

CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

ADDENDUM

TO THE

HOUSE CALENDAR

**Text of House Concurrent
Resolutions**

of

April 18, 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. 219

House concurrent resolution recognizing May 2024 as National Foster Care Month in Vermont

Offered by: Representatives Donahue of Northfield, Goslant of Northfield, Brumsted of Shelburne, Garofano of Essex, Gregoire of Fairfield, Hyman of South Burlington, McGill of Bridport, Noyes of Wolcott, Pajala of Londonderry, Small of Winooski, Whitman of Bennington, and Wood of Waterbury

Whereas, all children deserve a safe, loving, and nurturing home, and

Whereas, families serve as the primary support structure for personal identity and community connections, and

Whereas, foster care nurtures family relationships, foster care providers help children and youth develop, and this service is of great societal importance, and

Whereas, more than 390,000 children and young people throughout the nation are living with a foster care family, and

Whereas, many foster care families create permanency for children and youth through adoption when they cannot safely return to live with their birth families, and

Whereas, foster care providers, in collaboration with public and private community partners, support the crucial and sometimes challenging transition process to independence for youth and young adults, and

Whereas, May is National Foster Care Month, and, in 2024, the celebration's theme is "Engaging Youth. Building Supports. Strengthening Opportunities," which stresses the critical need for supporting a successful transition from foster care to personal independence, now therefore be it

Resolved by the Senate and House of Representatives:

That the General Assembly recognizes May 2024 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 Vermont Foster/Adoptive Family Alliance, Vermont Kin as Parents, the Green Mountain United Way, and the Commissioner for Children and Families.

H.C.R. 220

House concurrent resolution congratulating the 2023 North Country Union High School Falcons Division II championship football team

Offered by: Representatives Page of Newport City, Smith of Derby, Higley of Lowell, Labor of Morgan, Marcotte of Coventry, and Templeman of Brownington

Offered by: Senators Ingalls and Starr

Whereas, on a glorious Veterans Day in Rutland, the second-seeded North Country Falcons and the fourth-ranked Colchester Lakers met to determine ownership of the 2023 Division II football crown, and

Whereas, both teams' equally polished defensive prowess was on display during the scoreless first period, and, slightly more than four minutes into the second quarter, the Falcons scored the first touchdown, and

Whereas, although the Lakers opened the third period scoring and creating an early second half 7–6 lead, by early in the fourth quarter, the excited crowd was viewing the tied-at-14–all squads battling for gridiron supremacy, and

Whereas, with merely two minutes remaining, the Falcons ended the suspense with a touchdown and extra point to seal North Country's 21–14 victory and the school's first divisional football championship in 26 years, and

Whereas, the celebrating Falcons were Justin Young, Dakoda Clark, Cooper Wheeler, Wyatt Descheneau, Tate Parker, Spencer Marquette, Watson Laffoon, Jason Pelletier, Aspen Perrault-Guyette, Hayden Boivin, Koyle Dennis, Ryder Descheneau, Spencer Wheeler, Will Hathaway, Evan Sherlaw, Jacob Gregoire, Chris Haefs, Evan Ballinger, Gabe Gardner, Derek Guillette, Sam Sherlaw, Luke Nielsen, Colton Lacasse, Devon Birch, Jacob Ashman, Adrien Lantagne, Nolan Myers, Dylan Martin, Gage Beaumont, Andrew Fletcher, Jake Baker, Kace Laffoon, and Mark Guebara, and

Whereas, Head Coach Lonnie Wade; assistant coaches John Guebara, Ethan Hill, Adam Thurston, David Orszagh, and Tello Young; and team managers Emily Willis and Zeke Guebara were each thrilled, now therefore be it

Resolved by the Senate and House of Representatives:

That the General Assembly congratulates the 2023 North Country Union High School Falcons Division II championship football team, and be it further

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

H.C.R. 221

House concurrent resolution congratulating North Country Union High School Principal Christopher Young on being named the National Association of Secondary School Principals 2024 Advocacy Champion of the Year

Offered by: Representatives Smith of Derby, Page of Newport City, Higley of Lowell, Labor of Morgan, Marcotte of Coventry, and Templeman of Brownington

Offered by: Senators Ingalls and Starr

Whereas, Chris Young is one of our State's most respected public school principals as his colleagues in the Vermont Principals' Association recognized in honoring him as the 2023 Vermont Principal of the Year, and

Whereas, after graduating from Boston College, Chris Young's early professional roles were as a teacher, coach, and assistant principal in Massachusetts, and he eventually decided to return home to northern Vermont, where, prior to assuming the principalship at North Country Union High School (NCUHS), he held principalships at both the Craftsbury Academy and the Troy School, and

