

**CONCURRENT RESOLUTION**

**ADDENDUM**

**TO THE**

**HOUSE CALENDAR**

**Text of House Concurrent  
Resolutions**

**of**

**May 4, 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. 108**

House concurrent resolution congratulating the Milton Theater Company of Milton High School on an award-winning 2022–2023 season

Offered by: Representatives Taylor of Milton, Morgan of Milton, Mattos of Milton, Andrews of Westford, and Leavitt of Grand Isle

Offered by: Senator Wrenner

Whereas, the outstanding performance history of the Milton Theater Company includes 15 State One Act Festival championships, seven of which were achieved under the direction of superb faculty advisor Paul Curtiss, and

Whereas, in 2023, Milton was one of nine theater companies that performed at the State One Act Festival on April 7 and 8, and the judges assessed its superb rendition of *Circus Fire* by Janet Munsil as a co-championship production, which earned the company a berth at the 2023 New England Drama Festival held at Camden Hills Regional High School in Rockport, Maine, at which the Milton students received much applause and returned home with multiple commendations of excellence for various aspects of their presentation, and

Whereas, the students who excelled in front of the footlights were Sean Boyle, Pandora Detwiler, Perrin Dulmer, Tess Follensbee, Brianne Gallas, Jasmine Green, Ava Hartley, Noah Hecker, Otis Hecker, Chelsea Hemingway, Morgan Jones, David LaPlant, Gabby Lavee, Cameron Laychak, Dilynn Martin, Ava Merchant, Dominic Miller, Sylvia Moore, Clay Moran, Lilly Noreault, Kayne Perales, Liam Ryan, Sofie Sayme, Megan Solleder, Lauren Taylor, and Leslie Thibault, and the company shined with the assistance of supporting advisors Mike Campbell, Kristy Corrow, Amanda DeCarlo, Adam Young, and Melinda Young, now therefore be it

Resolved by the Senate and House of Representatives:

That the General Assembly congratulates the Milton Theater Company of Milton High School on an award-winning 2022–2023 season, and be it further

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

### **H.C.R. 109**

House concurrent resolution congratulating the Vermont-associated 2023 International Ski and Snowboard Federation World Championship medalists

Offered by: Representatives Lipsky of Stowe, Branagan of Georgia, Cole of Hartford, Dolan of Waitsfield, LaBounty of Lyndon, Rice of Dorset, Sibia of Dover, Torre of Moretown, and Williams of Granby

Whereas, the Vermont climate and terrain have enabled the Green Mountain State to play an incubating role in the history of North American skiing, and

Whereas, the 2023 International Ski and Snowboard Federation (FIS) World Championships held at Méribel, France (Alpine), Planica, Slovenia (Nordic), and Bakuriani, Georgia (snowboarding) proved a fantastic medal-winning opportunity for competitors who either were educated in Vermont or reside in the State, and

Whereas, Laurence St-Germain, (University of Vermont [UVM]) won the gold medal at the 2023 FIS World Championships, Canada's first slalom gold since 1960, and

Whereas, Mikaela Shiffrin (Burke Mountain Academy) increased her FIS World Championship medal tally to 14, a modern-era record, by earning her first gold medal in the FIS World Championship giant slalom and a silver medal in both the super-G and the slalom competitions, and

Whereas, two members of the gold-medal-winning U.S. Alpine mixed team parallel were Nina O'Brien (Burke Mountain Academy) and Paula Moltzan (UVM), and

Whereas, AJ Ginnis (Green Mountain Valley School) won a silver medal in the slalom, Greece's first-ever winter sports medal, and

Whereas, on the cross-country trails, Jessie Diggins won the gold medal in the women's 10K skate, the first individual World Championship gold medal for the U.S. team, and she and Julia Kern (both members of the SMS T2 Team, the elite program housed at the Stratton Mountain School) won the bronze medal for their joint effort in the freestyle team sprint, and

Whereas, at the FIS Snowboarding World Championships, Lindsey Jacobellis (Stratton Mountain School) secured a bronze medal in the women's snowboard cross event, now therefore be it

Resolved by the Senate and House of Representatives:

That the General Assembly congratulates the Vermont-associated 2023 International Ski and Snowboard Federation World Championship medalists, and be it further

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

### **H.C.R. 110**

House concurrent resolution congratulating the Bennington Rescue Squad on its 60th anniversary

Offered by: Representatives Morrissey of Bennington, Carroll of Bennington, Corcoran of Bennington, and Whitman of Bennington

Offered by: Senators Campion and Sears

Whereas, in 1963, the Vermont State Police, the Hoosick Falls Rescue Squad, and local funeral directors and service clubs coalesced to establish the volunteer Bennington Rescue Squad (the Squad), and its founding fathers were William Baker, Andre Betit, Edward Gardner, John Kennedy, John Marechal, William Mattison Jr., and Alfred Pinsonneault, and

