

**CONCURRENT RESOLUTION**

**ADDENDUM**

**TO THE**

**HOUSE CALENDAR**

**Text of House Concurrent  
Resolutions**

**of**

**March 30, 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. 71**

House concurrent resolution recognizing the economic significance of benefit corporations in Vermont

Offered by: Representatives Marcotte of Coventry, Durfee of Shaftsbury, and Pearl of Danville

Offered by: Senator Kitchel

Whereas, certified benefit corporations (B Corps) operate on the premise that simultaneously earning profits and furthering good causes are compatible objectives, and

Whereas, the General Assembly recognized the economic and societal value of authorizing the chartering of B Corps in Vermont and enacted 2010 Acts and Resolves No. 113, the Vermont Benefit Corporations Act, and

Whereas, in accordance with 11A V.S.A. § 21.08(a) and (b), B Corps are established for "the purpose of creating general public benefit...[and] may identify one or more specific public benefits" on which to focus, and

Whereas, among the potential public benefits enumerated in 11A V.S.A. § 21.03(a)(6) are providing services to individuals with low income, improving the environment or human health, promoting the arts or sciences, and accomplishing other identifiable benefits for society, and

Whereas, the Green Mountain State is home to many prominent B Corps, such as the Alchemist, Ben & Jerry's, Burton Snowboards, Cabot Creamery, and King Arthur Flour, numbering 42 in total, the highest per capita of any state, and

Whereas, Governor Philip Scott has designated March 2023 as B Corp Month in Vermont, and the growing presence of B Corps in the Green Mountain State is an economic asset, now therefore be it

Resolved by the Senate and House of Representatives:

That the General Assembly recognizes the economic significance of benefit corporations in Vermont, and be it further

Resolved: That the Secretary of State be directed to send a copy of this resolution to Cabot Creamery and to B Lab United States & Canada in Philadelphia, Pennsylvania.

## **H.C.R. 72**

House concurrent resolution congratulating the Boys & Girls Clubs of Vermont's 2023 Youth of the Year honorees

Offered by: Representatives Brumsted of Shelburne, Cina of Burlington, Clifford of Rutland City, Headrick of Burlington, Howard of Rutland City, Kornheiser of Brattleboro, Krowinski of Burlington, Logan of Burlington, Mulvaney-Stanak of Burlington, Notte of Rutland City, Nugent of South Burlington, Ode of Burlington, Peterson of Clarendon, Rachelson of Burlington, Shaw of Pittsford, Small of Winooski, Stebbins of Burlington, and Stone of Burlington

Whereas, since 1947, the Boys & Girls Clubs of America's Youth of the Year program has encouraged the organization's young members to reach their full potential through academic success, healthy lifestyles, and contributing to their communities, and it epitomizes the positive impact that the Boys & Girls Clubs can have on young people's lives, and

Whereas, Boys & Girls Clubs prepare their members to become responsible, successful, and patriotic adults and community leaders, and

Whereas, the Youth of the Year award winners at the local, state, regional, and national levels exemplify the hard work, determination, and hope of the Boys & Girls Clubs' movement, and

Whereas, being named a Youth of the Year award winner is the highest honor that the Boys & Girls Clubs can bestow on their members, and

Whereas, all Youth of the Year award winners have experienced and overcome personal challenges and obstacles in their lives, even as they devoted considerable time and effort to improving the lives of others, and

Whereas, the 2023 Youth of the Year honorees in Vermont and their local clubs are Rei Ranquist, Braden Howe, Dominic Johnson, and Marcus Strange (Boys & Girls Club of Brattleboro), Sarah Ali (Boys & Girls Club of Burlington), and Tyler Sills (Boys & Girls Club of Rutland), now therefore be it

Resolved by the Senate and House of Representatives:

That the General Assembly congratulates the Boys & Girls Clubs of Vermont's 2023 Youth of the Year honorees, and be it further

Resolved: That the Secretary of State be directed to send a copy of this resolution to each Boys & Girls Club member honored in this resolution.