Whereas, Chris Young is also a presence on the national public education scene through his position as the Vermont coordinator for the National Association of Secondary School Principals, and

Whereas, in this role, he has brought a special Vermont perspective to public policy deliberations, and

Whereas, because the National Association of Secondary School Principals is so impressed with Chris Young's effectiveness in promoting the importance of high-quality public education "in federal, state, and local policy discussions," the organization has selected him as its 2024 Advocacy Champion of the Year, now therefore be it

Resolved by the Senate and House of Representatives:

That the General Assembly congratulates North Country Union High School Principal Christopher Young on being named the National Association of Secondary School Principals 2024 Advocacy Champion of the Year, and be it further

Resolved: That the Secretary of State be directed to send a copy of this resolution to Chris Young and to NCUHS.

H.C.R. 222

House concurrent resolution in memory of former Representative Timothy Yeatman Hayward

Offered by: Representatives McCoy of Poultney, Bartley of Fairfax, Beck of St. Johnsbury, Branagan of Georgia, Brennan of Colchester, Burditt of West Rutland, Canfield of Fair Haven, Clifford of Rutland City, Demar of Enosburgh, Dickinson of St. Albans Town, Donahue of Northfield, Galfetti of Barre Town, Goslant of Northfield, Graham of Williamstown, Hango of Berkshire, Harrison of Chittenden, Higley of Lowell, Labor of Morgan, Laroche of Franklin, Maguire of Rutland City, Marcotte of Coventry, Mattos of Milton, McFaun of Barre Town, Morgan of Milton, Morrissey of Bennington, Oliver of Sheldon, Page of Newport City, Parsons of Newbury, Peterson of Clarendon, Quimby of Lyndon, Shaw of Pittsford, Smith of Derby, Taylor of Milton, Toof of St. Albans Town, Walker of Swanton, and Williams of Granby

Offered by: Senators Brock, Collamore, Ingalls, Norris, Weeks, Westman, and Williams

Whereas, Tim Hayward graduated from Milton Academy, Middlebury College, and the U.S. Marine Corps Officer Candidates School, concluding his military service with the rank of captain, and the skills and discipline Tim Hayward learned as a U.S. Marine were foundational in his life's pursuits, and

Whereas, early in his civilian career, Tim Hayward was employed as a senior analyst-programmer at the National Life Group and subsequently led the Vermont Bankers Association, and

Whereas, his political and public service résumé included membership on the Middletown Republican Town Committee and the party's Washington County and State committees, and

Whereas, Tim Hayward represented his Middlesex neighbors for a term in the House of Representatives; and, for 17 years, he served on the Middlesex School Board; and, statewide, he managed former Congressman and U.S. Senator Jim Jeffords's first congressional campaign and served in senior roles throughout Governor Dick Snelling's first four terms, and

Whereas, in the fall of 2002, Governor Jim Douglas appointed Tim Hayward to lead the new administration's transition team, and he served with distinction as chief of staff for the entire Douglas administration; and, in 2016,

Governor-Elect Phil Scott selected Tim Hayward to lead the transition team, and

Whereas, an avid outdoor recreation enthusiast, Tim Hayward was an Adirondack 46er and twice, years later, joined his sons as they separately completed this goal; he ran every road in Middlesex, climbed Hunger Mountain hundreds of times, and ran in the Vermont 100 on 100 Relay Race, and

Whereas, Tim Hayward died on March 17, 2024 at 82 years of age, leaving his wife of 55 years, Susan Cady, and their children and grandchildren, now therefore be it

Resolved by the Senate and House of Representatives:

That the General Assembly extends its condolences to the family of Timothy Yeatman Hayward, and be it further

Resolved: That the Secretary of State be directed to send a copy of this resolution to the family of Tim Hayward.

H.C.R. 223

House concurrent resolution honoring the academic and administrative leadership of former Kingdom East School District Superintendent Jennifer Botzjorns

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

Offered by: Senators Ingalls and Starr

Whereas, the education career of Jennifer Botzjorns has reflected both her deep commitment to educating the students under her charge and the abundant energy and enthusiasm she brings to this task, and

Whereas, Jennifer Botzjorns started on her professional path as a classroom teacher and progressed to the roles of school principal, curriculum director, and assistant superintendent, and

Whereas, based on this broad foundation and her outstanding reputation, the former Caledonia North Supervisory Union Board selected Jennifer Botzjorns to guide this education administrative jurisdiction through its transformation into the larger Kingdom East School District, which was formed upon the enactment of Act 46 and includes the towns of Burke, Concord, Lunenburg, Lyndon, Newark, Sheffield, and Sutton, and

