

CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

ADDENDUM

TO THE

HOUSE CALENDAR

**Text of House Concurrent
Resolutions**

of

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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. 19

Offered by Representatives Lipsky of Stowe, Morrow of Weston, Bos-Lun of Westminster, Durfee of Shaftsbury, Hango of Berkshire, Harple of Glover, Hunter of Manchester, Kleppner of Burlington, Lalley of Shelburne, Masland of Thetford, McCoy of Poultney, Morgan, L. of Milton, North of Ferrisburgh, O'Brien of Tunbridge, Priestley of Bradford, Sheldon of Middlebury, Tagliavia of Corinth, Torre of Moretown, Wells of Brownington, and White of Waitsfield

House concurrent resolution congratulating Vermonter Noah Dines on establishing a new one-year world vertical skiing record of 3,590,097 feet

Whereas, uphill or vertical skiing entails different modes of energy and exertion than a downhill traverse, and when a skier accumulates millions of feet in the condensed time frame of one year, the stamina and strength required is most impressive, and

Whereas, Vermonter Noah Dines set out to establish a new world record for the most number of feet skied vertically in a single year, an ambitious goal since the existing record, set in 2016, was 2,500,000 feet, and

Whereas, the mileage required to meet his objective was undeniably daunting, but Noah Dines was hardly deterred; he pursued this project with the utmost enthusiasm, and

Whereas, he commenced this endeavor on his home mountain in Stowe, ascending upwards nearly 10,000 feet each day, plus the requisite descent necessitated to complete each round trip, and

Whereas, realizing that year-round snow, not merely the limited months it was accessible in Stowe, was essential for his mission, Noah Dines traveled within the United States to Colorado, Oregon, and Utah, and abroad to Austria, Chile, and France, and

Whereas, in pursuit of his target, Noah Dines maximized three pairs of ski boots, five sets of skis, and 12 pairs of skins, and

Whereas, in September 2024, Noah Dines broke the then-existing 2,500,000-foot record, but he was hardly finished, as his original hope was to ski 3,000,000 feet, and

Whereas, he far exceeded that mark, concluding on December 30, 2024, having skied vertically 3,590,097 feet, with supporting statistics of 6,082 total miles and 2,268.34 total hours skied, and having averaged a daily 9,836 vertical feet, 6.13 hours, 16.66 miles, and 1.8 bags of candy, *now therefore be it*

Resolved by the Senate and House of Representatives:

That the General Assembly congratulates Vermonter Noah Dines on establishing a new one-year world vertical skiing record of 3,590,097 feet, the equivalent of 120 ascents of Mount Everest, *and be it further*

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

H.C.R. 20

Offered by Representatives McCann of Montpelier, Casey of Montpelier, and Chapin of East Montpelier

Offered by Senators Watson, Cummings, and Perchlik

House concurrent resolution honoring the Vermonters who created the Tony Award-winning musical *Hadestown* and Montpelier High School's role in the Washington County teen performances

Whereas, shortly after New Haven's Anaïs Mitchell graduated from Middlebury College in 2004, she completed the original minimalist version of the future Tony Award-winning Broadway musical *Hadestown*, a modern rendition of the Greek legend of Orpheus's ultimately futile journey into the underworld, and

Whereas, in 2006, Anaïs Mitchell; Lincoln's Michael Chorney, orchestrator; Montpelier's Ben T. Matchstick, co-creator; and other theatrically talented Vermonters premiered *Hadestown* at the Old Labor Hall in Barre, and in 2013, Anaïs Mitchell, in collaboration with Broadway director Rachel Chavkin, Michael Chorney, and others, began revising *Hadestown* for greater theatrical glory, and East Montpelier's Robinson Morse has been an on-stage performing musician with the show since at least 2019, and

Whereas, on April 17, 2019, the dream became a reality when *Hadestown* debuted to rave reviews at Broadway's Walter Kerr Theater, and in June of

2019, the creators' unusual perseverance was recognized when *Hadestown* received eight Tony Awards (Broadway's highest accolade), and

Whereas, in 2024–2025, young thespians in several Vermont communities delighted in presenting a new teen version of *Hadestown* to enthusiastic audiences, and

