

**CONCURRENT RESOLUTION**

**ADDENDUM**

**TO THE**

**HOUSE CALENDAR**

**Text of House Concurrent  
Resolutions**

**of**

**February 20, 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. 34**

Offered by Representatives Charlton of Chester, Coffin of Cavendish, Morrow of Weston, and Winter of Ludlow

Offered by Senators Clarkson, Major, and White

House concurrent resolution congratulating the 2024 Green Mountain Union High School Chieftains Division III championship boys' soccer team

*Whereas*, the high caliber of the boys' soccer team at Green Mountain Union High School is reflected in the Chieftains earning a Division III championship game berth for four of the past six years, and

*Whereas*, despite their strong athletic performance in recent years, the coveted divisional crown had eluded the team, and the third-seeded 2024 squad was determined to return home victorious from the pivotal contest played at Rutland's Alumni Field against the top-seeded Stowe High School Raiders, and

*Whereas*, the outlook for the Chieftains was initially problematic as the Raiders scored first at 7:18 into the first half, and a chaotic scene at the goal line following Green Mountain's first attempt to score created the conditions for a successful second attempt, and in the second half, Green Mountain broke the midgame tie, scoring with 21:12 remaining in regulation play, only to watch Stowe score its second goal at the 18:30 mark, and

*Whereas*, the perseverance of Green Mountain (17-1 for the year) was richly rewarded when the team scored the winning goal at 10:32 into overtime, sending the joyous Chieftains' Mason Parker, Rasmus Backlund, Andrei Solzhentisyn, Caleb Merrow, Max Peebles, Sawyer Shepard, Ryan Jenkins, Andrew Alexander, Mason Cassidy, Logan Williams, Collin Rose, Theo Schilling, Joachim Gibson, Logan Knight, Seth Pelkey, Caden Spittle, Derek Hodgdon, Evan Kirdzik, Tanner Swisher, Reece Cassin, and Wyatt Koch home as members of the winning team, and

*Whereas*, Head Coach Jake Walker and assistant coaches Scott Walker and Justin Veysey were proud of the players' great scoring and goalkeeping efforts, *now therefore be it*

***Resolved by the Senate and House of Representatives:***

That the General Assembly congratulates the 2024 Green Mountain Union High School Chieftains Division III championship boys' soccer team, *and be it further*

***Resolved:*** That the Secretary of State be directed to send a copy of this resolution to Green Mountain Union High School.

**H.C.R. 35**

Offered by Representatives Bos-Lun of Westminster, Burt of Cabot, Charlton of Chester, Cooper of Pownal, Eastes of Guilford, Goldman of Rockingham, Masland of Thetford, Morrow of Weston, Mrowicki of Putney, and Sweeney of Shelburne

Offered by Senators Harrison and Hashim

House concurrent resolution commemorating the 250th anniversary of the March 13, 1775 Westminster Massacre

*Whereas*, for two centuries Vermonters have considered the Westminster Massacre, which occurred on March 13, 1775, to constitute the first bloodshed of the American Revolution, and

*Whereas*, in 1774, the Continental Congress adopted the Articles of Association, enacting a trade embargo against Great Britain, and New York was the only province that did not ratify the Articles, and

*Whereas*, the Cumberland County, NY towns, comprising all of current Vermont east of the Green Mountains from Tunbridge to the Massachusetts border, voted to uphold the Articles, and

*Whereas*, in 1775, local Whigs (supporters of American liberty) were experiencing excessive lawsuits, resulting in their Tory neighbors acquiring the Whigs' property through bankruptcy proceedings, and

*Whereas*, 40 Whigs met with Chief Judge Thomas Chandler at his home to request that the court be closed, but Judge Chandler said he had a murder case to try and after the trial he would discuss it with them, and subsequently, the Whigs learned that the court officials planned to arrive early and deny them entry, and

*Whereas*, on March 13, 1775, 100 Whigs, armed only with staves, occupied the courthouse before Sheriff William Paterson and his posse's arrival, and the sheriff read them the Riot Act but they defied him, and

*Whereas*, Judge Chandler promised the protesters they could remain in the courthouse overnight unmolested, but Sheriff Paterson returned with his posse and ordered his men to fire point-blank, which wounded several Whigs, including William French of Brattleboro (who died overnight and whose gravesite has been maintained with State financial support) and Daniel Houghton of Dummerston (who died several days later), and the Sheriff's posse retook control of the courthouse, and

*Whereas*, on March 14, 1775, 400 armed local militia, including many from New Hampshire, filled the street and recaptured the courthouse, imprisoning all the New York officials and permanently terminating New York government in Cumberland County—but refraining from any further violence—nearly two years before Vermont independence was declared in Westminster on January 15, 1777, *now therefore be it*

***Resolved by the Senate and House of Representatives:***

That the General Assembly commemorates the 250th anniversary of the March 13, 1775 Westminster Massacre, *and be it further*

***Resolved:*** That the Secretary of State be directed to send a copy of this resolution to the Westminster Historical Society.