### **H.C.R. 73**

House concurrent resolution congratulating the West Rutland High School Golden Horde girls' basketball team on winning a second consecutive Division IV championship

Offered by: Representatives Burditt of West Rutland, Andriano of Orwell, Canfield of Fair Haven, Chesnut-Tangerman of Middletown Springs, Clifford of Rutland City, Harrison of Chittenden, Howard of Rutland City, Jerome of Brandon, Maguire of Rutland City, McCoy of Poultney, Nicoll of Ludlow, Notte of Rutland City, Peterson of Clarendon, Rice of Dorset, Sammis of Castleton, and Shaw of Pittsford

Offered by: Senators Collamore, Weeks, and Williams

Whereas, until its final encounter, West Rutland's narrowest victory margin was 17 points, and a loss was an unknown phenomenon, and

Whereas, the top-seeded Golden Horde breezed through the initial playoff rounds and returned to the championship contest in Barre, where the second-seeded Blue Mountain Bucks proved an especially challenging opponent, and

Whereas, West Rutland held a narrow one-point lead at halftime, entered the fourth quarter trailing by two, but though each team sensed victory, the Golden Horde scored a hard-won 50–44 win, concluding a memorable and undefeated 23–0 season, and

Whereas, the exhausted but satisfied Golden Horde players were Mallory Hogan, Arianna Coombs, Emily Trepanier, Gabby Griffith, Samara Raiche, Peyton Guay, Isabella Coombs, Kennah Wright-Chapman, Aubrey Beaulieu, Alexis Howard, Camryn Williams, Maggie Therrien, and Hayley Raiche, and

Whereas, Head Coach Carl Serrani and Assistant Coach Matt Serrani were fantastic, now therefore be it

Resolved by the Senate and House of Representatives:

That the General Assembly congratulates the West Rutland High School Golden Horde girls' basketball team on winning a second consecutive Division IV championship, 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. 74**

House concurrent resolution congratulating former Mt. Anthony Union High School Patriots' basketball coach Dave Fredrickson on his induction into the Vermont Sports Hall of Fame

Offered by: Representatives Morrissey of Bennington, Brownell of Pownal, Carroll of Bennington, Corcoran of Bennington, Durfee of Shaftsbury, and Whitman of Bennington

Offered by: Senators Champion and Sears

Whereas, after graduating from Springfield College, Dave Fredrickson accepted a position as varsity football and boys' basketball coach at Arlington High School, where the hardwood court team had recently concluded a dismal 2–18 season, and

Whereas, although Dave Fredrickson's gridiron leadership tenure lasted only three seasons, his boys' basketball squads won four consecutive championships before the larger Mt. Anthony Union High School (MAU) lured him southward, and

Whereas, over the course of 32 seasons at MAU, Dave Fredrickson's team-centered and defense-based strategy enabled the Patriots to tally an amazing eight straight end-of-season crowns, and

Whereas, since retiring in 1999, he has maintained a close association with MAU as a school board member and a regular attendee at the school's cultural performances and athletic events, and

Whereas, as a well-deserved capstone to his illustrious coaching career, the Vermont Sports Hall of Fame will induct Dave Fredrickson into its esteemed ranks at a ceremony on April 29, 2023, now therefore be it

Resolved by the Senate and House of Representatives:

That the General Assembly congratulates former Mt. Anthony Union High School Patriots' basketball coach Dave Fredrickson on his 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 Dave Fredrickson.

