

CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

ADDENDUM

TO THE

HOUSE CALENDAR

**Text of House Concurrent
Resolutions**

of

February 13, 2025

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. 28

Offered by Representatives Bartley of Fairfax and Branagan of Georgia

Offered by Senators Brock and Norris

House concurrent resolution congratulating the 2024 Bellows Free Academy-Fairfax High School Bullets Division III championship baseball team

Whereas, based on their respective rankings, the sixth-seeded Bellows Free Academy-Fairfax Bullets and the fifth-seeded White River Valley Wildcats Division III baseball championship showdown at Centennial Field in Burlington should have resulted in a score of narrow difference, and

Whereas, the reality proved entirely different as the Bullets were the undeniably superior team as they both offensively and defensively overwhelmed the Wildcats, and

Whereas, the Bullets quickly displayed their baseball prowess, as they established a 3–0 lead in the first inning, increased their scoring advantage to 4–0 in the second, 5–0 in the fourth, and widened their lead to 7–0 in the fifth; which they sustained until the final out, and

Whereas, the energized Bullets, who returned home triumphantly with their school's first baseball title since 2015, were Max Clark, Tyler Gillilan, Rylan Muehl, Trent Hurley, Braydon Gillilan, Kayden Lovejoy, Xavier Gillilan, Reagan Baumeister, Teddy Colling, Dylan Sicard, Ryan Sheehan, Chase Murray, Alden Kalbfleisch, Unai Laskurain, Kris Mummert, James Benjamin, and Bryant Matton, and

Whereas, Head Coach Mike Brown and assistant coaches Chris Cowey, Bruce Gillilan, and Mitch Thayer, as well as statistician Victoria Brown and scorekeeper Peyton Metruk, were each thrilled with this victory, *now therefore be it*

Resolved by the Senate and House of Representatives:

That the General Assembly congratulates the 2024 Bellows Free Academy-Fairfax High School Bullets Division III championship baseball team, *and be it further*

Resolved: That the Secretary of State be directed to send a copy of this resolution to Bellows Free Academy-Fairfax High School.

H.C.R. 29

Offered by All Members of the House

Offered by Senators Brock and Norris

House concurrent resolution congratulating Montgomery runner Elinor Purrier St. Pierre on her outstanding athletic achievement at the 2024 Paris Olympics

Whereas, Elle Purrier St. Pierre has experienced great success in national and international running competitions, admirably exhibiting a dual dedication to her sport and to the cherished family farm life she joyfully shares with her husband, Jamie Purrier, and their young son, Ivan, and

Whereas, Vermonters first took notice of this gifted runner when she was a member of Richford High School's 2013 Division IV girls track and field team, and at the University of New Hampshire, Elle St. Pierre earned all-American running honors on 11 occasions and clocked the second fastest ever NCAA woman's time for the indoor one mile, and

Whereas, in 2020, at the New York Runners Wanamaker Mile, she set the American record for this same event; in 2021, at the New Balance Indoor Grand Prix, Elle Purrier St. Pierre set the women's American indoor two mile record; and in 2022, she won the silver medal in the women's 3000m (Indoor) at the world championships, and

Whereas, Elle Purrier St. Pierre has twice achieved the greatest athletic honor of being named to the 2020 and 2024 U.S. Olympic teams, and

Whereas, running in the women's 1500m, she earned tenth place in the final round in Tokyo in 2021 (the Olympics having been delayed from 2020), and in Paris in 2024, Elle Purrier St. Pierre secured an improved eighth-place final round finish, and she can be extremely proud of these personal running milestones, *now therefore be it*

Resolved by the Senate and House of Representatives:

That the General Assembly congratulates Montgomery runner Elinor Purrier St. Pierre on her outstanding athletic achievement at the 2024 Paris Olympics, *and be it further*

Resolved: That the Secretary of State be directed to send a copy of this resolution to Elle Purrier St. Pierre.

H.C.R. 30

Offered by All Members of the House

Offered by All Members of the Senate

House concurrent resolution in memory of former Representative, House Republican Leader, and Milton Town Manager Donald H. Turner Jr.

