

CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

ADDENDUM

TO THE

HOUSE CALENDAR

**Text of House Concurrent
Resolutions**

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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. 70

Offered by All Members of the House

House concurrent resolution designating April 10, 2025 as Alzheimer's Awareness Day at the State House

Whereas, according to the National Institute of Neurological Disorders and Stroke, Alzheimer's disease is a "progressive neurodegenerative disease that occurs when nerve cells in the brain die," and it can result in "[i]mpaired memory, thinking and behavior," and

Whereas, most experts calculate that nearly seven million Americans 65 years of age and older are living with this disease, and

Whereas, in Vermont, 12,800 individuals 65 years of age and older are living with Alzheimer's, and in 2020 (the most recent calculation of this statistic), 9.9 percent of the State's residents in this age cohort were its victims, and

Whereas, in 2022, Alzheimer's was the cause of death for 329 Vermonters, making the disease the fourth-leading cause of death in the State and representing a 145.5 percent increase during the years 2000–2022, and

Whereas, the impact of Alzheimer's in Vermont is not limited to those who are living with the disease, as approximately 20,000 Vermonters are dedicating 29 million hours to individuals' Alzheimer's care, a commitment currently valued at \$773 million, and 61.5 percent of the caregivers have chronic health conditions, 35.4 percent are suffering with depression, and 10.7 percent are in poor physical health, and

Whereas, the projected Medicaid cost associated with Alzheimer's care in Vermont for 2025 is \$158 million, and

Whereas, today, April 10, 2025, family members, caregivers, and medical professionals are gathered at the State House to inform the General Assembly of the financial, personal, and societal implications of Alzheimer's disease in Vermont, *now therefore be it*

Resolved by the Senate and House of Representatives:

That the General Assembly designates April 10, 2025 as Alzheimer’s Awareness 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 Alzheimer’s Association, Vermont Chapter.

H.C.R. 71

Offered by Representative Mrowicki of Putney

Offered by Senators Harrison and Hashim

House concurrent resolution celebrating the 40th anniversary of the first class at Landmark College and extending best wishes for continued academic success

Whereas, individuals who learn differently—whether due to autism, dyslexia, attention deficit disorders, executive function challenges, or otherwise—have historically faced major impediments to fair, accessible, and quality education, and

Whereas, until four decades ago, there were not any accredited higher education institutions designed and built exclusively for individuals who learn differently, and in response to the need for this type of school, in 1983, a committed team of educators, philanthropists, and community leaders, including then Putney Select Board member and future Vermont Governor Peter Shumlin, himself dyslexic and unable to read until he was 14 years of age, established Landmark College in Putney, Vermont, and

Whereas, Landmark College accepted its first students in the fall of 1985 and quickly became the world’s first accredited college for individuals with learning disabilities and learning differences, and

Whereas, over its 40-year history, Landmark College has broadened the curriculum to include other academic degrees and certificate programs, academic development and college-preparatory programs for high school students, and professional development and certificate programs for educators, and

Whereas, in addition to the academic courses, Landmark College is a global leader in advancing accessibility, inclusion, and opportunity for those who learn differently, and

Whereas, nearly 11,000 students and professionals from 55 countries have studied at Landmark College, opening new doors of opportunity for those who learn differently and preparing them for academic and career success, and

Whereas, the school is the largest employer in Putney and one of the largest year-round employers in southern Vermont, and

Whereas, the outstanding achievements of Landmark College serve as a glowing testament to the dedication and perseverance of all those associated with this unusual and respected higher education institution, *now therefore be it*

Resolved by the Senate and House of Representatives:

That the General Assembly celebrates the 40th anniversary of the first class at Landmark College and extends best wishes for continued academic success, *and be it further*

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

H.C.R. 72

Offered by Representative Harvey of Castleton

Offered by Senators Weeks, Collamore, and Williams

House concurrent resolution commemorating May 9, 2025 as the 250th anniversary of Ethan Allen's arrival in Castleton in association with the American War of Independence

Whereas, the Battles of Lexington and Concord, fought on April 19, 1775, initiated the long and deadly conflict between rebellious residents of the American colonies and the government of Great Britain, and

Whereas, as a result of a Committee of War held with the Green Mountain Boys and others in Zadock Remington's tavern in Castleton, their local field commander, Ethan Allen, dispatched Samuel Herrick to lead 30 men to lock down Skenesborough (now Whitehall, New York) and to seize British Lieutenant Philip Skene's fleet of boats in order to transport the Green Mountain Boys across Lake Champlain, and Ethan Allen also directed Gershom Beach to run more than 60 miles to alert men living in towns along Otter Creek and beyond of the need to rush to Hand's Cove in Shoreham on the east shore of Lake Champlain, where they would meet Ethan Allen and more Green Mountain Boys, and

