard of Rutland City, Jerome of Brandon, Krasnow of South Burlington, LaBounty of Lyndon, Logan of Burlington, Maguire of Rutland City, Marcotte of Coventry, Masland of Thetford, McCann of Montpelier, McGill of Bridport, Morris of Springfield, Morrissey of Bennington, Mulvaney-Stanak of Burlington, Nicoll of Ludlow, Ode of Burlington, Page of Newport City, Priestley of Bradford, Roberts of Halifax, Scheu of Middlebury, Shaw of Pittsford, Stebbins of

Burlington, Taylor of Milton, Walker of Swanton, White of Bethel, Williams of Granby, and Wood of Waterbury

Whereas, the horrific killing of Honoree Fleming, former Castleton State College Dean of Education, distinguished cellular biology scholar and compassionate human being, on October 5, 2023, while she was walking along the Delaware and Hudson Rail Trail in Castleton, stunned all Vermonters, and

Whereas, she grew up in a difficult family environment, enmeshed in poverty and with a father who died of alcoholism, and

Whereas, Honoree Fleming far exceeded conventional expectations, receiving a doctorate in biophysics from the prestigious University of Chicago and becoming a cellular biology research associate at the Icahn School of Medicine in New York City, and

Whereas, in 1988, she accepted a biochemistry faculty position at Middlebury College, and she later taught at the former Trinity College in Burlington, and

Whereas, in 2002, Castleton State College appointed Honoree Fleming an associate dean, and, recognizing her special talent and superb pedagogic skills, subsequently named her the dean of education, and

Whereas, after retiring in 2012, Honoree Fleming resumed her scientific research, and, in 2023, she published a seminal cellular biology article in the journal *Advances in Bioscience and Biotechnology*, and

Whereas, her tragic death provoked enormous grief in the Castleton community, and over 150 persons attended a movingly emotional memorial service held on the school's campus at which her husband, Ron Powers, spoke of his late wife as "brilliant in science and brilliantly loving," and she is also survived by their son, now therefore be it

Resolved by the Senate and House of Representatives:

That the General Assembly extends its profound sympathy to the family of Honoree Fleming, and be it further

Resolved: That the Secretary of State be directed to send a copy of this resolution to the family of Honoree Fleming, to the Castleton Town Clerk, and to Vermont State University Interim President David Bergh.

H.C.R. 174

House concurrent resolution congratulating the 2023 Spirit of the ADA Award winners

Offered by: Representative Marcotte of Coventry

Whereas, the Americans with Disabilities Act, both in its federal and Vermont iterations, is intended to maximize the ability of persons with disabilities to participate in a wide range of societal activities, including employment, and

Whereas, the State of Vermont recognizes the value and capabilities of its workforce, and it has a strong commitment to ensuring equal opportunity for all regardless of disability, race, color, gender, age, sexual orientation, religion, or national origin, and

Whereas, both Vermonters and the State's economy benefit when residents of all abilities can contribute their skills, talents, and gifts as part of Vermont's workforce, and

Whereas, the Governor's Committee on the Employment of People with Disabilities annually recognizes businesses that reflect this spirit with the presentation of a Spirit of the ADA Award, and

Whereas, the criteria for the receipt of this award are creating an accessibility recruitment and hiring process, incorporation of on-the-job accommodations, the presence of accessible physical structures to ensure success for all employees, and an overall employment strategy that includes the hiring of individuals with disabilities, and

Whereas, the 2023 recipients of a Spirit of the ADA Award are Junction Arts Media, Ethan Allen, Lake Paran Recreation, Brophy and Garrett Williams Electric Service, the University of Vermont Medical Center, Southshire Inn, McGee Chrysler Dodge Jeep RAM of Springfield, Aqua ViTea, Robert & Sons Lawn Care, Mack Molding, and the Derby Price Chopper store, and Fourbital was recognized with the special honor of receiving the 2023 David Sagi Award, now therefore be it

Resolved by the Senate and House of Representatives:

That the General Assembly congratulates the 2023 Spirit of the ADA Award winners, and be it further

Resolved: That the Secretary of State be directed to send a copy of this resolution to the Governor's Committee on the Employment of People with Disabilities and to each award recipient.