Whereas, Don Turner graduated from Milton High School and Champlain College and served his hometown and the State of Vermont as an exemplary public official, and

Whereas, at 16 years of age, he volunteered for the Milton Fire and Rescue Department, beginning a three-decade-plus firefighting career, and for many years, he served in the dual roles of fire chief and town forest fire warden, and his other civic roles included service on the Board of Civil Authority and, more recently, as Milton's respected town manager, a position that benefited from his wealth of prior municipal experience, and

Whereas, in early 2006, Governor Jim Douglas appointed Don Turner to represent the Town of Milton in the General Assembly, and the voters of his House district reaffirmed their support of his legislative tenure at six subsequent elections, and

Whereas, prior to the 2011 legislative session, the House Republican Caucus elected Don Turner as its leader for the first of four consecutive terms, and he ardently advocated on its behalf while also promoting an amicable legislative process, and

Whereas, aside from his public sector duties, Don Turner was a successful realtor, helped oversee his family's construction business and bowling alley, and was an avid fan of Milton High School's girls' soccer team, and

Whereas, Don Turner briefly, but bravely, battled against glioblastoma prior to his death on November 30, 2024, at 60 years of age, and he is survived by his loving wife of 40 years, Gail; his children; grandchildren; and parents, and the citizens of Milton will miss his friendship and leadership, *now therefore be it*

Resolved by the Senate and House of Representatives:

That the General Assembly expresses its sincere condolences to the family of former Representative, House Republican Leader, and Milton Town Manager Donald H. Turner Jr., *and be it further*

Resolved: That the Secretary of State be directed to send a copy of this resolution to the members of Don Turner’s family, the Milton Town Clerk, and the Milton Fire Department.

H.C.R. 31

Offered by Representatives Graning of Jericho and Squirrell of Underhill

House concurrent resolution in memory of former University of Vermont associate professor, poet, and community leader Mary Jane Dickerson

Whereas, Mary Jane Dickerson graduated from the former Woman’s College at the University of North Carolina at Greensboro and earned a master’s degree in English from the University of North Carolina, Chapel Hill, where she met her future husband, the late A. Inskip Dickerson Jr., both destined to become University of Vermont (UVM) English professors, and

Whereas, her UVM career roles were director of freshman English, associate director of writing, and ultimately associate professor of English; and she developed a course in women’s autobiography and UVM’s first class in African American literature, and

Whereas, Mary Jane Dickerson was the recipient of UVM’s George V. Kidder Outstanding Faculty Award; in 2007, established the Mary Jane Dickerson Scholarship Fund to support English majors; was delighted to teach as a visiting scholar in Japan and South Africa; and in 2016, was honored with induction into the distinguished society of the American Academy of Arts and Sciences, and

Whereas, she applied her literary expertise to teaching classes in reading and writing at local libraries; serving on the faculty of the New England Young Writers’ Conference at Middlebury College’s Bread Loaf School of English; and publishing two volumes of poetry, *Water Journeys in Art and Poetry* and *Tapping the Center of Things: Poems*, and her community service consisted of serving on the boards of UVM’s Fleming Museum and the Deborah Rawson Memorial Library in Jericho, on the Jericho Zoning Board of Adjustment and Board of Civil Authority, and as the Jericho Center Preservation Association Treasurer; and she was active in local Democratic politics, and

Whereas, Mary Jane Dickerson, a cherished friend to many, who took great pride in cofounding Sundog Poetry, an organization that supports Vermont poets, and whose passion for North Carolina’s Sandhills endured, died on October 3, 2024 at 87 years of age, and is survived by her children and grandchildren, *now therefore be it*

Resolved by the Senate and House of Representatives:

That the General Assembly extends its sincere condolences to the family of Mary Jane Dickerson, *and be it further*

Resolved: That the Secretary of State be directed to send a copy of this resolution to the family of Mary Jane Dickerson and the Jericho Town Clerk.