## H.C.R. 75

House concurrent resolution congratulating the 2023 Mt. Anthony Union High School Patriots on winning a second consecutive Division I boys Nordic skiing championship

Offered by: Representatives Morrissey of Bennington, Brownell of Pownal, Carroll of Bennington, Corcoran of Bennington, Durfee of Shaftsbury, and Whitman of Bennington

Offered by: Senators Champion and Sears

Whereas, having sped across the snowy trails in 2022 to clinch the Division I crown, the Mt. Anthony Patriots fastened their skis desiring to repeat their prior year's victory, and

Whereas, in 2023, in both the first day's freestyle round skied at Craftsbury and in the following week's classic competition held at the Rikert Outdoor Center in Ripton, the Patriot skiers, whether veteran team members or newcomers, proved the dominant contenders in the Division I boys' competition, and

Whereas, in the individual freestyle race, the Patriots clinched first place and two other top ten slots; at the classic individual event, they secured the top three placements; and both days' relay events were Patriot victories, resulting in Mt. Anthony convincingly outscoring second-place Mt. Mansfield 58–106 for a second consecutive Division I title, and

Whereas, the swift Patriot skiers were Luke Rizio, Riley Thurber, Peter McKenna, Finnegan Payne, Silas Rella-Neill, Collin Bevin, Chase Gauthier, Henry Morrison, David Lafontaine, Holden Morrison, and Tyler DeBoer, and

Whereas, Head Coach Rob Short and Assistant Coach Mackenzie Rizio were great instructors, and

Whereas, in response to this thrilling victory, on the Patriots return from Middlebury, a fleet of fire, police and rescue vehicles escorted the team members and coaches through the downtown area, now therefore be it

Resolved by the Senate and House of Representatives:

That the General Assembly congratulates the 2023 Mt. Anthony Union High School Patriots on winning a second consecutive Division I boys Nordic skiing championship, and be it further

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

## H.C.R. 76

House concurrent resolution designating April 6, 2023 as Alzheimer's Awareness Day at the State House

Offered by: Representative Noyes of Wolcott

Offered by: Senator Brock

Whereas, Alzheimer's disease is a degenerative brain disease, and the most common form of dementia, and nationally, 6.7 million older Americans are living with Alzheimer's, and

Whereas, between now and 2025, the number of Vermonters diagnosed with Alzheimer's is expected to rise by over 30 percent to 17,000, and

Whereas, over 11 million Americans annually provide 18 billion hours of unpaid dementia care valued at \$340 billion, and unpaid dementia caregivers in Vermont face significant emotional and physical challenges, and

Whereas, in 2020, the Vermont Medicaid cost for Alzheimer's care was \$116 million, an amount projected to rise by 26.4 percent by 2025, and

Whereas, between 2000 and 2019, deaths in the United States from heart disease decreased by 7.3 percent while Alzheimer's deaths increased by 145 percent, and

Whereas, the national financial impact of Alzheimer's might reach \$1 trillion by 2050, and

Whereas, advocates for the Alzheimer's community will be visiting the State House on April 6 to inform legislators of these continuing concerns, now therefore be it

Resolved by the Senate and House of Representatives:

That the General Assembly designates April 6, 2023 as Alzheimer's Awareness 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 Alzheimer's Association's Vermont Chapter.

## H.C.R. 77

House concurrent resolution congratulating the 2023 Mt. Anthony Union High School Patriots on winning their 34th consecutive State wrestling championship

Offered by: Representatives Morrissey of Bennington, Brownell of Pownal, Carroll of Bennington, Corcoran of Bennington, Durfee of Shaftsbury, and Whitman of Bennington

Offered by: Senators Campion and Sears

Whereas, at the 2023 State wrestling championship tournament held at Vergennes, the Patriots' historic dominance of the sport was challenged, and

Whereas, unlike in other years, when multiple Patriots won their weight-class competitions, in 2023, only one Mt. Anthony team member achieved this victory, and

Whereas, this hurdle proved surmountable as the Patriots adopted a focused team strategy and battled to seven top-three weight-class placements, which cumulatively tallied to a solid 219–157.50 victory over runner-up Colchester, further extending Mt. Anthony's extraordinary consecutive championship streak to 34 years, and

