

**CONCURRENT RESOLUTION**

**ADDENDUM**

**TO THE**

**HOUSE CALENDAR**

**Text of House Concurrent  
Resolutions**

**of**

**April 28, 2022**

## **Concurrent Resolutions for Adoption Under Joint Rule 16**

The following concurrent resolutions will be adopted automatically unless a Representative or Senator requests floor consideration before the end of Friday's legislative session. Requests for floor consideration must be communicated to the House Clerk's office or the Senate Secretary's office.

### **Resolutions**

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

House concurrent resolution designating April 2022 as Vermont Public Safety Telecommunicators Month

Offered by: Representatives Lefebvre of Orange, Anthony of Barre City, Brownell of Pownal, Campbell of St. Johnsbury, Coffey of Guilford, Colston of Winooski, Cordes of Lincoln, Dolan of Waitsfield, Gannon of Wilmington, Gregoire of Fairfield, Hango of Berkshire, Harrison of Chittenden, Higley of Lowell, Houghton of Essex, Masland of Thetford, Morgan, M. of Milton, Morrissey of Bennington, Norris of Sheldon, Page of Newport City, Partridge of Windham, Patt of Worcester, Scheuermann of Stowe, Sims of Craftsbury, Strong of Albany, Till of Jericho, Whitman of Bennington, Williams of Granby, Wood of Waterbury, and Yantachka of Charlotte

Whereas, public safety telecommunications services are an essential mechanism that enables our citizens to contact law enforcement, fire, and rescue officials when an emergency occurs, and

Whereas, dispatchers employed at public safety telecommunications facilities provide an essential role in ensuring the most effective and timely use of this critical, and, on occasion, life-saving infrastructure, and

Whereas, in 1981, a staff member in a California sheriff's office set aside the second week in April as a specific time to recognize the vital work of public safety telecommunications personnel, and this celebratory event has evolved into National Public Safety Telecommunicators Week, and

Whereas, in order to praise fully the exemplary work of public safety telecommunicators in Vermont, designating the entire month of April to acknowledge their work is in order, now therefore be it

Resolved by the Senate and House of Representatives:

That the General Assembly designates April 2022 as Vermont Public Safety Telecommunicators Month, and be it further

Resolved: That the Secretary of State be directed to send a copy of this resolution to Commissioner of Public Safety Michael Schirling.

### **H.C.R. 151.**

House concurrent resolution congratulating the Burlington High School Seahorses girls' Nordic skiing team on winning a second consecutive Division I championship

Offered by: Representatives Bluemle of Burlington, Cina of Burlington, Colburn of Burlington, Hooper of Burlington, Krowinski of Burlington, McCormack of Burlington, Mulvaney-Stanak of Burlington, Ode of Burlington, Rachelson of Burlington, and Stebbins of Burlington

Whereas, as the defending Division I title holders, the Seahorses were eager to reconfirm their mastery of the Nordic trails, and

Whereas, Burlington prevailed on both days of the 2022 championship meet, winning the classic and freestyle relays, placing six skiers among the top 10 in both races, easily outpacing the second place Mount Mansfield Cougars 55–129, and, for good measure, outscoring the Division II winner, Middlebury, by 50 points, and

Whereas, the swiftly skiing Seahorses were Rebecca Cunningham, Maeve Fairfax, Sloane Guillian, Rosie Brown, Greta Kilburn, Gillian Fairfax, Elsa Sanborn, and Lillian Connelly, and

Whereas, Head Coach Kirsten Berggren, assistant coaches Craig Pepin, Keith Brown, and August Tallmadge, and volunteer coach David Lustgarten were fantastic supporters of the team, now therefore be it

Resolved by the Senate and House of Representatives:

That the General Assembly congratulates the Burlington High School Seahorses girls' Nordic skiing team on winning a second consecutive Division I championship, and be it further

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

### **H.C.R. 152.**

House concurrent resolution honoring the Vermont Thunder Ride on its 30th anniversary

Offered by: Representatives Palasik of Milton, Hango of Berkshire, Austin of Colchester, Beck of St. Johnsbury, Birong of Vergennes, Cupoli of Rutland City, Gregoire of Fairfield, Harrison of Chittenden, Labor of Morgan, Martel of Waterford, McCoy of Poultney, McFaun of Barre Town, Morgan, L. of

Milton, Morgan, M. of Milton, Morrissey of Bennington, Mrowicki of Putney, Murphy of Fairfax, Ode of Burlington, Page of Newport City, Partridge of Windham, Smith of Derby, Strong of Albany, Sullivan of Dorset, Troiano of Stannard, Walker of Swanton, Williams of Granby, and Wood of Waterbury