Whereas, this plan was finalized at Castleton and the Green Mountain Boys successfully seized the British-held forts and liberated 78 cannons at Ticonderoga and 111 cannons at Crown Point, and these events were seen as early patriot triumphs in the American War of Independence from Great Britain, and

Whereas, over the next winter, an oxen crew that Bostonian Henry Knox led, moved 29 cannons from Crown Point and 30 from Ticonderoga to Boston, where they were placed on high ground in order to force the British navy to evacuate Boston Harbor, and

Whereas, these epic military operations enhanced the reputation of the Green Mountain Boys and contributed to the securing of American independence from Great Britain and began Vermont's journey towards admission as the nation's 14th state, *now therefore be it*

Resolved by the Senate and House of Representatives:

That the General Assembly commemorates May 9, 2025 as the 250th anniversary of Ethan Allen's arrival in Castleton in association with the American War of Independence, *and be it further*

Resolved: That the Secretary of State be directed to send a copy of this resolution to the Castleton Town Clerk and the Vermont State University Castleton campus.

H.C.R. 73

Offered by Representative Burke of Brattleboro

House concurrent resolution designating April 10, 2025 as Museums and Libraries Day at the State House

Whereas, museums and libraries are the cornerstone of our democracy, serve as public forums to debate big ideas, and are places to learn of past societies and gain guidance for shaping the future, and

Whereas, the State of Vermont is home to more museums per capita than any other state in the nation, with 48 museums per 100,000 residents, and there are nearly 300 statewide, and

Whereas, most Vermont museums are small local historical organizations, and their predominantly volunteer staff serve in these roles because they love their communities and the associated heritage these special institutions are preserving, in the form of archives, objects, and stories for future generations, and

Whereas, similarly, the State of Vermont hosts more libraries per capita than any other state, totaling 185 public libraries or 28 per 100,000 residents, and

Whereas, the modern library is not merely a convenient depository of circulating books and a wonderful place to read, but, equally important, it serves as the heart of our communities by lending tools; hosting musical performances and lectures; exhibiting films; acting as an emergency response

hub and information technology access center; and, more broadly, as a community facility where curiosity can be satisfied and our common humanity shared among each other, and

Whereas, museums and libraries often combine their facilities and services, offering the best of both educational milieus, and

Whereas, today, April 10, 2025, staff and volunteers from the Vermont Historical Society, which, since 1838, has served as one of the premiere organizations in Vermont combining both museum and library facilities and services, are visiting the State House to remind the General Assembly of the great community worth of both their own institution and of museums and libraries across the Green Mountain State, *now therefore be it*

Resolved by the Senate and House of Representatives:

That the General Assembly designates April 10, 2025 as Museums and Libraries 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 Historical Society.

H.C.R. 74

Offered by All Members of the House

House concurrent resolution congratulating the 2025 Boys & Girls Clubs of Vermont Youth of the Year honorees

Whereas, since 1947, Youth of the Year has been the Boys & Girls Clubs' premier annual honorary recognition, celebrating the extraordinary achievements of the Clubs' teens, and

Whereas, the Boys & Girls Clubs equip their members with the skills and values needed to grow into responsible, successful adults and leaders within their communities, and

Whereas, the Youth of the Year award winners exemplify the hard work, determination, and hope of the Boys & Girls Clubs movement, and

Whereas, selection as a Youth of the Year award winner is the highest honor that the Boys & Girls Clubs can bestow on their members, and

Whereas, the 2025 Vermont Youth of the Year honorees by their first names and respective local Boys & Girls Clubs are Jason (Brattleboro), Kali (Burlington), Megan (Vergennes), and Tyler (Rutland), *now therefore be it*

Resolved by the Senate and House of Representatives:

That the General Assembly congratulates the 2025 Boys & Girls Clubs of Vermont Youth of the Year honorees, *and be it further*

Resolved: That the Secretary of State be directed to send a copy of this resolution to each honoree recognized in this resolution.