Whereas, Jennifer Botzjorns proved an ideal choice for this challenging assignment as she oversaw the successful integration of these communities into the new district, improved the education processes that already existed, and tackled the unexpected and daunting additional responsibilities resulting from the arrival of COVID-19, and

Whereas, Jennifer Botzjorns, who served on the Board of Trustees of the Vermont Superintendents Association, epitomizes the highest attributes of a public education administrator, and, in 2023, she was deservedly honored as the Frederick H. Tuttle Vermont Superintendent of the Year, and

Whereas, although Jennifer Botzjorns concluded her service as Kingdom East School District Superintendent in June 2023, she looks forward to continued involvement in the field of public education, now therefore be it

Resolved by the Senate and House of Representatives:

That the General Assembly honors the academic and administrative leadership of former Kingdom East School District Superintendent Jennifer Botzjorns, and be it further

Resolved: That the Secretary of State be directed to send a copy of this resolution to Jennifer Botzjorns and the Kingdom East School District.

H.C.R. 224

House concurrent resolution congratulating the 2023 Hartford High School Hurricanes Division II championship field hockey team

Offered by: Representatives Christie of Hartford and Cole of Hartford

Offered by: Senators Clarkson, McCormack, and White

Whereas, the Hartford Hurricanes played magnificently through the fall, and they had posted a 14–2 record as they entered the State championship game against the 13–2-overall Woodstock Wasps at the University of Vermont, and

Whereas, with just a minute remaining before the halftime break, a Hurricane executed a one-time shot, resulting in the crucial first goal, and, at 6:30 into the second half, in the midst of a scramble in front of the Wasps' goal, another Hartford player knocked in a rebound increasing the Hurricanes' lead to 2–0, and

Whereas, the Hurricanes' highly effective defensive tactics prevented the Wasps from scoring even a single goal, enabling Hartford to claim its 12th field hockey crown, and

Whereas, Hurricanes Paige Vielleux, Olivia Seaver, Madison Barwood, Charlotte Jasmin, Kennedy Rhodes, Aubree Vail, Leah Arsenault, Kamryn Brower, Paige Trombly, Grace Brothers, Devyn Potter, Maddi Willey, Hailey Vanasse, Gabby Gardner, Mackenzie Bennett, Miranda Rogers, and Flynn Moreno each played their best, and

Whereas, Head Coach Heather Scudder, Assistant Coach Gail Patch, and Goalie Coach Rachel Loseby expertly guided the Hurricanes to this wonderful victory, now therefore be it

Resolved by the Senate and House of Representatives:

That the General Assembly congratulates the 2023 Hartford High School Hurricanes Division II championship field hockey team, and be it further

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

H.C.R. 225

House concurrent resolution congratulating the 2023 Hartford High School Hurricanes Division II championship boys' golf team

Offered by: Representatives Christie of Hartford and Cole of Hartford

Offered by: Senators Clarkson, McCormack, and White

Whereas, this past fall, Vermont's best high school golfers gathered at the soggy golf course at the Basin Harbor Club in Vergennes for the exciting 2023 State championship tournament, and

Whereas, among the boys' teams in Division II, the Hartford Hurricanes had already achieved notoriety in 2023 having previously won the Southern Vermont League championship, the Division II sectionals, and the Battenkill Cup, and

Whereas, Hartford achieved these milestones despite being forced to practice at alternative courses in Woodstock and Windsor after the July 2023 flood temporarily closed Quechee's Highland Course, their usual home base, and

Whereas, although disappointed that the flood derailed their planned hosting of the 2023 State championship, the Hurricanes set high goals, including winning the Division II title, and they resoundingly met this goal, finishing 16 shots ahead of the second-place People's Academy Team, and

Whereas, Hurricanes Jaden Poirier, Zach Johnson, Sean Dunton, Matthew Tsouknakis, Rowan Irvine, Thomas Thorburn, and Teelin Nowlan were skilled at their long shots and putting through the 2023 season, and

Whereas, Head Coach Erin Stevens and assistant coaches Jay Zanleoni and Justin Barwood gave the team great encouragement, now therefore be it

Resolved by the Senate and House of Representatives:

That the General Assembly congratulates the 2023 Hartford High School Hurricanes Division II championship boys' golf team, and be it further

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

H.C.R. 226

House concurrent resolution congratulating the 2024 Hartford High School Hurricanes Division II championship boys' indoor track and field team

