

**CONCURRENT RESOLUTION**

**ADDENDUM**

**TO THE**

**HOUSE CALENDAR**

**Text of House Concurrent  
Resolutions**

**of**

**March 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. 63**

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

Offered by Senators Harrison and Hashim

House concurrent resolution congratulating the Brattleboro Food Co-op on its 50th anniversary and extending best future wishes

*Whereas*, the Brattleboro Food Co-op was the brainchild of, among others, Lee Crowley, Jack Fredericks, Cliff Adler, Lynn Levine, Carl Hirth, Peter Stolle, Billy Fitzgerald, and Alex Gyori, and their initiative to start a small buying club has evolved into a community-owned cooperative food emporium, and

*Whereas*, the organizers' dream became a reality on February 20, 1975 when the Brattleboro Food Co-op opened to the public in a small garage located at 40 High Street in Brattleboro, a cramped facility measuring approximately 150–200 square feet, and

*Whereas*, the opening day's sales tallied \$600.00, a meager sum in comparison with the latest year's gross sales of nearly \$25.5 million, and

*Whereas*, in 1988, the Brattleboro Food Co-op moved into a structure at the rear of the current parking lot, and in 2012, the current beautiful four-floor building, which is a hub of activity at 2 Main Street in downtown Brattleboro, began serving the public, and

*Whereas*, renovated through a collaboration with the Windham & Windsor Housing Trust (the Trust) and Housing Vermont, the four-floor facility features a 14,580 square foot first-floor natural foods market with a deli, the Whetstone Café, which often welcomes live music; the organization's offices; a commissary kitchen; a cooking classroom; a conference room; a second-floor community room that is available for rental; and 24 Trust-owned apartments that occupy the top floors, and

*Whereas*, the Brattleboro Food Co-op contains the following departments: beer and wine; catering; cheese; deli, with Brattleboro's largest selection of

eat-in and take-out food offerings; grocery; bulk food; meat and seafood; produce and floral, which supports local farmers and offers floral and plant choices year-round; and health and wellness, selling holistic products, and

*Whereas*, the Brattleboro Food Co-op is proud of its half-century serving Windham County residents, *now therefore be it*

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

That the General Assembly congratulates the Brattleboro Food Co-op on its 50th anniversary and extends best future wishes, *and be it further*

***Resolved:*** That the Secretary of State be directed to send a copy of this resolution to the Brattleboro Food Co-op.

**H.C.R. 64**

Offered by Representatives McCann of Montpelier, Austin of Colchester, Berbeco of Winooski, Bishop of Colchester, Bluemle of Burlington, Bos-Lun of Westminster, Burke of Brattleboro, Burkhardt of South Burlington, Casey of Montpelier, Cina of Burlington, Coffin of Cavendish, Cole of Hartford, Dolan of Essex Junction, Duke of Burlington, Eastes of Guilford, Garofano of Essex, Goldman of Rockingham, Goslant of Northfield, Graning of Jericho, Greer of Bennington, Gregoire of Fairfield, Hango of Berkshire, Harrison of Chittenden, Headrick of Burlington, Holcombe of Norwich, Houghton of Essex Junction, Howard of Rutland City, James of Manchester, McGill of Bridport, Minier of South Burlington, Morris of Springfield, Mrowicki of Putney, Nugent of South Burlington, Ode of Burlington, Page of Newport City, Priestley of Bradford, Sibia of Dover, Sweeney of Shelburne, Tomlinson of Winooski, Torre of Moretown, and Waszazak of Barre City

Offered by Senators Bongartz, Cummings, Gulick, Perchlik, Vyhovsky, Watson, and Weeks

House concurrent resolution congratulating Caitlin MacLeod-Bluver of Winooski High School on her selection as the 2025 Vermont Teacher of the Year and Jeremy DeMink of Edmunds Middle School in Burlington and Sonya Shedd of Wolcott Elementary School on their recognition as Distinguished Finalists

*Whereas*, since 1964, the Agency of Education has honored an outstanding educator as the Vermont Teacher of the Year, and

*Whereas*, for 2025, the Agency is pleased to bestow this honor on Caitlin MacLeod-Bluver, a teacher of English and history and a reading specialist at Winooski High School, who also serves as an adjunct faculty member at the

University of Vermont and previously taught in Boston, Massachusetts, and Juneau, Alaska, and

*Whereas*, her academic and professional credentials are extremely impressive as she is a graduate of Wesleyan University; earned a master's degree from the University of Massachusetts at Boston, an advanced certificate in literacy and language from Massachusetts General Hospital's Institute of Health Professions, and an advanced certificate in leadership from the Peronne-Sizer Institute for Creative Leadership; and served at the National Geographic Society as a Grosvenor Teaching Fellow and summer teaching fellow, and at the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration as a planetary steward, and