Whereas, in 1990, Bill Fitzpatrick, a Vietnam War veteran and an avid motorcyclist, traveled to Washington, D.C. to participate in the newly established Rolling Thunder, a motorcycle ride memorializing our nation's military personnel killed in the Vietnam War, and

Whereas, Bill Fitzpatrick decided to create an annual Vermont Vietnam memorial ride and established Vermont Thunder Inc., and

Whereas, on Memorial Day 1992, under the auspices of Vermont Thunder Inc., the first Vermont Thunder Ride took place, beginning at the Vietnam Veterans Memorial off I-89 in Sharon, and concluding at the Swanton Airport, a route selected for its rolling hills, which reminded Vietnam veterans of roads traveled in Vietnam, and

Whereas, the Vermont Thunder Ride, which occurs every Memorial Day regardless of the weather, now proceeds along a 138-mile route, with each mile representing one of the 138 Vermonters killed in Vietnam, and

Whereas, the Vermont Thunder Ride serves as both a memorial for the fallen and a recognition of those who returned home from Vietnam, now therefore be it

Resolved by the Senate and House of Representatives:

That the General Assembly honors the Vermont Thunder Ride on its 30th anniversary, and be it further

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

### **H.C.R. 153.**

House concurrent resolution celebrating the State Partnership Program recently established between the Vermont National Guard and Austria

Offered by: Representatives Hango of Berkshire, Austin of Colchester, Birong of Vergennes, Fagan of Rutland City, Goslant of Northfield, Harrison of Chittenden, Martel of Waterford, Morgan, L. of Milton, Morgan, M. of Milton, Morrissey of Bennington, Norris of Sheldon, Ode of Burlington, Page of Newport City, Rosenquist of Georgia, Scheuermann of Stowe, Sibia of Dover, Troiano of Stannard, and Walz of Barre City

Offered by: Senator Collamore

Whereas, 10 U.S.C. § 341 created the Department of Defense State Partnership Program (SPP) in order to link state and territorial National Guard units “with a partner nation’s military, security forces, and disaster response organizations,” and

Whereas, the Vermont National Guard established an SPP with North Macedonia in 1994, with Senegal in 2008, and, most recently, with Austria in 2021, each of which resulted in military, commercial, and governmental exchanges, and

Whereas, the Vermont National Guard’s relationship with Austria dates back to the 1980s with the cooperation of the two jurisdictions’ Mountain Warfare Schools, their mutual membership in the International Association of Mountaineering Schools, as well as their participation in biathlon activities, and, since 2018, Vermont and Austria have collaborated on the Humanitarian Mine Action Program in Senegal, and

Whereas, this new formal relationship will also foster civilian bonds, and leaders from both the Vermont National Guard and the partnering Austrian military are visiting the State House today, May 11, 2022, now therefore be it

Resolved by the Senate and House of Representatives:

That the General Assembly celebrates the State Partnership Program recently established between the Vermont National Guard and Austria, and be it further

Resolved: That the Secretary of State be directed to send a copy of this resolution to the Vermont National Guard, and to the visiting Austrian delegation.

**H.C.R. 154.**

House concurrent resolution honoring Waterville Selectboard Chair Donald W. Lynch Sr. for his outstanding municipal leadership

Offered by: Representative Rogers of Waterville

Offered by: Senator Westman

Whereas, for many years, Donald Lynch has served the town of Waterville with distinction, and

Whereas, he began his municipal public service as a town lister, and

Whereas, in the early 1990s, after having performed his lister tasks carefully and effectively and having earned the trust of his fellow voters,

Donald Lynch stood for election to the Waterville Selectboard and was successful in this pursuit, and

Whereas, his approximately three-decade Waterville Selectboard tenure has most recently included service as the panel's respected chair, and

Whereas, in June 2022, this admired community leader will be concluding his role in the Waterville town government, now therefore be it

Resolved by the Senate and House of Representatives:

That the General Assembly honors Waterville Selectboard Chair Donald W. Lynch Sr. for his outstanding municipal leadership, and be it further

Resolved: That the Secretary of State be directed to send a copy of this resolution to Donald Lynch in Waterville.