H.C.R. 175

House concurrent resolution in memory of jazz aficionado Reuben Jackson

Offered by: Representatives Krasnow of South Burlington, Cina of Burlington, Andrews of Westford, Arsenault of Williston, Berbeco of Winooski, Black of Essex, Burrows of West Windsor, Carpenter of Hyde Park, Chesnut-Tangerman of Middletown Springs, Christie of Hartford, Dodge of Essex, Farlice-Rubio of Barnet, Garofano of Essex, Headrick of Burlington, Hyman of South Burlington, LaMont of Morristown, Leavitt of Grand Isle, Logan of Burlington, McGill of Bridport, Minier of South Burlington, Mulvaney-Stanak of Burlington, Ode of Burlington, Patt of Worcester, Small of Winooski, Stevens of Waterbury, Stone of Burlington, Troiano of Stannard, and Waters Evans of Charlotte

Whereas, Reuben Jackson's contributions to the annals of jazz were noteworthy, and

Whereas, Reuben Jackson was born in Georgia, spent his youth in the nation's capital, and, in 1975, arrived in Vermont to attend Goddard College, and

Whereas, in addition to studying writing at Goddard, Reuben Jackson inaugurated his broadcasting career working as a DJ at WGDR, the college's radio station, and discovering a love for the radio medium, and

Whereas, for two decades, Reuben Jackson was honored to work as the curator for the Duke Ellington Collection at the Smithsonian Institution, and

Whereas, his erudite jazz criticism appeared on the airwaves of *National Public Radio*; in the pages of the *Washington Post*, *JazzTimes*, and *DownBeat*; and on the All About Jazz website, and

Whereas, years later, Reuben Jackson returned to Vermont to teach English at Burlington High School, and, in 2012, he was reunited with his passion for radio, hosting Vermont Public (the former Vermont Public Radio)'s *Friday Night Jazz* program for six years (2012–2018), and recordings from the series are now in the collection of the American Archive of Public Broadcasting, and

Whereas, Reuben Jackson's mentoring at the Young Writers Project reflected both his deep passion for the written word and his life as a respected published poet, and

Whereas, much of his poetry focused on the challenges of the Black American experience, and his most recent volume, *Scattered Clouds*, was issued in 2019, and

Whereas, most recently, Reuben Jackson, who died on February 16, 2024 at 67 years of age and is survived by his partner, Jenae Michelle, had worked as a jazz archivist at the University of the District of Columbia and served as a radio host at WPFW-FM in Washington, DC, now therefore be it

Resolved by the Senate and House of Representatives:

That the General Assembly expresses its sincere condolences to the family of Reuben Jackson, and be it further

Resolved: That the Secretary of State be directed to send a copy of this resolution to Jenae Michelle, Vermont Public, WPFW Radio, and the Felix E. Grant Jazz Archives at the University of the District of Columbia.

H.C.R. 176

House concurrent resolution congratulating Kristi Lefebvre Huizenga of Colchester on her 2024 induction into the Vermont Sports Hall of Fame

Offered by: Representatives Austin of Colchester, Brennan of Colchester, Chase of Colchester, and Taylor of Colchester

Offered by: Senator Mazza

Whereas, since her youth, an association with and love of soccer has been central in the life of Kristi Huizenga, and

Whereas, as a member of the Colchester High Lakers girls' soccer team, she twice garnered All-American honors and was named a Gatorade Player of the Year, a top individual honor, and

Whereas, nationally, from 1999 to 2001, Kristi Huizenga merited U.S. National Team player pool membership, earned placement on the 2000 U-16 National Team roster, and she played in the 2002 U-17 championship, and

Whereas, as a University of Connecticut Husky, Kristi Huizenga's teams won two Big East titles, participated in four NCAA postseason tournaments, including the exciting 2003 championship contest, and, in 2005, she was named an All-New England player, and

Whereas, her University of Connecticut graduation hardly ended competitive soccer's presence in Kristi Huizenga's life, as she transitioned from playing to coaching the next generation of aspiring female players, and

Whereas, since 2010, Kristi Huizenga has imparted her wealth of experience to the University of Vermont Catamount women's soccer team in her role as head coach, and, in 2021, the squad was selected to play at the NCAA tournament, and

Whereas, in recognition of her outstanding soccer achievements and their strong Vermont connection, the Vermont Sports Hall of Fame has selected Kristi Huizenga as a 2024 inductee, now therefore be it

Resolved by the Senate and House of Representatives:

That the General Assembly congratulates Kristi Lefebvre Huizenga of Colchester on her 2024 induction into the Vermont Sports Hall of Fame, and be it further

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

H.C.R. 177

House concurrent resolution recognizing March as Colorectal Cancer Awareness Month in Vermont

Offered by: Representative McCann of Montpelier

Whereas, colorectal cancer results from “a growth of cells that forms in the lower end of the digestive tract [, and] [m]ost of these cancers start as noncancerous growths called polyps,” and their removal can prevent the development of cancer, and

