

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. 53

Offered by Representatives Krowinski of Burlington, Bluemle of Burlington, Cina of Burlington, Headrick of Burlington, Hooper of Burlington, Kleppner of Burlington, Logan of Burlington, Ode of Burlington, Rachelson of Burlington, and Stone of Burlington

House concurrent resolution honoring Megan Humphrey for her outstanding leadership of HANDS

Whereas, HANDS (Helping and Nurturing Diverse Seniors) is a Chittenden County nonprofit organization dedicated to "providing food and resources for people aged 50+ who struggle with food insecurity," and

Whereas, for a quarter of a century, Megan Humphrey served as the inspirational leader of HANDS and ensured the organization fulfilled its mission as effectively as possible, and

Whereas, under her guidance, HANDS evolved from offering Christmas dinners and friendship to seniors who were otherwise alone on the holiday to a far more extensive operation providing nourishment and food guidance to seniors in Chittenden County, and

Whereas, during the 2024 holiday season, HANDS distributed approximately 1,700 grocery gift cards to older adults struggling with food insecurity, and

Whereas, HANDS has also established gardening programs at local senior centers, offered healthy eating workshops, and partnered with food shelves and other similar entities to expand the scope of its programs, and

Whereas, after an outstanding quarter century developing services to feed older Chittenden County residents in need of food support, Megan Humphrey is concluding her leadership duties but intends to remain involved in this endeavor as a HANDS volunteer, *now therefore be it*

Resolved by the Senate and House of Representatives:

That the General Assembly honors Megan Humphrey for her outstanding leadership of HANDS and wishes her every success in her future endeavors, *and be it further*

Resolved: That the Secretary of State be directed to send a copy of this resolution to Megan Humphrey and to HANDS.

H.C.R. 54

Offered by All Members of the House

House concurrent resolution in memory of former Representative, Governor, and Interim University of Vermont President Thomas Paul Salmon

Whereas, born in Cleveland, Ohio, and raised in Massachusetts, Tom Salmon earned both undergraduate and law school degrees from Boston College and a master's in taxation law from New York University Law School, and

Whereas, after completion of his education, he moved to Bellows Falls and commenced practicing law and became active in the community, and

Whereas, in 1959, the voters of Rockingham elected him a justice of the peace and he was also appointed that community's legal counsel, and in 1963, he became a municipal judge, and

Whereas, Tom Salmon served as the member from Rockingham in the Vermont House of Representatives from 1966 to 1970, serving as House Minority Leader, and

Whereas, in 1972, at literally the last moment, when it appeared that no candidate would file for the Democratic gubernatorial nomination, Tom Salmon volunteered to launch his long-shot bid for candidacy, and

Whereas, in a truly astounding victory, Tom Salmon won 56 percent of the vote, becoming the State's 75th Governor, serving for two terms in an administration known for the theme "Vermont is not for sale" and initiatives tackling property tax rates, and

Whereas, Tom Salmon remained a prominent citizen whose adroit leadership would be called upon frequently, including as Chair of the Green Mountain Power Board of Directors, and

Whereas, in 1991, the University of Vermont (UVM) Board of Trustees requested that he serve as Interim UVM President; and in this office, which he described as "an honor and challenge," his six-year tenure steadied the governance of UVM and prepared the campus for the future, and

Whereas, former Governor Tom Salmon’s long, active, and highly productive life ended on January 14, 2025 at 92 years of age, and his survivors include his children, grandchildren, and great-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 former Representative, Governor, and Interim University of Vermont President Thomas Paul Salmon, *and be it further*

Resolved: The Secretary of State be directed to send a copy of this resolution to the family of Tom Salmon.

H.C.R. 55

Offered by All Members of the House

House concurrent resolution recognizing April 2025 as the Month of the Military Child in Vermont

Whereas, many Americans and Vermonters may not be aware that there are more than 1.6 million children of U.S. military personnel, and

Whereas, family pressures are magnified for children who remain stateside when a parent is deployed abroad, and the children of the approximately 1,000 Vermont National Guard personnel who may be deployed over the course of a year experience this disruption firsthand, and

Whereas, military children’s frequent relocation and corresponding lack of long-term community stability present them with an unwelcome distraction, and

Whereas, in 1986, the U.S. Department of Defense first designated April as the Month of the Military Child, and this annual event is part of a year-round initiative that brightens and improves these children’s lives, and

Whereas, related programs include the national Military Kids Connect, partnerships with the Boys & Girls Clubs of America and 4-H Clubs, and Sesame Street for Military Families, as well as many local activities that Vermont National Guard’s Child & Youth Services and other offices administer, and

Whereas, as part of this special month, April 15, 2025 is being observed as Purple Up! For Military Kids Day, an opportunity for Americans to show solidarity with military families by wearing purple, a color that symbolizes all branches of the military, *now therefore be it*

Resolved by the Senate and House of Representatives:

That the General Assembly recognizes April 2025 as the Month of the Military Child in Vermont, *and be it further*

Resolved: That the Secretary of State be directed to send a copy of this resolution to the Vermont National Guard Office of Child & Youth Services.