H.C.R. 32

Offered by Representative Harrison of Chittenden

Offered by Senators Collamore, Weeks, and Williams

House concurrent resolution honoring former Killington Town Clerk and Treasurer Lucrecia Wonsor for her insightful municipal government leadership

Whereas, from the shores of Portugal to the mountains of Killington, former Killington Town Clerk and Treasurer Lucrecia Wonsor's career in municipal government represents a model of excellence, and

Whereas, in 2002, after serving as Killington Planning Commission secretary and assistant town clerk, she assumed the pivotal role of town clerk, adding the position of town treasurer in 2013, and

Whereas, Lucrecia Wonsor completed the requirements to be designated as a Certified Municipal Clerk, Master Municipal Clerk, Certified Vermont Clerk (Summa Cum Laude), and Certified Vermont Treasurer, and

Whereas, at the Vermont Municipal Clerks and Treasurers Association (VMCTA), her leadership roles featured service on many committees, including the executive committee and election to VMCTA offices, including president, and in 2019, the VMCTA recognized her extraordinary contributions to the profession, naming her the Town Clerk of the Year, and

Whereas, Lucrecia Wonsor has been the primary compiler of information for the State-mandated clerk and treasurer fee report, an important resource for requesting appropriate municipal fee increases, and

Whereas, her talents were put to good use at the New England Association of City and Town Clerks, for which she acted as webmaster, and at the International Institute of Municipal Clerks, where she held the post of election committee vice chair, and

Whereas, as a career capstone, the Vermont League of Cities and Towns—where she was a board member for six years—bestowed upon her its Lifetime Achievement Award, recognizing Lucrecia Wonsor for her extraordinary career as the Killington municipal clerk and treasurer, posts she relinquished on December 20, 2024, *now therefore be it*

Resolved by the Senate and House of Representatives:

That the General Assembly honors former Killington Town Clerk and Treasurer Lucrecia Wonsor for her insightful municipal government leadership, *and be it further*

Resolved: That the Secretary of State be directed to send a copy of this resolution to Lucrecia Wonsor and to the Killington Town Clerk.

H.C.R. 33

Offered by Representatives Masland of Thetford and Holcombe of Norwich

House concurrent resolution honoring criminal defense and personal injury attorney and Thetford Academy indoor track coach Charles Buttrey of Thetford

Whereas, Charlie Buttrey of Thetford graduated from Vermont Law and Graduate School, and he initially practiced law in Norwich before moving his professional life across the Connecticut River to Lebanon, New Hampshire, where he joined the law firm now known as Schuster, Buttrey, and Wing, and

Whereas, the focus of his legal career has been as a criminal defense attorney who participates in New Hampshire's public defender conflict program, and this entrée provides him a clientele consisting largely of persons who are frequently indigent and who society has often written off, and

Whereas, a creative advocate in the courtroom, he employs ingenuity and spirited argument to spare his clients from being imprisoned or paying fines, and he finds it sobering that the U.S. Department of Justice reports that, in both New Hampshire and Vermont, 40 percent of the released prison population is reincarcerated within three years, and

Whereas, although his professional passion is the criminal defense side of his practice, to which he devotes 80 percent of his time as a lawyer, the other 20 percent, composed of personal injury law cases, is essential to the financial viability of his career, and in pursuit of these clients, Charlie Buttrey has aired attention-grabbing television advertisements, featuring persons whose activities could lead to injuries, including a skydiver, a character he personally portrayed, accompanied with the catchy tagline, "Not Just Another Lawyer," and

Whereas, away from the courtroom drama, Charlie Buttrey enjoys fulfilling an equally satisfying role as the Thetford Academy boys' indoor track coach, and in 2025, the athletes under his wise guidance convincingly clinched the Division II championship, and in a desire to pursue a scholarly interest, he recently earned a graduate degree in theology from Boston University, and

Whereas, after 38 years as a member of the bar, Charlie Buttrey has decided to step aside from the active practice of law but intends to remain a vigilant warrior for criminal justice reform through volunteering with Orange County's Restorative Justice Center and advocating at both the New Hampshire and Vermont State Houses to eliminate life without parole criminal sentences, *now therefore be it*

Resolved by the Senate and House of Representatives:

That the General Assembly honors criminal defense and personal injury attorney and Thetford Academy indoor track coach Charles Buttrey of Thetford, *and be it further*

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