Whereas, one of these productions is a dual school project combining the student and faculty resources of Montpelier High School and U-32 Middle and High School, where it was staged, with the talented faculty leadership team of Montpelier High School Theater Director Maren Langdon Spillane and U-32 Middle and High School Performing Arts Director Erin Galligan-Baldwin and with the special guidance of Anaïs Mitchell and Ben T. Matchstick, and

Whereas, the Montpelier High School students and Maren Langdon Spillane were thrilled to be essential partners with U-32 Middle and High School in this memorable theatrical event, *now therefore be it*

Resolved by the Senate and House of Representatives:

That the General Assembly honors the Vermonters who created the Tony Award-winning musical *Hadestown* and Montpelier High School's role in the Washington County teen performances, *and be it further*

Resolved: That the Secretary of State be directed to send a copy of this resolution to Maren Langdon Spillane and to Montpelier High School.

H.C.R. 21

Offered by All Members of the House

House concurrent resolution expressing strong appreciation for the essential role of Vermont's school board members in the State's public education system and designating February as School Board Recognition Month in Vermont

Whereas, the education of Vermont's youth is of great importance, and the role of local school board members is essential in this process, and

Whereas, all too often, Vermonters do not fully appreciate the scope of the commitment school board members must make to their duties and the challenges they encounter in performing this critical civic role, and

Whereas, as the citizens of Vermont, and the General Assembly in particular, engage in a major examination of education financing in our State, school board members will be important contributors to this critical discussion, and

Whereas, these special community public servants deserve our admiration and respect for their continuing devotion to the success of public education in Vermont, *now therefore be it*

Resolved by the Senate and House of Representatives:

That the General Assembly expresses strong appreciation for the essential role of Vermont's school board members in the State's public education system and designates February as School Board Recognition Month in Vermont, *and be it further*

Resolved: That the Secretary of State be directed to send a copy of this resolution to the Vermont School Boards Association.

H.C.R. 22

Offered by Representatives Cole of Hartford, Bartholomew of Hartland, Bishop of Colchester, Bos-Lun of Westminster, Brady of Williston, Branagan of Georgia, Burke of Brattleboro, Burt of Cabot, Cina of Burlington, Conlon of Cornwall, Cooper of Pownal, Corcoran of Bennington, Critchlow of Colchester, Dodge of Essex, Donahue of Northfield, Duke of Burlington, Durfee of Shaftsbury, Eastes of Guilford, Goldman of Rockingham, Greer of Bennington, Harvey of Castleton, Headrick of Burlington, Hooper of Randolph, Kimbell of Woodstock, Lalley of Shelburne, Lipsky of Stowe, Logan of Burlington, Masland of Thetford, McGill of Bridport, Mihaly of Calais, Morgan, L. of Milton, Morgan, M. of Milton, Morrow of Weston, Nelson of Derby, Nugent of South Burlington, O'Brien of Tunbridge, Ode of Burlington, Pouech of Hinesburg, Priestley of Bradford, Rachelson of Burlington, Satcowitz of Randolph, Sibilia of Dover, Surprenant of Barnard, Toof of St. Albans Town, and Waszazak of Barre City

House concurrent resolution designating February 12, 2025 as Farm to School and Child Awareness Day at the State House

Whereas, 2007 Acts and Resolves No. 24 established the Roza McLaughlin Farm-to-School Program "to award local grants for the purpose of helping Vermont schools develop relationships with local farmers and producers," and

Whereas, the Roza McLaughlin Farm-to-School and Early Childhood Grant Program enables early childhood, elementary, and secondary students to eat healthy foods, and it establishes partnerships between Vermont's farmers and local schools that contribute to the economic sustainability of the Vermont agricultural community, and

Whereas, the Vermont Farm to School & Early Childhood Network reports that 89 percent of the State's schools purchase locally produced food, 56

percent of early childhood programs serve locally produced food at least once a week, and over 100 farms are selling their produce to schools and early childhood programs, and

Whereas, the U.S. Centers for Disease Control and Prevention has documented that most school children receive half their daily calories from school meals, and

Whereas, pursuant to 16 V.S.A. § 1264(a)(1)(A), all students in Vermont are eligible for universal school meals and 16 V.S.A. § 1264(a) codified the Local Food Incentive Grant Program, which serves as a “direct financial incentive to school districts and supervisory unions that meet local purchasing targets in their school meal programs,” and

Whereas, Farm-to-School exposes students to careers in agriculture and food systems, enabling them to envision a personal future in Vermont, and

Whereas, Rozo McLaughlin Farm-to-School Program participants are speaking with legislators today to share the Program’s personal importance for them and the value of the corresponding Farm to Early Childhood program for their younger siblings, *now therefore be it*

Resolved by the Senate and House of Representatives:

That the General Assembly designates February 12, 2025 as Farm to School and Child 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 Vermont Farm to School & Early Childhood Network.