Offered by: Representatives Christie of Hartford and Cole of Hartford

Offered by: Senators Clarkson, McCormack, and White

Whereas, at the 2024 State track and field championships, held at the University of Vermont's athletic facilities, Hartford was clearly the powerhouse boys' team in Division II, and

Whereas, top Hurricane individual placements were as follows: in the 300-meter race: first (37.66) and second; and in the 600-meter race: first (1:28.08), and

Whereas, the Hartford relay teams sped through the four segments to capture the best time in the 4x200-meter relay (1:39.53) and in the 4x400 (3:46.95), and

Whereas, a Hurricane topped the high jump competition with a height of five feet, 10.75 inches, and a Hartford competitor also won the weight throw, achieving a distance of 49 feet, 6.5 inches, and

Whereas, at the conclusion of the competition, Hartford emerged victorious with a convincing 126–83 win over second-place Thetford Academy, and

Whereas, the athletically fit Hurricanes were Payton Bessette, Matthew Cooney, Jordan Davis, Jack Fournier-Stephens, Gabe Guillette, Joey Knapp, Maxwell Portnoy, Deshon Sinclair, Alex Smith, Conner Beland, Brandon Driver, Solomon Flores, Hayden Hewitt, Alec Husmann, Ayodele Lowe, Liam Mangieri, Bennett Moreno, Samuel Morris, Nolan Pichtel, Coda Scott,

Matthew Tsouknakis, Hugh Wendling, Logan White, Gavin Irish, Jason Kelly, Elliot Brooks, Elijah Ofstad, Lucas Sanderson, and Xavier Theriault, and

Whereas, Head Coach Mike Perry and assistant coaches Illy Sirois and Dennis Barr were delighted with the team's impressive victory, now therefore be it

Resolved by the Senate and House of Representatives:

That the General Assembly congratulates the 2024 Hartford High School Hurricanes Division II championship boys' indoor track and field team, and be it further

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

H.C.R. 227

House concurrent resolution congratulating the 2024 West Rutland High School Golden Horde girls' basketball team on winning the school's third consecutive Division IV championship

Offered by: Representatives Burditt of West Rutland, Peterson of Clarendon, 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, and Shaw of Pittsford

Offered by: Senators Collamore, Weeks, and Williams

Whereas, the Golden Horde were already known for their command of the offensive and defensive subtleties that comprise the game of basketball, and, during the recently completed 2023–2024 season, this extraordinary team of young athletes reconfirmed this fact, and

Whereas, despite West Rutland's earning the second seed for playoff competition, the Golden Horde's demanding schedule of upper division opponents prepared them well for the Division IV finale against the Long Trail Mountain Lions at Barre Auditorium, and

Whereas, the Mountain Lions' opening 7–3 scoring advantage proved a fallacy as the Golden Horde quickly pulled ahead 11–9 and remained on top thereafter, ending the game with a resounding 49–38 victory, and

Whereas, this great West Rutland team consisted of Emily Trepanier, Gabby Griffith, Samara Raiche, Peyton Guay, Isabella Coombs, Kennah Wright-Chapman, Aubrey Beaulieu, Alexis Howard, Camryn Williams, Maggie

Therrien, Hayley Raiche, Myra Rocke, Karen Firpo, Isabella Griffith, and Bradee Traverse, and

Whereas, Head Coach Carl Serrani and Assistant Coach Matt Serrani were proud of the team's great achievement, now therefore be it

Resolved by the Senate and House of Representatives:

That the General Assembly congratulates the 2024 West Rutland High School Golden Horde girls' basketball team on winning the school's third 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. 228

House concurrent resolution honoring the dedication and leadership of Martha Canfield Memorial Free Library Director Phyllis Skidmore

Offered by: Representatives James of Manchester and Bongartz of Manchester

Whereas, public libraries serve as a center of learning, literary enjoyment, diverse life-enhancing guidance and information, and as a hub for community engagement, and

Whereas, in 1980, the Martha Canfield Memorial Free Library wisely hired Phyllis Skidmore as its librarian, and

Whereas, Phyllis Skidmore has now served the citizens of Arlington, Sandgate, and Sunderland for 44 years, and

Whereas, she has guided generations of children as they became lifelong readers, and

Whereas, Phyllis Skidmore has welcomed generations of adult readers as members and volunteers in support of the library and inspired thousands of patrons to expand their knowledge and experience through the programs and services the library offers, and

Whereas, she effectively guided the library into the digital age, and

Whereas, Phyllis Skidmore was instrumental in the planning, site selection, and design of the new library that opened in 1996, and

Whereas, she creatively and successfully guided the library through the challenges it faced during the COVID-19 pandemic in order to provide continuous service to the patrons, and

Whereas, on May 19, 2024, as Phyllis Skidmore concludes her exemplary Martha Canfield Memorial Free Library career, the communities she serves are honoring her at a fond farewell celebration, now therefore be it

Resolved by the Senate and House of Representatives:

That the General Assembly honors the dedication and leadership of Martha Canfield Memorial Free Library Director Phyllis Skidmore, and be it further

Resolved: That the Secretary of State be directed to send a copy of this resolution to Phyllis Skidmore and to the Martha Canfield Memorial Free Library.