#### **H.C.R. 155.**

House concurrent resolution honoring Rita Markley for her superb leadership in the effort to eradicate homelessness in Vermont

Offered by: Representatives Bluemle of Burlington, Killacky of South Burlington, and Rachelson of Burlington

Whereas, Rita Markley spent the first six years of her life living in an orphanage, an experience that imbued her with an empathy for the homeless, and

Whereas, upon her arrival in Burlington more than 30 years ago, she sought a volunteer opportunity to work with the homeless and was directed to the Committee on Temporary Shelter (COTS), subsequently becoming COTS development director, and, in 1996, the organization's executive director, and

Whereas, Rita Markley laments that, starting in the 1980s, the cost of housing began forcing more people, including the employed, into homelessness, and

Whereas, she has transformed COTS from a charity focused on emergency situations into one centered on advocacy and homeless prevention, and

Whereas, COTS now oversees a year-round emergency shelter, 98 units of affordable housing, and a day station, all offering essential support services, and

Whereas, Rita Markley, who facilitated COTS' financing of the Housing Resource Center, Vermont's largest homeless prevention initiative, and founded the Chittenden County Continuum of Care, and the Statewide

Coalition to End Homelessness, is concluding her remarkable COTS career, now therefore be it

Resolved by the Senate and House of Representatives:

That the General Assembly honors Rita Markley for her superb leadership in the effort to eradicate homelessness in Vermont, and be it further

Resolved: That the Secretary of State be directed to send a copy of this resolution to Rita Markley and to the Committee on Temporary Shelter.

### **H.C.R. 156.**

House concurrent resolution recognizing National Foster Care Month in Vermont

Offered by: All Members of the House

Whereas, foster care can serve as a temporary haven for children whose birth parents are unable to provide nurturing care, and

Whereas, the success of foster care is dependent on a collaborative partnership of public and private organizations, and

Whereas, foster care provides a safe environment for children until a return to their birth parents becomes possible, and in some instances, foster care may lead to a new permanent home through adoption, and

Whereas, in Vermont, there exists a network of 1,500 foster, kinship, and respite providers who offer shelter, comfort, and guidance to over 1,000 Vermont children, and

Whereas, since 1988, National Foster Care Month has recognized the dedicated adults whose service as foster parents plays a central role in the lives of the children in their care, now therefore be it

Resolved by the Senate and House of Representatives:

That the General Assembly recognizes May 2022 as National Foster Care Month in Vermont, and be it further

Resolved: That the Secretary of State be directed to send a copy of this resolution to Commissioner of Children and Families Sean Brown.

## H.C.R. 157.

House concurrent resolution honoring Vermont's correctional personnel and recognizing National Correctional Officers Week in Vermont

Offered by: Representatives Dolan of Essex, Anthony of Barre City, Arrison of Weathersfield, Black of Essex, Bluemle of Burlington, Bos-Lun of Westminster, Brownell of Pownal, Brumsted of Shelburne, Burditt of West Rutland, Campbell of St. Johnsbury, Coffey of Guilford, Emmons of Springfield, Gannon of Wilmington, Garofano of Essex, Gregoire of Fairfield, Hango of Berkshire, Harrison of Chittenden, Higley of Lowell, Houghton of Essex, Howard of Rutland City, Labor of Morgan, Laroche of Franklin, Lefebvre of Orange, Martel of Waterford, Masland of Thetford, McCoy of Poultney, Morgan, M. of Milton, Morrissey of Bennington, Murphy of Fairfax, Nicoll of Ludlow, Ode of Burlington, Page of Newport City, Scheu of Middlebury, Sims of Craftsbury, Squirrell of Underhill, Strong of Albany, Sullivan of Dorset, Taylor of Colchester, Toof of St. Albans Town, Walker of Swanton, White of Bethel, White of Hartford, Williams of Granby, Wood of Waterbury, and Yantachka of Charlotte

Whereas, the professional responsibilities of frontline correctional personnel are always demanding, as they must interact daily with an involuntarily incarcerated population, and

Whereas, Vermont's correctional facilities are institutions with large populations confined to a restricted space, and, during the COVID-19 pandemic, the number of onsite employee and inmate infections periodically increased to high levels, Vermont was, nevertheless, the only state not to lose an incarcerated person or staff member due to COVID-19, and

Whereas, aside from the challenges of COVID-19, the State's frontline correctional workforce has faced significant staffing shortages, and, despite this recognized personnel shortfall, these dedicated State employees have stepped up, on occasion at great personal sacrifice, to provide the essential administrative and protective services required to operate Vermont's prisons in line with the State's correctional policy goals, and

Whereas, the week of May 1, 2022 to May 7, 2022 is National Correctional Officers Week, a commemoration established in 1984, and presents an ideal opportunity to honor these unsung heroes of Vermont's correctional system, now therefore be it

Resolved by the Senate and House of Representatives:

That the General Assembly honors Vermont's correctional personnel and recognizes National Correctional Officers Week in Vermont, and be it further



Resolved: That the Secretary of State be directed to send a copy of this resolution to Commissioner of Corrections Nicholas Deml, and to the Vermont State Employees Association.