H.C.R. 56

Offered by All Members of the House

House concurrent resolution designating April 18, 2025 as USS VERMONT (SSN 792) Day in Vermont

Whereas, the U.S. submarine VERMONT (USS VERMONT) (SSN 792) was commissioned on April 18, 2020, and is the third United States Naval Vessel to carry the State of Vermont namesake, and

Whereas, the officers and crew of the USS VERMONT (SSN 792) are currently deployed in the Western Pacific and are making port in South Korea and Japan, strengthening military cooperation with our allies, and

Whereas, the USS VERMONT (SSN 792) plays a leading role in the AUKUS (Australia, United Kingdom, United States) Trilateral Security Partnership, and it awarded the first Royal Australian officer his U.S. Navy Submarine Warfare Insignia (Dolphin), while he was serving on the USS VERMONT (SSN 792), and

Whereas, the U.S. Navy has recognized the crew of the USS VERMONT (SSN 792) with the 2024 Squadron One Battle Readiness Award (Battle E), and awards for engineering readiness, electronic warfare, supply readiness, and personnel readiness, further honoring their namesake with sustained superior performance, and

Whereas, the officers and crew of the USS VERMONT (SSN 792) honor Vermont lore with “Champy” patches on their shoulders and our “Freedom & Unity” motto in their emblems as they serve to protect our country and its freedoms, *now therefore be it*

Resolved by the Senate and House of Representatives:

That the General Assembly designates April 18, 2025 as USS VERMONT (SSN 792) Day in Vermont, *now therefore be it*

Resolved: That the Secretary of State be directed to send a copy of this resolution to the Commanding Officer of the USS VERMONT and the USS VERMONT Support Group.

H.C.R. 57

Offered by Committee on Government Operations and Military Affairs

Offered by Senators Clarkson, Major, and White

House concurrent resolution recognizing March 25, 2025 as National Medal of Honor Day in Vermont

Whereas, on December 21, 1861, President Abraham Lincoln signed Public Resolution 82, the original Medal of Honor legislation, providing for a Navy Medal of Valor, which Senator James W. Grimes of Iowa had introduced, and in 1862, President Abraham Lincoln extended its eligibility to U.S. Army personnel, and

Whereas, the first recipients of the Medal of Honor were a group of soldiers known as Andrews' Raiders, who led a daunting mission to cross Confederate lines and steal a train, and six of those soldiers were honored on March 25, 1863, and

Whereas, during the Civil War, approximately 60 Vermonters were Medal of Honor recipients, and

Whereas, the most unusual recipient was Willie Johnston, a young resident of the Northeast Kingdom community of Salem, now Derby, who, despite being only 11 years of age when he enlisted, was accepted as a drummer in Company D of the 3rd Vermont Volunteer Infantry Regiment, and

Whereas, during the 1862 Peninsula Campaign, when Union forces failed to invade the Confederate capital of Richmond, Virginia, and were forced to flee down the Virginia peninsula, young Johnston proved to be the only drummer in his division to retain his instrument through the harrowing ordeal, and

Whereas, on September 16, 1863, when Willie Johnston was only 13 years of age, U.S. Secretary of War Edwin Stanton presented him with this special medal, and he remains the youngest recipient to this day, and

Whereas, other Vermonters have been awarded the Medal of Honor for their military valor, including during the Indian Wars (1), the Philippines Campaign (1), interim periods (2), World War II (3), and the Vietnam War (1), and

Whereas, Congress established National Medal of Honor Day, which was first observed in 1991, "to foster public appreciation and recognition of Medal of Honor recipients," *now therefore be it*

Resolved by the Senate and House of Representatives:

That the General Assembly recognizes March 25, 2025 as National Medal of Honor Day in Vermont, *and be it further*

Resolved: That the Secretary of State be directed to provide a copy of this resolution to the Green Mountain Base Submarine Veterans; to Robert Burke, Director of the Vermont Office of Veterans Affairs; and to Richard Lorenz, the President of the Vermont National Guard Library and Museum.

