

CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

ADDENDUM

TO THE

HOUSE CALENDAR

**Text of House Concurrent
Resolutions**

of

February 27, 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. 41

Offered by Representatives Morgan, M. of Milton, Harrison of Chittenden, and Morgan, L. of Milton

Offered by Senator Brennan

House concurrent resolution congratulating Keeler's Bay Variety Store of South Hero on the 50th anniversary of the Horne family's ownership

Whereas, the story of Keeler's Bay Variety Store (KBV) is intimately intertwined with the lives of Gail and Mark Horne, who, in 1974, took a leisurely drive across the Champlain Islands and discovered a small grocery store in South Hero, which they subsequently purchased, and

Whereas, under their visionary leadership, KBV evolved into a full-service general store, featuring a bakery, a beer cave stocked with craft beers, the largest 802Spirits store in the Champlain Islands, an in-store butchery, and motor vehicle gasoline sales, and this friendly community retailer earned a reputation for superb customer service, and

Whereas, at the 2000 Vermont Grocers' Association Convention, KBV was honored as the Grocer of the Year and, separately, the Lake Champlain Islands Economic Development Corporation awarded KBV its 2017 Business of the Year designation, and

Whereas, on Saturday, September 21, 2024, KBV and the Horne family marked their joint 50th-anniversary milestone with a unique version of the store's annual Customer Appreciation Day, and in celebration, a variety of commemorative memorabilia was offered for sale, and

Whereas, KBV has a proud association with community support service groups and contributes to local nonprofit organizations, and

Whereas, the store, whose ownership team now includes the Horne's daughter, Wendy, has earned the moniker, "The Heart of the Island," which was also the name of a limited edition semicentennial ale that the Kraemer & Kin Brewery created to celebrate this special anniversary, *now therefore be it*

Resolved by the Senate and House of Representatives:

That the General Assembly congratulates Keeler's Bay Variety Store of South Hero on the 50th anniversary of the Horne family's ownership, *and be it further*

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

H.C.R. 42

Offered by Representatives Holcombe of Norwich, Masland of Thetford, Parsons of Newbury, and Priestley of Bradford

House concurrent resolution honoring Oxbow Union High School Co-Principal and *Gather* author Kenneth M. Cadow of Norwich

Whereas, Ken Cadow is a strategic thinker and a renaissance man with expertise in diverse domains as well as being an idealist and pragmatist, and

Whereas, later in life, Ken Cadow opted for a new career in public education that has culminated in his current role as co-principal at Oxbow Union High School, the regional high school serving Bradford and adjacent communities, where his skills, empathy, and wisdom are appreciated, and

Whereas, he has an ability to connect classroom learning to the broader society and understands that interpersonal relationships can unify a community, and

Whereas, in 2023, Ken Cadow's busy life added an exciting new dimension with the publication of his first young adult novel, *Gather*, the story of Ian, an impoverished rural Vermont 10th grader who assumes adult family responsibilities while also adopting a stray dog named Gather, and

Whereas, the novel immediately garnered critical and popular acclaim, including designation as a 2023 Vermont Book Award finalist in the children's literature category; being named a 2024 Michael L. Printz Honor Book; and most recently winning the prestigious 2024 Kirkus Prize for young readers' literature, all astounding accolades for a first-time author, and

Whereas, the Vermont Humanities council has selected *Gather* as the organization's 2024–2025 Vermont Reads book, to be read and discussed across the State of Vermont in well over 100 different communities, and

Whereas, *Gather* has inspired thousands of Vermonters of all ages to take action in support of housing and food security, substance abuse recovery, and youth empowerment, and

Whereas, Ken Cadow is a valued resident of the town of Norwich, and he has contributed to the betterment of the town through his associations with the

Norwich Public Library and Marion Cross Elementary School,
now therefore be it

Resolved by the Senate and House of Representatives:

That the General Assembly honors Oxbow Union High School Co-Principal and *Gather* author Kenneth M. Cadow of Norwich, *and be it further*

Resolved: That the Secretary of State be directed to send a copy of this resolution to Ken Cadow and Oxbow Union High School.

H.C.R. 43

Offered by Representatives Holcombe of Norwich and Masland of Thetford

House concurrent resolution congratulating the 2025 Thetford Academy Panthers Division II boys' championship indoor track and field team

Whereas, at the 2025 State indoor track and field championship meet conducted at the University of Vermont, the Division II Thetford Academy Panthers, who compete in Division III for every other sport, exhibited great skill and performed magnificently and memorably, impressing all in attendance, and

Whereas, a Panther won and set a new Division II record (6.55 seconds) in the 55-meter dash, while team members scored first in the 1,000-meter dash (2:40.52), the 4x200 relay (1:37.41), the 4x400 relay (3:46.12), and the long jump (21' 5.25"), and

Whereas, when all the results were tallied, Thetford had clinched the Division II title, overwhelming second place U-32 with a score of 127–82, and

Whereas, the athletically talented Panthers were Hunter Clay, Wendell Durham, Uly Junker, Paul Kidd, Miguel Kutter-Walker, Daniel Mann, Luke Miller, Liam Murphy, Sebastian Perdrizet, Oliver Ransom, Evan Rich, Stone Riegler, Brady Sloop, Ramona Spellman, David Stangner, Emmett Terry, David Thaxton, and Matt Vivian, and

Whereas, coaches Charlie Buttrey, Joel Breakstone, Charlize Brown, Cole Chapman, and Vanessa Riegler were ecstatic with the team's amazing victory,
now therefore be it

Resolved by the Senate and House of Representatives:

That the General Assembly congratulates the 2025 Thetford Academy Panthers Division II boys' championship 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 Thetford Academy.