*Whereas*, she adeptly applies her experience working with refugee and immigrant students in Boston, Massachusetts, to her multilingual and multinational Winooski classroom, developing a curriculum reflective of their diverse backgrounds, and she is an exceptional educator who inspires her students and makes them feel respected and valued, and

*Whereas*, Distinguished Finalists Jeremy DeMink and Sonya Shedd are outstanding educators who enrich their classrooms, *now therefore be it*

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

That the General Assembly congratulates Caitlin MacLeod-Bluver of Winooski High School on her selection as the 2025 Vermont Teacher of the Year and Jeremy DeMink of Edmunds Middle School in Burlington and Sonya Shedd of Wolcott Elementary School on their recognition as Distinguished Finalists, *and be it further*

***Resolved:*** That the Secretary of State be directed to send a copy of this resolution to each of these honored teachers.

**H.C.R. 65**

Offered by Representatives Demar of Enosburgh, Berbeco of Winooski, Burditt of West Rutland, Critchlow of Colchester, Dickinson of St. Albans Town, Dolgin of St. Johnsbury, Galfetti of Barre Town, Gregoire of Fairfield, Labor of Morgan, Laroche of Franklin, Luneau of St. Albans City, Morgan, L. of Milton, Oliver of Sheldon, Page of Newport City, Powers of Waterford, Pritchard of Pawlet, Tagliavia of Corinth, Taylor of Milton, and Toof of St. Albans Town

Offered by Senator Ingalls

House concurrent resolution recognizing May 2025 as Progressive Supranuclear Palsy Awareness Month in Vermont

*Whereas*, according to the National Institute of Neurological Disorders and Stroke, progressive supranuclear palsy (PSP) is a rare onset progressive neurological disorder that affects numerous essential physical and mental functions, and

*Whereas*, an estimated 20,000 Americans have been diagnosed with this disorder, and the specific symptoms are individually unique, and

*Whereas*, PSP's symptoms usually appear at 60 years of age or older, although in some cases earlier, and they can result in an individual becoming depressed, forgetful, and irritable and cause an individual to have sleeping challenges, and

*Whereas*, individuals with PSP can experience severe quality-of-life issues, and contracting this disorder can necessitate complex care requirements that negatively impact family relationships and the lives of caregivers, and

*Whereas*, although outwardly similar to Parkinson's disease, PSP is a distinct disorder that is part of the group of disorders known collectively as atypical parkinsonism, and

*Whereas*, at present, there is neither a cure nor even a modifying treatment, and although some symptoms may be managed with medication and care, the lack of understanding about the disease has often led to misdiagnosis, and this lack of medical knowledge hinders both intervention efforts and clinical trials, and

*Whereas*, the recognition of May 2025 as Progressive Supranuclear Palsy Awareness Month will create greater public and health care community awareness of PSP, highlight the continuing effort to find a cure, and provide comfort to the families whose lives have been drastically altered, *now therefore be it*

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

That the General Assembly recognizes May 2025 as Progressive Supranuclear Palsy Awareness Month in Vermont, *and be it further*

***Resolved:*** That the Secretary of State be directed to send a copy of this resolution to CurePSP in New York City and to the Vermont Medical Society.

**H.C.R. 66**

Offered by Representatives Duke of Burlington, Austin of Colchester, Bartley of Fairfax, Birong of Vergennes, Bosch of Clarendon, Boutin of Barre City, Campbell of St. Johnsbury, Carris-Duncan of Whitingham, Casey of Montpelier, Chapin of East Montpelier, Cina of Burlington, Coffin of

Cavendish, Cooper of Pownal, Corcoran of Bennington, Critchlow of Colchester, Dodge of Essex, Dolan of Essex Junction, Durfee of Shaftsbury, Eastes of Guilford, Goldman of Rockingham, Graning of Jericho, Greer of Bennington, Gregoire of Fairfield, Hango of Berkshire, Harple of Glover, Harrison of Chittenden, Harvey of Castleton, Higley of Lowell, Holcombe of Norwich, Hooper of Randolph, Houghton of Essex Junction, James of Manchester, Kascenska of Burke, Kimbell of Woodstock, Kleppner of Burlington, Krasnow of South Burlington, Lipsky of Stowe, Logan of Burlington, Luneau of St. Albans City, Masland of Thetford, Micklus of Milton, Morris of Springfield, Morrissey of Bennington, Mrowicki of Putney, Nelson of Derby, Nigro of Bennington, North of Ferrisburgh, Noyes of Wolcott, Nugent of South Burlington, Olson of Starksboro, Pezzo of Colchester, Pouech of Hinesburg, Priestley of Bradford, Pritchard of Pawlet, Quimby of Lyndon, Satcowitz of Randolph, Sibilia of Dover, Southworth of Walden, Stevens of Waterbury, Sweeney of Shelburne, Waszazak of Barre City, Wells of Brownington, White of Waitsfield, White of Bethel, Winter of Ludlow, and Wood of Waterbury