H.C.R. 23

Offered by Representative Cordes of Bristol

House concurrent resolution designating February 13, 2025 as Youth Mentoring Day at the State House

Whereas, now more than ever, youth need supportive and committed mentors in their lives, who see, hear, and champion them, and

Whereas, caring and committed mentors offer support for youth, providing them a consistent friend, helping to ignite a young person’s curiosities, solidifying their passions, and leveraging their talents, and

Whereas, mentored youths exhibit improved resiliency and better relationships with peers, family, schools, and community, and

Whereas, 96 percent of mentored youths agree or strongly agree that “my mentor makes me feel like I matter,” and 92 percent agree or strongly agree that “having a mentor has made a positive difference in my life,” and

Whereas, mentoring relationships provide individualized attention and support, which were primary components of personal rebounding from the pandemic, and

Whereas, Vermont mentoring agencies, including MENTOR Vermont and other public and private organizations throughout the State, are committed to working collaboratively to empower youth, advance the Vermont mentoring field, and broaden the reach of mentoring relationships in our communities, *now therefore be it*

Resolved by the Senate and House of Representatives:

That the General Assembly designates February 13, 2025 as Youth Mentoring 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 MENTOR Vermont.

H.C.R. 24

Offered by: Representative White of Waitsfield

House concurrent resolution designating February 12, 2025, as Vermont Outdoor Recreation Day at the State House

Whereas, Vermont is proud of its unparalleled and diverse natural landscape, and it is a global destination for many types of world-class outdoor recreation, and

Whereas, our State’s outdoor recreational assets consist of over 8,000 miles of public access trails, including 150 miles of recreational rail trails; 360,000 acres of wildlife management areas, State forests, and State parks; more than six million acres of hunting-accessible land; and over 40 alpine and cross-country ski areas, and

Whereas, in 2012 Acts and Resolves No. 77, the General Assembly designated skiing and snowboarding as the State’s official winter sports, and

Whereas, the importance of welcoming everyone, regardless of ethnicity or background, to enjoy outdoor recreational pursuits is recognized, and outdoor recreational venues embrace the intrinsic community values of inclusion and representation, and

Whereas, outdoor recreation creates business opportunities, attracts new residents, and offers workforce pathways that incentivize young Vermonters to remain in the State, and

Whereas, according to the U.S. Bureau of Economic Analysis, in fiscal year 2023, in businesses located in all 14 Vermont counties, outdoor recreation generates \$2.1 billion in economic import, and the industry employed over 16,000 persons, comprising just over five percent of the Vermont workforce, and

Whereas, Vermont Outdoor Recreation Day is an occasion to celebrate the importance of outdoor recreation to the economy, the quality of life, and the mental and physical well-being of Vermonters and visitors, *now therefore be it*

Resolved by the Senate and House of Representatives:

That the General Assembly designates February 12, 2025, as Vermont Outdoor Recreation 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 Secretary of Commerce and Community Development; the Secretary of Natural Resources; the Commissioner of Forests, Parks and Recreation; the Commissioner of Tourism and Marketing; the Executive Director of the Vermont Outdoor Business Alliance; the Executive Director of the Vermont Mountain Bike Association; and the President of the Vermont Ski Areas Association.