**H.C.R. 36**

Offered by Representatives Waters Evans of Charlotte and Krasnow of South Burlington

House concurrent resolution honoring Charlotte Board of Civil Authority Chair, and Ski and Ride Program Coordinator Michael Krasnow

*Whereas*, for 27 years, Michael Krasnow has served the Town of Charlotte with distinction, as a member of the municipality's Board of Civil Authority (BCA), which provides the town with tax adjudication and electoral administration support, and his fellow panel members have elected him as the BCA's chair, and

*Whereas*, in a different context, as the Charlotte Ski and Ride Program Coordinator, Michael Krasnow has brought great joy to countless youngsters, and

*Whereas*, the genesis of this passion for introducing young persons to the slopes, especially those who might never otherwise participate in skiing or snowboarding, began at four years of age with family ski trips from his Long Island, New York, home to Vermont, and

*Whereas*, during his earlier career as a public school teacher in the Boston, Massachusetts, area, Michael Krasnow was an advisor for student noncompetitive skiing activities that eventually involved 1,000 students, and

*Whereas*, in 1989, Michael Krasnow relocated his family to Vermont and volunteered to assist the Ski and Ride Program at the Charlotte Central School, which brings students to night skiing sessions at Bolton Valley Resort (Bolton), and within a year he was the program's leader, and

*Whereas*, during a five-week span starting in mid-February, he oversees the participation of nearly 150 students traveling to Bolton, including approximately 20–25 new youngsters each winter, and for most of the students, the social experience is of foremost importance, and

*Whereas*, associated with his ski and ride leadership role, Michael Krasnow has overseen a ski and snowboard fitting and equipment distribution project, drawing on his vast collection of primarily donated gear, that provides the essential elements of the sport to area youngsters, and

*Whereas*, for over three decades, Michael Krasnow has enthusiastically introduced countless youngsters in Charlotte to the joys of Vermont's wintry slopes, *now therefore be it*

***Resolved by the Senate and House of Representatives:***

That the General Assembly honors Charlotte Board of Civil Authority Chair, and Ski and Ride Program Coordinator Michael Krasnow, *and be it further*

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

**H.C.R. 37**

Offered by Representatives Burke of Brattleboro, Goodnow of Brattleboro, and Kornheiser of Brattleboro

Offered by Senators Harrison and Hashim

House concurrent resolution congratulating Meara Seery of Brattleboro on being named Miss Vermont 2024

*Whereas*, the Miss Vermont contest is not merely a beauty pageant but a competition for scholarship awards that highlights the talents and interests of the contestants, who are from across the State, and

*Whereas*, Meara Seery, an impressive young woman from Brattleboro graduated, due to her creative initiative, debt-free from the George Washington University in Washington, DC as a photojournalism major, has worked as a

digital producer in the office of U.S. Senator Bernie Sanders, among other projects documenting the impact of the devastating July 2023 flood, has been admitted to graduate school at Champlain College in Burlington, and is an outstanding vocal soloist, and

*Whereas*, she was one of the most promising 2024 aspirants for this honor and her first pageant experience was at the 2017 Brattleboro Winter Carnival pageant, where she won approximately \$1,500.00 in scholarship prize money, and

*Whereas*, initially, Meara Seery vied for the Miss Vermont title in 2021 and tried again in 2023, when she was awarded second runner-up honors and named Miss Southern Vermont, and she has also earned recognition as Miss Heart of Vermont, and

*Whereas*, her third attempt proved to be the pinnacle of her success, when on April 14, 2024, at a ceremony held at the Spruce Performing Arts Center in Stowe, Meara Seery was thrilled to be named Miss Vermont 2024, and she was the recipient of two scholarships, one for \$7,500.00 from the Miss Vermont Scholarship Organization, and a second for \$5,000.00 to attend the Ellis Strategies public speaking and presentation course, and

*Whereas*, in 2024, Meara Seery's Community Service Initiative focused on sustainability and was entitled "Green for Good," and one aspect of the project was a partnership with Green Up Vermont that resulted in a Guinness World Record for the most volunteer pledges (6,833) to clean up trash in one day, and

*Whereas*, although not a finalist at the Miss America contest held at Disney World in Florida from December 28, 2024 to January 5, 2025, Meara Seery enjoyed competing at this prestigious national event, *now therefore be it*

***Resolved by the Senate and House of Representatives:***

That the General Assembly congratulates Meara Seery of Brattleboro on being named Miss Vermont 2024, *and be it further*

***Resolved:*** That the Secretary of State be directed to send a copy of this resolution to Meara Seery.

**H.C.R. 38**

Offered by Representative Sibilila of Dover

Offered by Senators Harrison and Hashim

House concurrent resolution honoring dedicated Jamaica community leader and volunteer Clara Robinson

*Whereas*, in the Town of Jamaica, there is hardly a facet of life that has not greatly benefited from the participation of Clara Robinson, and

*Whereas*, being the mother of six children would, for many, be a job leaving no time for any other role, for Clara Robinson, her family duties were merely one aspect of an extraordinary life, and