Whereas, screening, as a prerequisite for possible removal of polyps, is recommended for persons who are at least 45 years of age, but one in three persons in the 50-to-75-year age range are not screened for colorectal cancer, and

Whereas, colorectal cancer is the second most common cause of cancer death in the United States, and the American Cancer Society estimated that, in 2023, colorectal cancer would be detected in 153,020 persons, and 52,550 deaths would be recorded, 3,750 of which would be individuals under 50 years of age, and

Whereas, medical experts project that by 2030, colorectal cancer will be the most frequent cause of death due to cancer among persons under 50 years of age, and

Whereas, the American Cancer Society has documented that Black Americans are approximately 20 percent more likely to be diagnosed with colorectal cancer and 40 percent more likely to die after being positively diagnosed; and that for male Hispanic Americans, colorectal cancer causes roughly 11 percent of cancer deaths; and for female Hispanic Americans the comparable figure is nine percent, and

Whereas, the American Cancer Society, through the National Colorectal Cancer Roundtable Campaign, is engaged in an important effort to raise the national colorectal cancer screening rates to 80 percent, an increase, that, if successful, could reduce the prevalence of colorectal cancer in this country, and

Whereas, there is an urgency to educate Vermonters concerning the threat of colorectal cancer, now therefore be it

Resolved by the Senate and House of Representatives:

That the General Assembly recognizes March as Colorectal Cancer 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 American Cancer Society of Vermont and to Dr. Peter Moses at the Larner College of Medicine at the University of Vermont.

H.C.R. 178

House concurrent resolution congratulating Lena Delores Baker on her 100th birthday

Offered by: Representative Howard of Rutland City

Whereas, Pasqualena Delores Valente was born in Rutland on March 13, 1924, weighing a mere 2.5 pounds, but despite being told his new granddaughter was dead, her grandfather Bizzarro picked her up, felt her breath, and the family lore holds that a grandfather's love saved her life, and

Whereas, while a student at Mount St. Joseph Academy, from which she graduated in 1942, Pasqualena Valente met Quincy M. Baker Jr. at Fishman's soda fountain, and they began dating when she was in eleventh grade, and

Whereas, Quincy joined the U.S. Army Air Force shortly after the Pearl Harbor attack, and, after graduating from MJS, Pasqualena Valente worked locally, became a nurse's aide, and, at the Bardwell Hotel, she and her sister, Lucy, served refreshments to soldiers on home leave, and

Whereas, shortly before Quincy Baker was deployed to the South Pacific, the two were engaged, and they married on December 30, 1944, honeymooning in New York City and reveling in the New Year's Eve festivities in Times Square, and

Whereas, after living out of state, the couple returned home to Rutland, where Lena Baker, as she became known, worked as a Welcome Wagon hostess, and, later, at the former Central Vermont Public Service Corporation (CVPS), staffing the trouble desk during severe storms, and she was recognized with several awards for her faithful service, and

Whereas, after retiring from CVPS, Lena Baker worked for the Tapestry Program, an afterschool day care, where she loved associating with the children, and

Whereas, the marriage of Lena and Quincy Baker endured for 71 years, until his death in 2016, and he worked for the U.S. Post Office, was a talented drummer and trumpeter who played in the 40th Army Band of Vermont, and was elected a Rutland City Alderman, and

Whereas, Lena Baker wrote a cookbook relating her life's history and detailing the numerous Italian recipes she enjoyed cooking for her family of five children, 10 grandchildren, and 11 great-grandchildren, now therefore be it

Resolved by the Senate and House of Representatives:

That the General Assembly congratulates Lena Delores Baker on her 100th birthday, and be it further

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

H.C.R. 179

House concurrent resolution congratulating the Vermont place winners at the 2023 National Senior Games and designating March 21, 2024 as Vermont Senior Games Day at the State House