H.C.R. 75

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 girls' gymnastics team on winning a second consecutive State championship

Whereas, with fresh memories of their 2024 State title and many returning team members competing in the current season, the Hornets savored the potential of a repeat performance, and

Whereas, an unusual complication on the day of the State championship meet, held at Champlain Valley Union High School, occurred when Head Coach Mary Savage was absent giving birth to her first child, a baby boy, requiring Assistant Coach Anna Charland to assume responsibility for supporting the Essex gymnasts, and

Whereas, the Hornets strove to honor their coach with a victory and earned the top team score in the bars, floor, and beam events, enabling them to clinch the 2025 crown by defeating second-place St. Johnsbury Academy 141.850 to 135.800, and

Whereas, talented athletes Jocelyn Bourget, Sarai Crowley, Jill Diehl, Leah Frisbie, Riley Hammond, Anna Kinney, Maybel Lyon-Home, Emerson Marckres, and Rachel Mitchell were delighted to honor their coach on this special day for both the team and her, *now therefore be it*

Resolved by the Senate and House of Representatives:

That the General Assembly congratulates the 2025 Essex High School Hornets girls' gymnastics team on winning a second 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. 76

Offered by Representatives Houghton of Essex Junction, Black of Essex, and Scheu of Middlebury

House concurrent resolution honoring Robin Lunge for her dedicated public service in Vermont State government

Whereas, Robin Lunge's exemplary career across the three branches of Vermont State government has always epitomized the ideal virtue of public service, a selfless dedication to serving all Vermonters, and

Whereas, a graduate of Brattleboro Union High School, Robin earned a bachelor's degree from the University of California at Santa Cruz and a Juris Doctor cum laude at Cornell University Law School, and

Whereas, her first legal position was as a Vermont State trial court clerk, leading to several years of private law practice, and then she started the first of two terms (11/2003–6/2007) and (11/2008–1/2011) as a nonpartisan Legislative Counsel staff attorney where she provided legal support to legislators and legislative committees on matters pertaining to health care and international trade, and

Whereas, in the interlude between her legislative assignments, Robin Lunge was employed as a budget analyst at the Center on Budget and Policy Priorities in Washington, DC, and

Whereas, upon departing the Legislative Counsel in 2011, Robin Lunge transitioned to a staff attorney role at the Department of Financial Regulation, but that assignment was short-lived, as Governor Peter Shumlin appointed her to the challenging task of serving as the Director of State Health Care Reform during the effort to introduce single-payer health insurance, and

Whereas, in November 2016, Governor Peter Shumlin appointed Robin Lunge to the Green Mountain Care Board, where her broad scope of health care experience, fine-tuned with a master's degree in health care science from Dartmouth College, has brought a singularly independent and informed thinker to the Board, and Governor Philip Scott extended her tenure, and

Whereas, despite her intensive professional life, Robin Lunge is an enthusiastic mountain hiker who even installed a climbing wall in her home, and after eight years at the Board, she is embarking on a new adventure as the Senior Outreach Representative for Health Care in the Burlington and Montpelier offices of U.S. Senator Welch, *now therefore be it*

Resolved by the Senate and House of Representatives:

That the General Assembly honors Robin Lunge for her dedicated public service in Vermont State government, *and be it further*

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

H.C.R. 77

Offered by Representatives Stevens of Waterbury, Bishop of Colchester, Bluemle of Burlington, Bos-Lun of Westminster, Brown of Richmond, Burrows of West Windsor, Campbell of St. Johnsbury, Cina of Burlington, Dodge of Essex, Garofano of Essex, Harrison of Chittenden, Headrick of Burlington, Howard of Rutland City, James of Manchester, Kleppner of Burlington, Kornheiser of Brattleboro, Krasnow of South Burlington, LaMont of Morristown, Logan of Burlington, McCann of Montpelier, McGill of Bridport, Olson of Starksboro, Pouech of Hinesburg, Priestley of Bradford, Satcowitz of Randolph, Scheu of Middlebury, Stone of Burlington, Tomlinson of Winooski, Waszazak of Barre City, Wood of Waterbury, and Yacovone of Morristown

Offered by Senators Clarkson, Bongartz, Brock, Gulick, Hardy, Mattos, Perchlik, Ram Hinsdale, Watson, Weeks, and White

House concurrent resolution recognizing April 2025 as Fair Housing Month in Vermont

Whereas, for generations, millions of Americans have been denied the housing of their choice because of their race, ethnicity, religion, or disability, and

Whereas, on April 11, 1968, President Lyndon Johnson signed the Civil Rights Act of 1968, including Title VIII, known as the Fair Housing Act, and