Whereas, this season's great Patriot wrestlers were Aaron Johnson, Alex Perez, Schylar Francis, Carson Herzfeld, James Murphy, Ryan Marsden, Aiden Riordan, Spencer Boucher, Shawn Gassaway, Asa Reis, Tyler Monick, Logan Davis, Duncan Harrington, and Aaron Collette, and

Whereas, Head Coach Frank Gaudette, assistant coaches Paul Monick, Corey Greene, John Bushee, Scott Legacy II, Scott Frost, and Ken Volkmer, and team managers Jasmine Bushee and Emily Perry were proud of their team's amazing accomplishment, now therefore be it

Resolved by the Senate and House of Representatives:

That the General Assembly congratulates the 2023 Mt. Anthony Union High School Patriots on winning their 34th consecutive State wrestling championship, and be it further

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

### **H.C.R. 78**

House concurrent resolution commemorating the bicentennial of the establishment of Concord Academy

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



Whereas, in the 19th century, aspiring educators studied pedagogic methodology and school governance in normal schools, the forerunners of modern colleges of education, and

Whereas, on March 11, 1823, the Rev. Samuel Read Hall, a leading early American educator and ordained Congregational minister, established the nation's first normal school, originally known as the Columbian School, in Concord, Vermont, and

Whereas, in November 1823, the General Assembly enacted Chapter 62, "An act establishing an academy at Concord in the County of Essex," naming the school the Concord Academy, listing the trustees, and setting forth the institution's corporate authority, and

Whereas, in 1825, the General Assembly passed Act 72, "An act declaring the Academy in Concord to be a County Grammar-School, in the county of Essex, and for other purposes," in order that the school be able to avail itself of revenue allotted to grammar schools, and

Whereas, in 1829, the Rev. Samuel Read Hall published *Lectures on School-Keeping*, the first English-language pedagogic textbook issued in either the United States or Great Britain, and in 1832, he published *Lectures to Female Teachers*, an influential book for primary school instructors, now therefore be it

Resolved by the Senate and House of Representatives:

That the General Assembly commemorates the bicentennial of the establishment of Concord Academy, and be it further

Resolved: That the Secretary of State be directed to send a copy of this resolution to the Vermont Historical Society and the Concord Historical Society.

**H.C.R. 79**

House concurrent resolution recognizing April 5, 2023 as Start by Believing Day in Vermont

Offered by: Representatives Rachelson of Burlington, Andriano of Orwell, Arsenault of Williston, Bluemle of Burlington, Bos-Lun of Westminster, Burditt of West Rutland, Chapin of East Montpelier, Christie of Hartford, Cina of Burlington, Dolan of Essex Junction, Goslant of Northfield, Graning of Jericho, Headrick of Burlington, Hooper of Burlington, LaLonde of South Burlington, Logan of Burlington, Mulvaney-Stanak of Burlington, Oliver of Sheldon, Stebbins of Burlington, and Stone of Burlington

Whereas, the State of Vermont shares a strong concern with the victims of domestic and sexual violence for their well-being and desires to support their needs for justice and healing, and

Whereas, in 2022, the member organizations of the Vermont Network Against Domestic and Sexual Violence received a total of 19,811 hotline calls and served over 8,000 survivors of domestic and sexual violence, and

Whereas, victims of domestic and sexual violence are far more likely to disclose their sexual assault to a friend or family member, and when these loved ones respond with doubt, shame, or blame, victims suffer additional negative physical and psychological effects, and

Whereas, the Start by Believing public awareness campaign (a program of End Violence Against Women International) is designed to improve the responses of friends, family members, and community professionals so that they can help victims to access supportive resources and engage the criminal justice system, and

Whereas, in 2015, the first Start by Believing Day was established in Utah, and

Whereas, observing Start by Believing Day in Vermont will raise public awareness of the serious challenges that victims of domestic and sexual assaults encounter in accessing supportive resources and the criminal justice system, now therefore be it

Resolved by the Senate and House of Representatives:

That the General Assembly recognizes April 5, 2023 as Start by Believing Day in Vermont, and be it further

Resolved: That the Secretary of State be directed to send a copy of this resolution to the Vermont Network Against Domestic and Sexual Violence.