### **H.C.R. 158.**

House concurrent resolution welcoming the 2022 International Workshop on Agritourism to Vermont

Offered by: Representatives Scheuermann of Stowe, Anthony of Barre City, Austin of Colchester, Campbell of St. Johnsbury, Canfield of Fair Haven, Coffey of Guilford, Dolan of Essex, Dolan of Waitsfield, Gregoire of Fairfield, Hango of Berkshire, Harrison of Chittenden, Higley of Lowell, Jerome of Brandon, Kimbell of Woodstock, Lefebvre of Orange, Masland of Thetford, McCoy of Poultney, Morrissey of Bennington, Norris of Shoreham, Ode of Burlington, Page of Newport City, Partridge of Windham, Peterson of Clarendon, Sims of Craftsbury, Smith of New Haven, Strong of Albany, Walker of Swanton, Webb of Shelburne, Whitman of Bennington, Wood of Waterbury, and Yantachka of Charlotte

Whereas, in 2018, the Eurac Research organization hosted the first World Congress on Agritourism in Bolzano, South Tyrol, Italy, and

Whereas, as a vehicle to build on the solid foundation established in Bolzano, Eurac Research, in partnership with the University of Vermont Extension, along with many local public and private sector sponsors, will, from August 30 through September 1, 2022, convene the International Workshop on Agritourism at the Hilton Burlington Lake Champlain Hotel, and

Whereas, agricultural service providers, educators, farmers, ranchers, researchers, and tourism professionals from the United States, Canada, Honduras, India, Italy, and dozens of other nations will meet at this exciting gathering to discuss running and marketing an agritourism business, managing farm stays, promoting rural development, creating regional partnerships, and sharing research and case studies, and

Whereas, the selection of Vermont as the workshop's location presents the Green Mountain State with an unusual opportunity to highlight and enhance local agritourism, and to foster this economically and environmentally important endeavor, now therefore be it

Resolved by the Senate and House of Representatives:

That the General Assembly welcomes the 2022 International Workshop on Agritourism to Vermont, and be it further

Resolved: That the Secretary of State be directed to send a copy of this resolution to Eurac Research, the University of Vermont Extension, and the Secretary of Agriculture, Food, and Markets.

#### **H.C.R. 159.**

House concurrent resolution congratulating the 2022 West Rutland High School Golden Horde Division IV girls' basketball championship team

Offered by: Representatives Burditt of West Rutland and Peterson of Clarendon

Whereas, the second-seeded Golden Horde earned a berth in the 2022 Division IV championship contest against the top-seeded and two-year defending champions, the Proctor Phantoms, and

Whereas, these closely matched teams played an exciting game at the Barre Auditorium, trading the lead nine times during an intensive fourth quarter, but, at the game's conclusion, the Golden Horde held a narrow 57–56 edge and emerged victorious with the 2022 crown, and

Whereas, the dedicated West Rutland players were Taylor Mills, Serena Coombs, Michaela Bania, Isabell Lanfear, Anna Cyr, Mallory Hogan, Hannah Cecot, Arianna Coombs, Emily Trepanier, Gabby Griffith, Samara Raiche, Peyton Guay, Isabella Coombs, Kennah Wright-Chapman, and Aubrey Beaulieu, and

Whereas, Head Coach Carl Serrani, Assistant Coach Matt Serrani, and team managers Ruth Petit, and Abigail Lanfear were essential contributors to the team's success, now therefore be it

Resolved by the Senate and House of Representatives:

That the General Assembly congratulates the 2022 West Rutland High School Golden Horde Division IV girls' basketball championship team, and be it further

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

#### **H.C.R. 160.**

House concurrent resolution honoring the General Assembly's venerable head doorkeeper, Cornelius F. Reed Jr. of Wolcott

Offered by: All Members of the House

Offered by: All Members of the Senate

Whereas, for a quarter of a century, Corny Reed has proudly served in the corps of doorkeepers, helping to maintain good order in the legislative chambers, and

Whereas, in his role as head doorkeeper, Corny Reed assumed added supervisory responsibilities, especially for the young pages, who dash across the State House delivering vital messages to legislators and staff, and

Whereas, during Corny Reed's distinguished 26-year career as a Vermont State Police officer, he polished his skills through the completion of numerous law enforcement education courses and rose to the rank of sergeant, and

Whereas, his leadership among retired State employees has included serving as president of both the Vermont Retired Troopers Association and the Vermont Retired State Employees Association, and

Whereas, in his hometown of Wolcott, Corny Reed serves as a cemetery commissioner, as a justice of the peace, and he successfully chairs the municipality's Board of Civil Authority, and

Whereas, Corny Reed, who is revered among legislators, staff, and regular attendees at State House proceedings, is hanging up his green jacket for the final time, and the legislative community wishes him all the best, now therefore be it

Resolved by the Senate and House of Representatives:

That the General Assembly honors its venerable head doorkeeper, Cornelius F. Reed Jr. of Wolcott, and be it further

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