H.C.R. 25

Offered by House Committee on Human Services

House concurrent resolution recognizing the vital role of Vermont 211 on its 20th anniversary and recognizing February 11, 2025 as National 211 Day in Vermont

Whereas, United Ways of Vermont operates Vermont 211, a nationally accredited health and human services helpline that provides a 24-7 statewide information and referral service, and

Whereas, Vermont 211 provides streamlined easy access to over 1,000 community-based agencies, offering 2,900 programs and 10,800 services via phone, text, email, and website, and

Whereas, a team of 11 trained, empathetic Community Resource Specialists is employed at Vermont 211, and it is available to help Vermonters assess their needs in a safe and confidential manner, and

Whereas, Vermont 211 received over 57,000 contacts via phone calls, texts, and emails in 2024, resulting in over 12,500 referrals for programs and services, and

Whereas, the most commonly requested services were for basic needs such as access to housing, food, and utilities, and Vermont 211 helps to maintain the integrity of the 911 system as a responder to nonemergency calls, and

Whereas, the Department for Children and Families receives invaluable support from Vermont 211 through the management of after-hours general assistance calls, and

Whereas, Vermont 211 works with Vermont Emergency Management Services in the course of regional, statewide, and national emergencies such as flooding and pandemics, and

Whereas, the member organizations of the Food Security Roadmap Coalition value Vermont 211 as an essential partner and an essential tool for the provision of robust services, and

Whereas, Vermont 211 is celebrating 20 years of service as an essential community resource, *now therefore be it*

Resolved by the Senate and House of Representatives:

That the General Assembly recognizes the vital role of Vermont 211 on its 20th anniversary and recognizes February 11, 2025 as National 211 Day in Vermont, *and be it further*

Resolved: That the Secretary of State be directed to send a copy of this resolution to Vermont 211.

H.C.R. 26

Offered by All Members of the House

House concurrent resolution congratulating Ilona Delsing Rosa Maher on her 2024 Paris Olympics rugby sevens bronze medal

Whereas, rugby is not the most commonly played team sport in the United States, but none is more exhilarating or exciting, and no Vermonter or American is more adept on the rugby field than Ilona Maher, and

Whereas, Ilona Maher graduated in 2014 from Burlington High School, where she enthusiastically played basketball, field hockey, soccer, and softball, and she started her love affair with rugby as a member of the South Burlington High School's rugby football club, and

Whereas, initially attending Norwich University, the Quinnipiac University Bobcats rugby coach recruited her, and for the next three years, she excelled as the Bobcats won three National Intercollegiate Rugby Association (NIRA) women's championships; in each of these years, the NIRA named her to its All-American women's team, and in 2017, the NIRA honored Ilona Maher as the nation's top collegiate women's rugby player, and

Whereas, this Quinnipiac University nursing graduate and master's degree graduate of DeVry University debuted as a women's USA Rugby World Cup Sevens team member in 2018 and represented the United States in 2021 at the Tokyo Olympics, and even more exciting was her 2024 Paris Olympics appearance, where the U.S. women's rugby sevens team won its first-ever Olympic medal—a bronze—upon defeating Australia 14–12, and

Whereas, following her return from France, Ilona Maher was honored at an ebullient welcome home ceremony in Burlington's Battery Park, and she has used her rugby fame to promote women's sports and body positivity, *now therefore be it*

Resolved by the Senate and House of Representatives:

That the General Assembly congratulates Ilona Delsing Rosa Maher on her 2024 Paris Olympics rugby sevens bronze medal, *and be it further*

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

H.C.R. 27

Offered by Representative Carris-Duncan of Whitingham

House concurrent resolution honoring Joan W. Coursier for her exemplary community service devising and leading the Halifax senior meal program

Whereas, serving hot and nutritious meals to senior citizens benefits them both physically and emotionally by giving them high-quality nourishment and companionship, even for a brief period of time, and

Whereas, a quarter of a century ago, in the Town of Halifax, Joan Coursier, an outstanding cook and deeply caring human being, identified the need for a senior meal program in the community, and

Whereas, Joan Coursier established a senior meal service that provided the recipients with both food and a sense of belonging to the community, and

Whereas, she has performed multiple roles in this endeavor, including provisioning, preparing, and serving food, and Joan Coursier's superb cooking enhanced the program's quality and reputation, and

Whereas, her devotion to this project has continued unabated, greatly benefiting the appreciative Halifax community, and

Whereas, on March 21, 2025, Joan Coursier is concluding her service in this unique and personally created position, and she will be celebrated at a festive thank-you gathering, *now therefore be it*

Resolved by the Senate and House of Representatives:

That the General Assembly honors Joan W. Coursier for her exemplary community service devising and leading the Halifax senior meal program, *and be it further*

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