Offered by Senators Bongartz, Clarkson, Douglass, Harrison, Hart, Ingalls, Major, Plunkett, Weeks, Westman, White, and Williams

House concurrent resolution celebrating the role of tourism in the Vermont economy and designating April 10, 2025 as Tourism Economy Day at the State House

*Whereas*, Vermont is a global destination for outdoor recreation, dining, lodging, art, and history, and this creates business opportunities, attracts new residents, and incentivizes Vermonters to stay, and

*Whereas*, our State's tourism industry has a \$4 billion economic impact and constitutes over 10 percent of Vermont's workforce, and

*Whereas*, in 2023, 15.8 million people visited Vermont, contributing an estimated \$282.3 million in State and local taxes, and

*Whereas*, tourism and hospitality are among the largest industries in Vermont, constituting over 30,000 jobs, and

*Whereas*, meaningful representation and inclusion ensure that Vermont is welcoming to all, enabling everyone to experience the joy of visiting the State regardless of background, and

*Whereas*, industry leaders who center community values in their work embody the ideal of destination leadership, *now therefore be it*

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

That the General Assembly celebrates the role of tourism in the Vermont economy and designates April 10, 2025 as Tourism Economy 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 Chamber of Commerce, Ski Vermont, and the Department of Tourism and Marketing.

**H.C.R. 67**

Offered by Representatives Morrissey of Bennington, Cooper of Pownal, Corcoran of Bennington, Durfee of Shaftsbury, Greer of Bennington, Hunter of Manchester, James of Manchester, Nigro of Bennington, and Pinsonault of Dorset

Offered by Senators Bongartz and Plunkett

House concurrent resolution commemorating the 250th anniversary of Ethan Allen's planning, in Bennington in 1775, of the successful Vermont initiation of the American War of Independence and the associated expedition to Ticonderoga

*Whereas*, during the 1770s, the volunteer militia members of the New Hampshire Grants, living north of the province of Massachusetts in the frontier areas between the Connecticut River and Lake Champlain, were known as the Green Mountain Boys, and

*Whereas*, the Green Mountain Boys were located within striking distance of the two artillery-rich British forts, Crown Point and Ticonderoga, both perched on the western shore of Lake Champlain, and

*Whereas*, in early May 1775, Ethan Allen, who lived in Bennington, directed his fellow Green Mountain Boys at the Catamount Tavern, the militia's de facto headquarters, to bring their flintlock muskets north, in a discrete manner; to recruit more Green Mountain Boys along the way; and to rendezvous in Castleton, where they would be given further instructions, and

*Whereas*, the plan was finalized at Castleton and the Green Mountain Boys' execution of it resulted in the successful seizure of the British-held forts and the liberation of 78 cannons at Ticonderoga and 111 cannons at Crown Point, and these forays into British fortifications were seen as the first patriot triumphs in the American War of Independence from Great Britain, and

*Whereas*, these epic military operations and legendary feats forever enhanced the reputation of the Green Mountain Boys and contributed to the successful American drive to win independence from Great Britain, and

*Whereas*, in May 2025, Vermonters are commemorating the early role of the gallant and heroic men of the New Hampshire Grants in the fight for American independence, the prelude to Vermont's admission as our nation's 14th state, and

*Whereas*, in Bennington County, the commemoration of the "Expedition to Ticonderoga: Ethan Allen, the Green Mountain Boys, and America's First Victory," includes public events celebrating these brave deeds of 1775, *now therefore be it*

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

That the General Assembly commemorates the 250th anniversary of Ethan Allen's planning, in Bennington in 1775, of the successful Vermont initiation of the American War of Independence and the associated expedition to Ticonderoga, *and be it further*