H.C.R. 58

Offered by Representative Noyes of Wolcott

Offered by Senator Westman

House concurrent resolution recognizing April 18, 2025 as Electric Utility Lineworker Appreciation Day in Vermont

Whereas, in the 21st century, electric power, which is overwhelmingly transmitted through openly exposed local and long-distance electric power transmission lines, is essential for all aspects of daily living, and

Whereas, when lightning, snow, wind, and other variants of disruptive weather strike, the electric power lines are often damaged, posing an immediate danger to persons who encounter the wires and disrupting the flow of electric power to neighborhoods, entire municipalities, and even large sections of the State, including vital health and public safety facilities, and

Whereas, these electric power disruptions trigger the response of the dedicated men and women who are employees of Vermont's cooperative, investor-owned, and municipal utilities, the organizations that, for decades, have striven to provide all Vermonters with reliable, safe, and, in more recent years, increasingly environmentally friendly electric power, and

Whereas, these electric utility employees must work extended hours, under extremely dangerous conditions that require the utmost degree of care and professionalism, in a time-pressured effort to restore electric power expeditiously and eliminate dangerous hazards on the landscape and byways of the State, and

Whereas, these individuals are truly unsung heroes, whose impact on our daily lives is often forgotten and underappreciated, and

Whereas, across the country, April 18 is annually observed as National Lineman Appreciation Day, and a Vermont commemoration is in order, *now therefore be it*

Resolved by the Senate and House of Representatives:

That the General Assembly recognizes April 18, 2025 as Electric Utility Lineworker Appreciation Day in Vermont, *and be it further*

Resolved: That the Secretary of State be directed to send a copy of this resolution to each of the cooperative, investor-owned, and municipal electric utilities in Vermont.

H.C.R. 59

Offered by Representative Wood of Waterbury

House concurrent resolution honoring Linda C. Johnson for her outstanding State and national contributions to the prevention of child abuse

Whereas, during her extraordinary 38-year tenure as the Executive Director of Prevent Child Abuse Vermont (PCAVT), Linda Johnson devoted considerable energy to developing innovative approaches to combating child abuse, and

Whereas, Linda Johnson provided invaluable leadership and guidance to PCAVT's work that "promotes and supports healthy relationships within families, schools and communities to eliminate child abuse," and

Whereas, her pioneering initiatives have garnered praise, both in Vermont and nationally, where she is a recognized leader in the effort to prevent child abuse, particularly child sexual abuse, and

Whereas, Linda Johnson developed a deep understanding of the complex issues facing children and their families that might lead to child abuse, and she approached this daunting task compassionately, and

Whereas, as PCAVT executive director, she structured the organization into three departments: the Family Support Programs, the Healthy Relationships Project, and the Safe Environments for Infants and Toddlers services, and the PCAVT collaborates with numerous public and nonprofit organizations, and

Whereas, Linda Johnson directed and actively engaged in PCAVT's effective advocacy campaign that led to State funding for 80 parent support groups, impacting over 1,900 children, and enabling programs to be conducted in each of the five men's prisons in Vermont, and

Whereas, she spearheaded projects that contributed to a 66 percent reduction in the number of child abuse victims and a significant decrease in the prevalence of Shaken Baby Syndrome, and

Whereas, in December 2024, as she concluded her nearly four decades serving as the PCAVT executive director, Linda Johnson was honored as the

first recipient of the organization's Lifetime Champion for Children Award, *now therefore be it*

Resolved by the Senate and House of Representatives:

That the General Assembly honors Linda C. Johnson for her outstanding State and national contributions to the prevention of child abuse, *and be it further*

Resolved: That the Secretary of State be directed to send a copy of this resolution to Linda Johnson and PCAVT.

H.C.R. 60

Offered by All Members of the House

Offered by Senators Lyons and Gulick

House concurrent resolution designating March 25, 2025 as Intellectual and Developmental Disabilities Day at the State House

Whereas, all Vermonters, regardless of any disability they may have, desire to receive the highest attainable quality of health care, including support services for individuals with intellectual and developmental disabilities, and

Whereas, Sec. 1 of the Developmental Disabilities Act (1996 Acts and Resolves No. 174, codified as 18 V.S.A. § 8721) provides that individuals with a developmental disability are entitled to: a safe living environment; respect and dignity; residency in a home of their choice; the opportunity to make life-affecting decisions; attend neighborhood schools, be employed, and participate in activities, subject to the provisions of federal special education laws; and to have access to broadly available community support and services, and

Whereas, individuals with intellectual and developmental disabilities seek access to the necessary resources to lead full, independent, and dignified lives within the community, and they expect that all of these services will be delivered with the same degree of expertise and financial support as equivalent services for those who do not live with an intellectual or developmental disability, and

Whereas, today, March 25, 2025, individuals with intellectual and developmental disabilities and their advocates are visiting the State House to inform the General Assembly of their concerns regarding the provision of these State services that are critical to their health and well-being, *now therefore be it*

Resolved by the Senate and House of Representatives:

That the General Assembly designates March 25, 2025 as Intellectual and Developmental Disabilities 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 intellectual and developmental disabilities advocacy organizations present today in the State House.