Whereas, the Squad was initially headquartered at the Tri-Mont Texaco Station in Bennington, and the proprietor, Andre Betit, handled daytime dispatching, with the Bennington Police Department assuming this role at night, and

Whereas, a garage on Safford Street served as the Squad's second home, and, in the late 1970s, McKinley Street became its permanent site in a building since extensively expanded and updated, and

Whereas, the establishment of the Squad greatly improved area access to emergency medical services, which are often lifesaving, at home, at work, or on a highway and dramatically increased the recovery rate from a sudden illness or injury, and

Whereas, the Squad hired its first full-time employee in 1999, and in 2002, the same year a paramedic-level response service was introduced, hired its first executive director, and today it is proud of its broadly based staff of highly trained medical professionals who serve the greater Bennington community with great skill, pride, and distinction, and

Whereas, in 2023, the Bennington Rescue Squad is a superb, full-time professional emergency medical service with a comprehensive vehicle fleet that includes a snowmobile and a Mass Casualty Trailer, and it offers out-of-hospital care, preventative medicine, follow-up care, and access to

telemedicine, primarily in the towns of Bennington, Woodford, and Shaftsbury, and

Whereas, this stellar rescue organization is celebrating its 60th anniversary with commemorative events during National EMS Week, which is May 21–27, 2023, now therefore be it

Resolved by the Senate and House of Representatives:

That the General Assembly congratulates the Bennington Rescue Squad on its 60th anniversary, and be it further

Resolved: That the Secretary of State be directed to send a copy of this resolution to the Bennington Rescue Squad.

### **H.C.R. 111**

House concurrent resolution congratulating the Bennington Rural Fire Department on its 70th anniversary

Offered by: Representatives Morrissey of Bennington, Carroll of Bennington, Corcoran of Bennington, and Whitman of Bennington

Offered by: Senators Campion and Sears

Whereas, in 1953, in recognition of the inadequate fire protection available in rural Bennington, the Bennington Pomona Grange spearheaded the establishment of the Bennington Rural Fire District, and T. Howard Mattison served as the first chief, and

Whereas, by the conclusion of its first year of operation, 35 volunteer firefighters were able to respond to all requests for fire extinguishment, and

Whereas, after three years of reliance on the fundraising efforts of a supportive auxiliary organization, the leadership of the Bennington Rural Fire District reorganized as Bennington Fire District No. 1, serving all of rural Bennington and contracting with the Town of Woodford, and today, it is also known as the Bennington Rural Fire Department (the Department), and

Whereas, in 1959, the firefighters constructed the Department's first firehouse on Willow Road, which was expanded in 1976 and again in 1992, and the Department constructed additional firehouses, one in 1966 on Beech Street, and the second in 1969 at Fairdale Farms, a building that was replaced in 1985, and

Whereas, on two occasions, members of the Bennington Rural Fire Department served as President of the Vermont State Firefighters' Association—in 1985, Chief Edward A. Haddad Jr., and in 2000, First

Assistant Chief Kevin J. Goodhue—and also in 2000, the Association honored Chief Walt Sweet as its Chief of the Year, and

Whereas, in 2023, the Department comprises five companies, each with its own officers, and Chief Kenneth Goings, First Assistant Chief Steve Waters, and Second Assistant Chief Dustin Predel serve as this outstanding and reliable volunteer Department’s voter-elected officers, now therefore be it

Resolved by the Senate and House of Representatives:

That the General Assembly congratulates the Bennington Rural Fire Department on its 70th anniversary, and be it further

Resolved: That the Secretary of State be directed to send a copy of this resolution to the Bennington Rural Fire Department.

### **H.C.R. 112**

House concurrent resolution in memory of former Brookfield Fire Captain and Vermont Cartoonist Laureate Edward Benjamin Koren

Offered by: Representatives Hooper of Randolph and Satcowitz of Randolph

Offered by: Senator MacDonald

Whereas, former Brookfield Volunteer Fire Department Captain Ed Koren was dedicated to serving his Orange County community, which he had called home since 1982, as a volunteer ready to respond to the sounding of the alarm, and

Whereas, his civic service was locally appreciated, but Ed Koren’s extraordinary creativity as a cartoonist was world-renowned, and

Whereas, the distinguished artistic and literary career of Ed Koren proceeded from his undergraduate alma mater, Columbia University, where he edited the humor magazine, *The Jester*; to studies in engraving, etching, and printmaking at the prestigious Atelier 17 in Paris; to a master of fine arts from Pratt Institute, credentials that led to an associate art professorship at Brown University, and