H.C.R. 229

House concurrent resolution honoring the music therapists of Vermont

Offered by: Representatives Dolan of Waitsfield, Arsenault of Williston, Austin of Colchester, Bluemle of Burlington, Carroll of Bennington, Chapin of East Montpelier, Chesnut-Tangerman of Middletown Springs, Cina of Burlington, Coffey of Guilford, Cordes of Lincoln, Dickinson of St. Albans Town, Dodge of Essex, Dolan of Essex Junction, Farlice-Rubio of Barnet, Graning of Jericho, Hango of Berkshire, Hyman of South Burlington, Labor of Morgan, Mihaly of Calais, Mrowicki of Putney, Ode of Burlington, Roberts of Halifax, Stone of Burlington, Toleno of Brattleboro, Torre of Moretown, and White of Bethell

Whereas, specially trained music therapists employ clinical, evidence-based music interventions, active music-making, composition, listening, and improvisation to support outcomes that include reduction of pain and anxiety; stress and symptom management; and improved communication, social, and developmental skills, and

Whereas, music cuts through the darkness and, similar to “a prism, brings joy into a room in ways that are unexpected and undeniable,” and

Whereas, watching people access the colorful essence of their humanity through music is rewarding for music therapists, and

Whereas, the presence of music therapy is growing in Vermont because there is a high demand for these services that support so many, including our most vulnerable populations, and

Whereas, the World Federation of Music Therapy has designated the week of April 10–15 as an annual occasion to increase public awareness of the ways in which music therapy can accomplish individualized goals and enrich a person’s life, and

Whereas, on Friday, April 12, 2024, Vermont music therapists Lynn Noble, Maggie Connors, Jen DeBedout, Shanna Meyer, and Wrenn Compere were honored to present a musical therapy devotional in the House of Representatives, now therefore be it

Resolved by the Senate and House of Representatives:

That the General Assembly honors the music therapists of Vermont, and be it further

Resolved: That the Secretary of State be directed to send a copy of this resolution to each music therapist honored in this resolution and to the Music Therapy Association of Vermont.

H.C.R. 230

House concurrent resolution in memory of Weathersfield Fire Chief Darrin Spaulding

Offered by: Representatives Arrison of Weathersfield and Morris of Springfield

Offered by: Senators Clarkson, McCormack, and White

Whereas, the service of our local firefighters is a special calling that protects all Vermonters from the personal and structural dangers arising from raging flames, and

Whereas, in the Town of Weathersfield, the residents were fortunate that a highly experienced and skilled firefighter, Darrin Spaulding, served as the fire chief, and

Whereas, Darrin Spaulding was born on February 9, 1965, and, 44 years ago, as a teenager, he joined his father, former Weathersfield Fire Chief Rodney Spaulding, as the Weathersfield Fire Department's (the Department) youngest member, and

Whereas, his affinity for this important civic duty was clear to all, and he soon began to assume increased responsibilities within the Department, and

Whereas, his fellow fighters came to recognize Darrin Spaulding's leadership potential and ability to address the demanding, and at times unanticipated, situations that can arise in a fire department, and

Whereas, this, combined with his "courage, compassion, and unwavering dedication in the face of danger," earned the admiration of his colleagues and resulted in the appointment, in 1995, of Darrin Spaulding as the Weathersfield Fire Chief, continuing a proud family tradition, and

Whereas, his official firefighting roles included Weathersfield Chief Engineer and Fire Warden, and

Whereas, to the great shock and sadness of his firefighting colleagues and the entire Weathersfield community, Fire Chief Darrin Spaulding died suddenly on April 9, 2024 at 59 years of age, and his parents and children survive him, now therefore be it

Resolved by the Senate and House of Representatives:

That the General Assembly extends its sincere condolences to the family of Weathersfield Fire Chief Darrin Spaulding and to the Weathersfield Fire Department, and be it further

Resolved: That the Secretary of State be directed to send a copy of this resolution to the family of Darrin Spaulding and the Weathersfield Fire Department.