H.C.R. 44

Offered by Representatives Krasnow of South Burlington, Burkhardt of South Burlington, LaLonde of South Burlington, Minier of South Burlington, and Nugent of South Burlington

House concurrent resolution recognizing July 2025 as Park and Recreation Month in Vermont and designating July 18, 2025 as Vermont Park and Recreation Professionals Day in Vermont

Whereas, Vermont’s park and recreation programs are an integral part of our State and local communities, and

Whereas, their presence in a community promotes an active lifestyle, offers environmental protection, and serves as an economic resource, and

Whereas, park and recreation programs support the effectiveness of therapeutic recreational services for persons with disabilities, and

Whereas, in 1985, the National Recreation and Park Association established July as Park and Recreation Month, and, in 2009, the U.S. House of Representatives adopted H.R. 288, a resolution “Recognizing the importance of park and recreation facilities and expressing support for the designation of the month of July as ‘National Park and Recreation Month,’”
now therefore be it

Resolved by the Senate and House of Representatives:

That the General Assembly recognizes July 2025 as Park and Recreation Month in Vermont and designates July 18, 2025 as Vermont Park and Recreation Professionals Day, *and be it further*

Resolved: That the Secretary of State be directed to send a copy of this resolution to the Vermont Recreation and Parks Association.

H.C.R. 45

Offered by Representatives Dodge of Essex, Black of Essex, Dolan of Essex Junction, Garofano of Essex, Houghton of Essex Junction, and Steady of Milton

House concurrent resolution congratulating the 2025 Essex High School Hornets Division I boys’ indoor track and field team on winning a second consecutive Division I championship

Whereas, the stellar reputation of Essex’s boys’ indoor track and field team is reflected in its impressive pre-2025 record of four championship titles since 2019 and 12 in the program’s history, and

Whereas, this winter’s championship meet, held at the University of Vermont, proved a golden opportunity for the Hornets, as a team member won the 55-meter dash (6.65), set a State boys’ record in the 55-meter hurdles (7.50), and placed first in the long jump (20’ 4”), the shot put (57’ 10”), and the weight throw (56’ 4.25”); and when all the competitive events had concluded, the Hornets had won the day, outscoring second-place St. Johnsbury Academy 130–112, and

Whereas, the victorious Hornets athletes were Skyler Ackerman-Demers, Paxton Bartlett-Brown, Liam Beckett, Brady Botelho, Rory Callahan, Matthew Chiarella, Eli Conti, Carter Crete, Samuel Curtiss, Henry Dimitroff, Roland Ekstrom, Jack Gorman, Sanjin Hadzic, Evan Hughes, Zachary Jackman, Alexander Johnson, Maxwell Lesny, Gregory Maiberger, Diwash Maidali, Emilio Mattos-Canedo, Alexander McClary, Jonathan McNamara, Thomas Meek, Kymani Mignott, Mason Newell, Adam Niquette, Aidan Nourse, Mason Pea, Joseph Reed, Charles Roy, Asher St. Pierre, James Steward, Beckett Versluys, Isaac Wargo, and William White, and

Whereas, Head Coach Nicholas Smith and assistant coaches Adam Lacross, Julie McGilpin, Varpilah Chase, Phil Reynolds, and Toki Tierata were proud of the team’s achievements, *now therefore be it*

Resolved by the Senate and House of Representatives:

That the General Assembly congratulates the 2025 Essex High School Hornets Division I boys’ indoor track and field team on winning a second consecutive Division I championship, *and be it further*

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

H.C.R. 46

Offered by Representatives Dodge of Essex, Black of Essex, Garofano of Essex, Houghton of Essex Junction, and Steady of Milton

House concurrent resolution congratulating the Essex High School Hornets girls’ volleyball program on winning a fourth consecutive State championship

Whereas, the Hornets girls’ volleyball program has earned a stellar reputation by winning the State title at the conclusion of each of the last three seasons, and the team embarked on its 2024 season confident that success on the court would continue, and

Whereas, top-seeded Essex proceeded to compile an undefeated record, deservedly earning a berth in 2024's most decisive contest, paired against the most challenging possible opponent, the second-seeded Bellows Free Academy-St. Albans Comets, and