H.C.R. 61

Offered by Representatives Hango of Berkshire, Boyden of Cambridge, Branagan of Georgia, Cina of Burlington, Coffin of Cavendish, Demar of Enosburgh, Dobrovich of Williamstown, Donahue of Northfield, Galfetti of Barre Town, Goslant of Northfield, Higley of Lowell, Kascenska of Burke, Krasnow of South Burlington, Labor of Morgan, Lipsky of Stowe, Maguire of Rutland City, Malay of Pittsford, McFaun of Barre Town, Morgan, M. of Milton, Nelson of Derby, Noyes of Wolcott, Oliver of Sheldon, Page of Newport City, Pinsonault of Dorset, Powers of Waterford, Sibilia of Dover, Tagliavia of Corinth, Taylor of Milton, Toof of St. Albans Town, Walker of Swanton, and Wells of Brownington

Offered by Senators Collamore, Ingalls, Mattos, Norris, and Vyhovsky

House concurrent resolution recognizing March 2025 as National Athletic Training Month in Vermont

Whereas, the general public might narrowly perceive athletic trainers to be individuals who rush onto a sports field or indoor playing arena when a team member, be it high school, college, or professional, is injured during the course of a game, and

Whereas, although that is their most visible role, in reality, athletic trainers have a long history of providing professional quality health care for athletes and other individuals who are engaged in regular physical activity, and

Whereas, athletic trainers are health care professionals “who specialize in immediate, acute, and emergency care; examination, assessment, and diagnosis; injury prevention; risk management; therapeutic intervention; and rehabilitation of injury and illness,” and

Whereas, professional, collegiate, and high school teams; private industries; physician offices; rehabilitation clinics; and every branch of the U.S. Armed Forces employ athletic trainers, and they work collaboratively to promote and practice the profession of athletic training, nationally and within the State of Vermont, and

Whereas, in 1982, these health care professionals, who in 2025 number over 135 in our State, organized as the Vermont Association of Athletic Trainers

(VAAT), which is dedicated to the education of its members and the enhancement of the profession of athletic training, for the healthcare benefit of all Vermonters, and

Whereas, VAAT is affiliated with the National Athletic Trainers' Association (NATA), which represents and supports more than 45,000 members nationwide, and NATA has established March as National Athletic Training Month, and

Whereas, the General Assembly has recognized the role of athletic trainers as health care professionals, and it enacted 1998 Acts and Resolves No. 108 as amended (codified as 26 V.S.A. chapter 83) providing for the licensure of athletic trainers, *now therefore be it*

Resolved by the Senate and House of Representatives:

That the General Assembly recognizes March 2025 as National Athletic Training 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 Association of Athletic Trainers.

H.C.R. 62

Offered by Representatives Greer of Bennington, Cooper of Pownal, Corcoran of Bennington, Durfee of Shaftsbury, Morrissey of Bennington, and Nigro of Bennington

Offered by Senators Bongartz and Plunkett

House concurrent resolution commemorating the 50th anniversary of the Black Music Division at Bennington College

Whereas, the journey to establish Black music as a focus of academic examination and respect owes much to the pioneering initiative of the Black Music Division at Bennington College, which was established in 1974 under the auspices of Bill Dixon, a Renaissance figure in the Black cultural scene, as a composer, educator, performer, and ardent artistic advocate, and

Whereas, this avant-garde jazz luminary was ideally qualified to take on this pedagogical challenge, having studied music at the Hartnett Conservatory of Music, organized the "October Revolution in Jazz" conclave in New York City in 1964, and later co-founded the Jazz Composer's Guild, and

Whereas, a primary rationale for the creation of the Black Music Division was "to legitimize Black Music within the academic sphere," a mission today's faculty continues to promote with "courses that explore the depth and cultural significance of Black music," and

Whereas, for nearly four decades, another prominent faculty member in the Black Music Division was the eminent percussionist, New York Art Quartet member, Guggenheim Fellowship recipient, and Doris Duke Foundation Impact Award winner, Milford Graves, and

Whereas, to celebrate and reflect upon this half-century academic odyssey and its historic and “transformative impact on the field of music, education, improvisation and culture,” the Black Music Division, with the support of Bennington College Alumni Relations, is sponsoring a Black Music Symposium, an event reminiscent of Bill Dixon’s “October Revolution in Jazz,” and

Whereas, Bennington College faculty member Michael Wimberly is organizing this grand gathering of “alumni, musicians, faculty, students, and members of the public” for two glorious days of exciting “live performances, lectures, panels, and workshops” that will highlight the past, present, and future of Black music, *now therefore be it*

Resolved by the Senate and House of Representatives:

That the General Assembly commemorates the 50th anniversary of the Black Music Division at Bennington College, *and be it further*

Resolved: That the Secretary of State be directed to send a copy of this resolution to the Black Music Division at Bennington College.