Offered by: Representatives Harrison of Chittenden, Andrews of Westford, Anthony of Barre City, Beck of St. Johnsbury, Black of Essex, Bluemle of Burlington, Bongartz of Manchester, Bos-Lun of Westminster, Brennan of Colchester, Brown of Richmond, Brownell of Pownal, Brumsted of Shelburne, Chapin of East Montpelier, Chase of Chester, Christie of Hartford, Dickinson of St. Albans Town, Dodge of Essex, Dolan of Essex Junction, Dolan of Waitsfield, Donahue of Northfield, Farlice-Rubio of Barnet, Garofano of Essex, Goldman of Rockingham, Goslant of Northfield, Graning of Jericho, Gregoire of Fairfield, Hango of Berkshire, Headrick of Burlington, Holcombe of Norwich, Hooper of Burlington, Houghton of Essex Junction, Howard of Rutland City, Hyman of South Burlington, Krasnow of South Burlington, LaBounty of Lyndon, Lalley of Shelburne, LaLonde of South Burlington, Lanpher of Vergennes, Lipsky of Stowe, Masland of Thetford, McCann of Montpelier, McCoy of Poultney, McGill of Bridport, Mihaly of Calais, Minier of South Burlington, Morgan of Milton, Morris of Springfield, Morrissey of Bennington, Mrowicki of Putney, Noyes of Wolcott, Nugent of South Burlington, Ode of Burlington, Page of Newport City, Pajala of Londonderry, Peterson of Clarendon, Priestley of Bradford, Roberts of Halifax, Scheu of Middlebury, Shaw of Pittsford, Sims of Craftsbury, Squirrell of Underhill,

Stone of Burlington, Taylor of Milton, Toleno of Brattleboro, Torre of Moretown, White of Bethel, Williams of Granby, and Wood of Waterbury

Whereas, annually, the Vermont Senior Games Association (VSGA) organizes the Vermont Senior Games as the qualifying event at which over 700 Vermont athletes compete to qualify for the biennial National Senior Games, which, in 2023, were held in Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania, and

Whereas, in 2023, 86 Vermont athletes participated in the National Senior Games in 13 sports and won nine gold, 11 silver, and 13 bronze medals, making an impressive total of 33 medals, and

Whereas, the athletically dedicated older Vermonters who competed at the 2023 National Senior Games were Matt Guild, Christopher Hamilton, Michelle Immler, Howard Malovany, Tocher Mitchell, Mark Mulder, Ted Selfridge, John Tashiro, Sarah Bombardier, Damon Fitch, Margaret Gibson, Susan Madrigan, Zane Rodriguez, Sandra Wall, Joan Weir, Lee Ann Banks, Bob Bence, Bernie Buteau, Mary Clifton, Brian Conchieri, Loren Palmer, Judy Selfridge, Vawn Edele, Cynthia Malovany, Victoria Luksch, Pam Sills, Eugene Demidenko, Valentina Demidenko, Elizabeth McCarthy, Stephen Hennessey, Candi Raines, Ellen Wolfson, Tim Hogeboom, John Bolton, Jack Devine, Jim Flint, Don Gilman, Judy Gover, Marc Hammond, Gurudharm Khalsa, Peter Mitchell, Chuck Shomo, Verna Borden, Thayer Raines, David Holton, and Jeff Shulman, and

Whereas, today, March 21, 2024, during National Senior Games Week, representatives of the VSGA and the Governor's Council on Physical Fitness are present at the State House to promote senior physical fitness, now therefore be it

Resolved by the Senate and House of Representatives:

That the General Assembly congratulates the Vermont place winners at the 2023 National Senior Games and designates March 21, 2024 as Vermont Senior Games 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 VSGA and to the Governor's Council on Physical Fitness.

H.C.R. 180

House concurrent resolution recognizing July 2024 as Park and Recreation Month in Vermont and designating July 19, 2024 as Vermont Park and Recreation Professionals Day in Vermont

Offered by: Representatives Krasnow of South Burlington, LaLonde of South Burlington, Hyman of South Burlington, Minier of South Burlington, and Nugent of South Burlington

House concurrent resolution recognizing July 2024 as Park and Recreation Month in Vermont and designating July 19, 2024 as Vermont Park and Recreation Professionals Day in Vermont

Offered by: Representatives Krasnow of South Burlington, LaLonde of South Burlington, Hyman of South Burlington, Minier of South Burlington, and Nugent of South Burlington

Whereas, Vermont's park and recreation programs are an integral part of our State and local communities, and

Whereas, their presence in a community promotes an active lifestyle, offers environmental protection, and serves as an economic resource, and

Whereas, park and recreation programs support the effectiveness of therapeutic recreational services for persons with disabilities, and

Whereas, in 1985, the National Recreation and Park Association established July as Park and Recreation Month, and, in 2009, the U.S. House of Representatives adopted a resolution endorsing this national celebration of our nation's parks, now therefore be it

Resolved by the Senate and House of Representatives:

That the General Assembly recognizes July 2024 as Park and Recreation Month in Vermont and designates July 19, 2024 as Vermont Park and Recreation Professionals Day, and be it further

Resolved: That the Secretary of State be directed to send a copy of this resolution to the Vermont Recreation and Parks Association.