*Whereas*, municipally, she has served in numerous elected or appointed positions, including justice of the peace, library trustee, planning commission member, and on the selectboard, and

*Whereas*, Clara Robinson's deep concern for the well-being of the area's youth has manifested itself in her employment as a paraprofessional at the Jamaica Village School, and separately as a member of its school board, as a Windham County Family Court guardian ad litem, and as a longtime leader of the Jamaica Youth Group, and beyond these official responsibilities she has always looked out for children and tried to find ways to make a positive difference in their lives and those of their families, and

*Whereas*, the parishioners at the Jamaica Community Church have cherished Clara Robinson as an active member and appreciated her many contributions to church governance as a trustee, and

*Whereas*, at Valley Cares (now known as Valley Village), her volunteering with the exercise program and other activities has been most welcomed, and

*Whereas*, throughout the Town of Jamaica, Clara Robinson is known as a good friend and special member of the community who has always been one of the first individuals to jump in and volunteer for any activity or event, and her decades of devoted public sector, nonprofit, and religious service have been beyond the call of duty, *now therefore be it*

***Resolved by the Senate and House of Representatives:***

That the General Assembly honors dedicated Jamaica community leader and volunteer Clara Robinson, *and be it further*

***Resolved:*** That Secretary of State be directed to send a copy of this resolution to Clara Robinson and to the Jamaica Town Clerk.

**H.C.R. 39**

Offered by Representatives Berbeco of Winooski and Maguire of Rutland City

House concurrent resolution designating February 19, 2025 as Recovery Day at the State House

*Whereas*, according to the latest available data from the U.S. Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration, approximately 10.3 percent of Vermonters 12 years of age and older, approximately 56,000 individuals, live with a substance use disorder, and

*Whereas*, the Vermont Association for Mental Health and Addiction Recovery (VAMHAR) is a statewide nonprofit organization that was established in 1939 and provides advocacy and professional training to Vermont's workforce, and

*Whereas*, this organization envisions communities that actively embrace the full spectrum of the human experience with compassion and acceptance, and it celebrates all pathways to healing, and

*Whereas*, Recovery Partners of Vermont, a 14-member umbrella organization of peer-led recovery centers and recovery residences, is on the front line of supporting individuals in their journeys from active addiction to a life in recovery from alcohol or a substance use disorder, or both, and

*Whereas*, VAMHAR and Recovery Partners of Vermont are dedicated to supporting all pathways to recovery from substance use disorders and leading Vermonters to healthier lives, and

*Whereas*, Recovery Day is an annual advocacy celebration dedicated to honor the power of substance use recovery and the diverse pathways individuals undertake on their recovery journeys, and

*Whereas*, the theme for Recovery Day 2025, "Recovery Rooted in Community Connection," emphasizes the vital role that community support and peer connections play in successful recovery outcomes, and

*Whereas*, today, February 19, 2025, Vermonters who are engaged in the recovery process are visiting the State House to celebrate their successes and to educate the General Assembly on recovery support activities and initiatives, *now therefore be it*

***Resolved by the Senate and House of Representatives:***

That the General Assembly designates February 19, 2025 as Recovery 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 Recovery Partners of Vermont and to VAMHAR.



## H.C.R. 40

Offered by Representative Kascenska of Burke

Offered by Senators Beck, Douglass, and Ingalls

House concurrent resolution designating February 20, 2025 as NEK Day at the State House

*Whereas*, the three most northeastern Vermont counties—Caledonia, Essex, and Orleans—represent a distinct region of the Green Mountain State known as the Northeast Kingdom (NEK), which should be treated distinctly, as its rural nature has unique strengths and challenges, and

*Whereas*, throughout the NEK, there are tremendous natural assets, with extensive forest tracts, mountain vistas, farms and cropland, and beautiful scenery, and

*Whereas*, the NEK is the least populous region of Vermont, but nonetheless contains 55 towns and goes and more than 60,000 residents who form resilient and vibrant communities, and

*Whereas*, the synergies of world-class outdoor recreation, including great trails, beautiful parks, the Nulhegan Basin Refuge of the Silvio O. Conte National Fish and Wildlife Refuge, and the State's Kingdom Heritage Lands; a thriving food, farm, and forestry sector; and a robust creative economy enhance the NEK's economy and quality of life for residents and the many visitors attracted to the region, and

*Whereas*, there is a strong entrepreneurial spirit in the NEK, with growing resources for small businesses and remote work, a vibrant manufacturing and industrial sector, and many opportunities for expansion and growth, and

*Whereas*, among the outstanding educational institutions in the NEK are St. Johnsbury Academy, Lyndon Institute, Vermont State University-Lyndon, and Sterling College, and

*Whereas*, despite persistent economic and demographic challenges, including higher rates of poverty and unemployment than elsewhere in Vermont; climate change; and a shifting population base, the NEK moves forward optimistically with determination, collaboration, and an exciting sense of possibility, *now therefore be it*

### ***Resolved by the Senate and House of Representatives:***

That the General Assembly designates February 20, 2025 as NEK 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 Northeast Kingdom Collaborative.