### **H.C.R. 80**

House concurrent resolution congratulating Cersosimo Industries Inc. on its 75th anniversary

Offered by: Representatives Burke of Brattleboro, Bos-Lun of Westminster, Boyden of Cambridge, Coffey of Guilford, Kornheiser of Brattleboro, Lipsky of Stowe, Long of Newfane, Mrowicki of Putney, Sibia of Dover, Sims of Craftsbury, Stebbins of Burlington, Surprenant of Barnard, and Toleno of Brattleboro

Whereas, the multifaceted Cersosimo Industries is a three-generation family enterprise that the late Anthony F. Cersosimo established in 1947 as Cersosimo Lumber Company Inc. (the Company), and

Whereas, this forest-products company started with a portable sawmill in Jamaica, and, today, is one of New England's largest producers of northeastern hardwood and eastern white pine lumber, and

Whereas, in 2023, the Company operates with extensive production resources, featuring five sawmills, grading and milling facilities, a large kiln capacity, log concentration yards, logistics services, and a supportive team of foresters, and

Whereas, the founder's son, Dominic A. Cersosimo, serves as chair of the board, and his grandson, Michael A. Cersosimo, is president, and

Whereas, at the January 2023 meeting of the Vermont Forest Products Association, the Company was honored with the Sawmill of the Year Award, and it was nominated for Northeastern Loggers Association Outstanding Sawmill Operator, and

Whereas, in addition to lumber, the Cersosimo Industries' outstanding corporate operations encompass Cersosimo Construction & Aggregate, providing quality gravel and quarry produces; SVE Associates, offering professional engineering consulting services; Cersosimo Real Estate, engaging in commercial and residential realty transactions in Vermont, Maine, Massachusetts, and New Hampshire; and the Vermont Mulch Company, a premium bark mulch wholesaler, now therefore be it

Resolved by the Senate and House of Representatives:

That the General Assembly congratulates Cersosimo Industries Inc. on its 75th anniversary, and be it further

Resolved: That the Secretary of State be directed to send a copy of this resolution to Michael A. Cersosimo.

### **H.C.R. 81**

House concurrent resolution designating April 4, 2023 as Youth and Young Adult Mental Health Day in Vermont

Offered by: Representatives Cina of Burlington, Berbeco of Winooski, Black of Essex, Carpenter of Hyde Park, Cordes of Lincoln, Demar of Enosburgh, Farlice-Rubio of Barnet, Goldman of Rockingham, Houghton of Essex Junction, McFaun of Barre Town, and Peterson of Clarendon

Whereas, Dr. Carl Fleisher of the Boston Child Study Center in Los Angeles has explained that “the prefrontal cortex—the brain’s executive control center—doesn’t fully develop until one’s mid-20s,” and

Whereas, this biological reality, combined with societal pressures and the COVID-19 pandemic, has impacted the mental health of today’s teenagers, and

Whereas, the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention reports that more than one-third of American teens experienced poor mental health during the COVID-19 pandemic, and

Whereas, according to the National Alliance on Mental Illness, each year nine percent of high school students attempt suicide, and

Whereas, Sarah K. Lipson, an assistant professor at the Boston University School of Public Health, conducted a study of 350,000 college students and documented that, between 2013 and 2021, the rates for anxiety and depression had increased 110 and 135 percent respectively, and

Whereas, the American Psychological Association concurs with these findings, reporting that “student mental health [on college campuses] is in crisis,” and

Whereas, today’s Vermont teens will be our State’s future employees, employers, educators, medical practitioners, first responders, farmers, and the leaders of our State, and teen mental health issues, if not addressed comprehensively, will decrease Vermont’s future economic vitality, now therefore be it

Resolved by the Senate and House of Representatives:

That the General Assembly designates April 4, 2023 as Youth and Young Adult Mental Health Day in Vermont.