Whereas, in the championship contest, played at St. Michael's College in Colchester, the Hornets once again thrilled their supporters by emerging on top in each of the three sets (25–23, 25–13, and 25–20) for a 3–0 win, as they clinched the school's fourth consecutive State title and an astounding 68th consecutive triumph, and

Whereas, this proud contingent of volleyball players consisted of Riley Austin, Anna Hotaling, Trinity Anaya, Reese Gregory, Sara Sinkewicz, Hannah Knickerboxer, Tess Adams, Riley Hammond, Emma Orlow, Abigail Desilets, Rheyra Gregory, Borjia Eckman, and Lucia Sears, and

Whereas, Head Coach Jen Liguori and Assistant Coach Phil Reynolds were ideal mentors for this amazing, talented cadre of young athletes, *now therefore be it*

Resolved by the Senate and House of Representatives:

That the General Assembly congratulates the Essex High School Hornets girls' volleyball program on winning a fourth consecutive State championship, *and be it further*

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

H.C.R. 47

Offered by Representative Noyes of Wolcott

House concurrent resolution recognizing March 2025 as National Senior Nutrition Program Month in Vermont

Whereas, approximately 28 percent of Vermont's population is 60 years of age or older, and according to the Vermont Foodbank, the threat of hunger confronts 12 percent of older Vermonters, and

Whereas, on March 22, 1972, President Richard Nixon signed Public Law 92-258, an amendment to the Older Americans Act of 1965, that established the national Senior Nutrition Program for older Americans, and

Whereas, the impetus for the national Senior Nutrition Program was the recognition that persons in this age group may not eat adequately due to a lack of finances, an inability to prepare nourishing meals, limited mobility, and feelings of loneliness, and

Whereas, in Vermont, the national Senior Nutrition Program is administered through the State Unit on Aging at the Department of Disabilities, Aging, and Independent Living and the area agencies on aging, and

Whereas, Meals on Wheels is a key element of the national Senior Nutrition Program through its provision of nutritious meals, safety checks, and friendly visits to those at risk of hunger and isolation, and

Whereas, in 2024, 42 Meals on Wheels providers delivered 986,662 nutritious home-delivered meals to thousands of older Vermonters, greatly improving their daily physical and emotional lives, and

Whereas, Meals on Wheels is an important component of Age Strong VT, a 10-year program designed to make Vermont “a great place for all ages and stages of life,” and

Whereas, each March, the federal Administration for Community Living celebrates the establishment of the national Senior Nutrition Program, and the theme for 2025 is “A Place at the Table,” “[recognizing] the importance of local nutrition programs and the meals being served across the country,” *now therefore be it*

Resolved by the Senate and House of Representatives:

That the General Assembly recognizes March 2025 as National Senior Nutrition Program Month in Vermont, *and be it further*

Resolved: That the Secretary of State be directed to send a copy of this resolution to the Department of Disabilities, Aging, and Independent Living and the Vermont Association of Senior Centers and Meal Providers.

H.C.R. 48

Offered by All Members of the House

House concurrent resolution in memory of former Representative Curt McCormack of Burlington

Whereas, Curt McCormack was a passionate environmental advocate who worked diligently to reduce sources of air pollution and encourage Vermonters’ transportation choices in a direction eschewing cars and airplanes, and

Whereas, a licensed electrician by profession, Curt McCormack’s desire to serve his fellow citizens in the legislative arena, and contribute an enduring beneficial impact on both environmental and transportation policy, twice sparked him to stand for a seat in the General Assembly, and

Whereas, in 1982, he won election to the House of Representatives as a member from Rutland City, and during this first legislative foray, which extended to late 1995, he chaired the House committee with environmental jurisdiction and was a national pioneer in leading a State effort to limit the use of chlorofluorocarbons, and

Whereas, he departed from the General Assembly to serve as the Vermont Bicycle-Pedestrian Coordinator at the Department of Transportation, a role that enabled him to implement facilities for human-powered transportation, and

Whereas, in 2012, having relocated to Burlington, Curt McCormack won election from the city's downtown-Old North End district, starting a new five-term legislative tenure that featured his service as the unusually carless House Committee on Transportation Chair; coincided with the extension to Burlington of the Ethan Allen Express Amtrak rail service, which he was instrumental in establishing years earlier; and included his election as a University of Vermont trustee, and

Whereas, he was a Peace Corps volunteer, who established a recycling facility in Joal, Senegal; a cyclist, who bicycled extensively in North America and Europe; a painter; and a music fan, whose diverse melodic pleasures ranged from Bob Dylan to opera, and

Whereas, Curt McCormack died of cancer on September 16, 2024 at 72 years of age, and his survivors include his partner, Lisa Scofield, and his children, grandchildren, and siblings, including former Senator Richard McCormack, *now therefore be it*

Resolved by the Senate and House of Representatives:

That the General Assembly extends its sincere condolences to the family of former Representative Curt McCormack of Burlington, *and be it further*

Resolved: That the Secretary of State be directed to send a copy of this resolution to the members of Curt McCormack's family.