Whereas, although a respected academic, Ed Koren was truly a man of action, as his firefighting service exemplifies, and for over 60 years, his unique characters, sporting frilly hair, elongated noses, and, on occasion, offering political satire mixed with gentle humor, graced the pages and covers of the *New Yorker* magazine and numerous other periodicals; appeared as illustrations in his children’s books, the books of other authors, and in compendiums of his sketches; and they are held in the collections of galleries and museums, and

Whereas, he incorporated Vermont references into his cartoons and generously donated his work to charitable fundraisers, and

Whereas, his many accolades included the Vermont Arts Council's Governor's Award for Excellence in the Arts and his designation as the second Vermont Cartoonist Laureate, and

Whereas, truly devoted to his craft, Ed Koren's final *New Yorker* cartoon was published posthumously, three days after his death on April 14, 2023, at 87 years of age, and his survivors include his wife, Catherine; his children; and his grandchildren, now therefore be it

Resolved by the Senate and House of Representatives:

That the General Assembly extends its condolences to the family of Edward Benjamin Koren, and be it further

Resolved: That the Secretary of State be directed to send a copy of this resolution to the family of Ed Koren, the Brookfield Volunteer Fire Department, and the *New Yorker* magazine.

### **H.C.R. 113**

House concurrent resolution congratulating 2023 Peacemaker Award winners Liz Brown and Mia Fowler

Offered by: Representative Coffey of Guilford

Whereas, shortly after the Columbine High School shooting rampage in 1999, a local clergyperson suggested to the Traprock Center for Peace & Justice in Greenfield, Massachusetts, and the Interfaith Council of Franklin County, Massachusetts, that they should jointly honor local students "who are finding ways to work for peace, and social and environmental justice," and this resulted in the Peacemaker Award, and

Whereas, in June 2022, a group of high school students who attend the Pioneer Valley Regional School in Northfield, Massachusetts, formed Active Community Trainers (ACT) to encourage student-bystander training, and

Whereas, during the summer of 2022, these students participated in a training program with the national organization Right to Be, in which they studied the 5Ds of bystander intervention: distract, delegate, document, delay, and direct, and

Whereas, during the current school year, the ACT students collaborated with Pioneer Valley faculty in the development of a bystander training curriculum that the students presented to seventh graders, and

Whereas, the ACT students did an incredible job teaching the course, demonstrating empathy, humor, and knowledge, and they served as great mentors to the younger students, and

Whereas, in recognition of their effective effort, the ACT students, including Vernon residents Liz Brown and Mia Fowler, are 2023 Peacemaker Award winners, now therefore be it

Resolved by the Senate and House of Representatives:

That the General Assembly congratulates 2023 Peacemaker Award winners Liz Brown and Mia Fowler, and be it further

Resolved: That the Secretary of State be directed to send a copy of this resolution to Liz Brown and Mia Fowler.

#### **H.C.R. 114**

House concurrent resolution honoring Karen Horn of Moretown for her exemplary leadership representing and strengthening local government in Vermont

Offered by: All Members of the House

Whereas, Karen Horn's academic and professional journey, which led to her role as an informed municipal policy advocate at the Vermont State House, began when she earned her bachelor's and master's degrees in political science from McGill University and the University of Vermont, respectively, and

Whereas, earlier in her career, Karen Horn served as Director of the Executive Office of Housing and Economic Development in Massachusetts, and she was subsequently an economic and community development specialist in the Vermont Department of Housing and Community Affairs, and

Whereas, since joining the staff of the Vermont League of Cities and Towns (VLCT) in 1987, where she has served as Director of Public Policy and Advocacy, Karen Horn has advised U.S. Senators and Representatives, Governors, members of the General Assembly, and elected and appointed local officials on all aspects of municipal government, and

Whereas, Karen Horn's unique ability to track, prognosticate about, and guide legislation in every corner of the State House made the VLCT Weekly Legislative Report and every annual Legislative Preview and Wrap-Up must-read resources, and

Whereas, anyone who has worked with Karen Horn or heard her speak in a legislative forum knows that she approaches her advocacy work with dignity, honesty, and respect, and



Whereas, her tireless efforts on behalf of municipalities have resulted in the General Assembly's increasing transportation funding for local governments, expanding local option tax authority, amending dozens of municipal charters, and ensuring a municipal voice in all pertinent State House deliberations, and

Whereas, to satisfy her insatiable interest in local government, Karen Horn has served on Moretown's energy committee and planning commission, as well as its school board, and she is concluding her illustrious VLCT career, now therefore be it

Resolved by the Senate and House of Representatives:

That the General Assembly honors Karen Horn of Moretown for her exemplary leadership representing and strengthening local government in Vermont and extends best wishes for the future, and be it further

Resolved: That the Secretary of State be directed to send a copy of this resolution to Karen Horn and to the Vermont League of Cities and Towns.