***Resolved:*** That the Secretary of State be directed to send a copy of this resolution to the Bennington Town Clerk.

**H.C.R. 68**

Offered by Representatives Cooper of Pownal, Austin of Colchester, Bailey of Hyde Park, Bartley of Fairfax, Birong of Vergennes, Bosch of Clarendon, Boutin of Barre City, Campbell of St. Johnsbury, Carris-Duncan of Whitingham, Casey of Montpelier, Chapin of East Montpelier, Cina of Burlington, Coffin of Cavendish, Corcoran of Bennington, Dodge of Essex, Dolan of Essex Junction, Duke of Burlington, Durfee of Shaftsbury, Eastes of Guilford, Goldman of Rockingham, Graning of Jericho, Greer of Bennington, Gregoire of Fairfield, Hango of Berkshire, Harple of Glover, Harrison of Chittenden, Harvey of Castleton, Headrick of Burlington, Higley of Lowell, Holcombe of Norwich, Hooper of Randolph, Hooper of Burlington, Houghton of Essex Junction, Hunter of Manchester, James of Manchester, Kascenska of Burke, Kleppner of Burlington, Krasnow of South Burlington, Lalley of Shelburne, Lipsky of Stowe, Luneau of St. Albans City, Masland of Thetford, Micklus of Milton, Mrowicki of Putney, Nelson of Derby, Nigro of Bennington, North of Ferrisburgh, Nugent of South Burlington, O'Brien of Tunbridge, Olson of Starksboro, Pezzo of Colchester, Pouech of Hinesburg, Priestley of Bradford, Pritchard of Pawlet, Quimby of Lyndon, Rachelson of Burlington, Satcowitz of Randolph, Sibilia of Dover, Southworth of Walden, Stevens of Waterbury, Sweeney of Shelburne, Waszazak of Barre City, Wells



of Brownington, White of Waitsfield, White of Bethel, Winter of Ludlow, and Wood of Waterbury

Offered by Senators Bongartz, Brennan, Clarkson, Douglass, Hart, Ingalls, Major, Plunkett, Weeks, Westman, White, and Williams

House concurrent resolution celebrating the role of the manufacturing industry in the Vermont economy and designating April 2, 2025 as Manufacturing Day at the State House

*Whereas*, manufacturing is a vital pillar of Vermont's economy, strengthening both rural and urban communities, supplying globally recognized businesses, and driving innovation across diverse industries, ensuring the State's economic resilience and competitiveness, and

*Whereas*, Vermont's manufacturing industry generates close to \$3 billion, an economic impact representing over 8 percent of the State's GDP, and

*Whereas*, manufacturing businesses constitute approximately 10.5 percent of Vermont's private sector workforce, supporting 30,000 jobs, and

*Whereas*, Vermont's manufacturing jobs typically offer wages above the State's average, providing workers with greater economic mobility; and supporting and promoting manufacturing jobs with competitive wages is essential to attracting and retaining talent while fostering long-term economic stability and growth in Vermont, and

*Whereas*, manufacturers in our State contribute significantly to promoting strategic relationships between the State and neighboring regions, including New England, New York, Canada, and the broader local and global economy, *now therefore be it*

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

That the General Assembly celebrates the role of the manufacturing industry in the Vermont economy and designates April 2, 2025 as Manufacturing 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 Associated Industries of Vermont, the Vermont Regional Development Corporations, the Vermont Chamber of Commerce, and the Vermont Manufacturing Extension Center.

**H.C.R. 69**

Offered by Representatives Marcotte of Coventry, Bosch of Clarendon, Carris-Duncan of Whitingham, Cooper of Pownal, Micklus of Milton, Olson of Starksboro, Priestley of Bradford, and White of Bethel

House concurrent resolution designating April 2, 2025 as Early College Day at the State House

*Whereas*, the percentage of Vermont high school students pursuing postsecondary education has declined significantly in recent years, and

*Whereas*, an important antidote to this trend is the Early College Program (ECP) that enables high school students simultaneously to complete their senior year and freshman year of college, and

*Whereas*, the enactment of 2013 Acts and Resolves No. 77, “An act... encouraging flexible pathways to secondary school completion,” updated Vermont’s long history of offering alternative methods to achieve high school graduation, and this act was designed to improve postsecondary readiness and enrollment, and

*Whereas*, the ECP established in Act 77 represents approximately 0.4 percent of the expenditures from the Education Fund, and it is intended to encourage postsecondary education enrollment among students who might not otherwise consider this option, and

*Whereas*, demonstrable gains have occurred during the past three years in the equitable admission of students into the ECP at the Community College of Vermont, including a 250 percent increase in the enrollment of students with low income, and

*Whereas*, Vermont associate degree graduates are among the most likely in the country to realize a positive return on their investment, a figure that stands at 79 percent according to the Strada Education Foundation, and

*Whereas*, the ECP has a major influence in directing the personal postsecondary education and career aspirations of the State’s students, and it prospectively strengthens the future Vermont workforce, and

*Whereas*, today, April 2, 2025, ECP enrollees who are studying at the Community College of Vermont are visiting the State House, *now therefore be it*

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

That the General Assembly designates April 2, 2025 as Early College 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 president of the Community College of Vermont and the Secretary of Education.