Whereas, Vermont's 1987 Fair Housing Act, as amended, prohibits discrimination in the rental, sale, or financing of housing based on "race, sex, sexual orientation, gender identity, age, marital status, religious creed, color, national origin, or disability of a person, or because a person intends to occupy a dwelling with one or more minor children, or because a person is a recipient of public assistance, or because a person is a victim of abuse, sexual assault, or stalking," as well as the denial of development permitting based on the income of prospective residents, making this law more protective than the federal statutes and among the most comprehensive in the nation, and

Whereas, the Vermont Human Rights Commission (the Commission) was established in 1987 and tasked with enforcing Vermont's Fair Housing Act, among other State antidiscrimination provisions, and

Whereas, in 2024 and 2025, the Commission has experienced an increase in fair housing inquiries and has processed more fair housing complaints than ever before, and

Whereas, in recent months, the federal government has drastically deprioritized fair housing enforcement and education and has attempted to reduce or eliminate funding for agencies and organizations working for fair housing, and

Whereas, inclusive, welcoming, and affordable communities promote diversity and a climate conducive to economic development, and

Whereas, the current housing crisis impacts all Vermonters and disproportionately impacts people in protected classes, and

Whereas, the State of Vermont remains committed to ensuring that everyone who lives in Vermont is entitled to the protections of Vermont's Fair Housing Act, *now therefore be it*

Resolved by the Senate and House of Representatives:

That the General Assembly recognizes April 2025 as Fair Housing 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 Human Rights Commission, the Champlain Valley Office of Economic Opportunity, and the Vermont Legal Aid Housing Discrimination Law Project.

H.C.R. 78

Offered by Representatives Holcombe of Norwich, Masland of Thetford, and Ode of Burlington

House concurrent resolution in memory of former Representative and Secretary of Administration Kathleen C. Hoyt of Norwich

Whereas, the pioneering State government leadership of former Representative Kathleen C. Hoyt serves as a model for others, and

Whereas, she was born in Roanoke Rapids, North Carolina, on June 6, 1942; was her high school class valedictorian; graduated from the University of North Carolina (UNC), Greensboro; and unfortunately, her UNC-Chapel Hill graduate school scholarship was discriminatorily not renewed because it was transferred to a male student, a terrible decision, and

Whereas, when driving through Vermont, en route to visiting Expo 67 in Montreal, she found the State to be “the most magical place” and moved here

in 1968, meeting her future husband, the late former Representative Norris “Norrie” Hoyt of Norwich, and propitiously for both, they were married at the Vermont State House in 1974, and

Whereas, Kathy Hoyt served as director of planning at the Agency of Human Services, worked at the Vermont Office of Equal Opportunity, and was a member of the Vermont Commission on Women before taking time to raise her sons, Christopher and Michael, then resumed her public service at the Department of Employment and Training, where she became Commissioner, and

Whereas, Governor Madeleine Kunin recognized Kathy Hoyt’s expertise and effectiveness as an administrator and appointed her Chief of Staff and subsequently, Secretary of Civil and Military Affairs, and

Whereas, in August 1991, when Lieutenant Governor Howard Dean suddenly became Governor, he turned to Kathy Hoyt to oversee the expedited transition, returning her to the role of Chief of Staff, and later appointed her as Vermont’s first female Secretary of Administration, and

Whereas, after the Dean administration’s conclusion, Kathy Hoyt served on nonprofit and corporate boards, including as a University of Vermont trustee; was an advisor to Governors Douglas and Shumlin; and concluded her public service as the House member from Norwich, serving in the seat her husband once held, and

Whereas, after an illustrious life, Kathy Hoyt died at 82 years of age on March 7, 2025 in the presence of her family, *now therefore be it*

Resolved by the Senate and House of Representatives:

That the General Assembly extends its condolences to the family of former Representative and Secretary of Administration Kathleen C. Hoyt of Norwich, *and be it further*

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

H.C.R. 79

Offered by Representatives Greer of Bennington, Corcoran of Bennington, Morrissey of Bennington, Morrow of Weston, and Nigro of Bennington

Offered by Senators Bongartz and Plunkett

House concurrent resolution celebrating the 30th anniversary of the Vermont Arts Exchange and its collaborative artistic endeavors

Whereas, in 1993, Matthew Perry and Patricia Pedreira established the Vermont Arts Exchange (VAE) that was originally located in the old mill at the end of Sage Street in North Bennington, and in 1994, VAE was officially established as a 501c(3) nonprofit arts and community development organization, and

Whereas, VAE conducts studio-based programs in arts media such as “papermaking, printmaking, ceramics, sculpture, drawing, painting, writing, music and dance,” and it has a “focus on working in the environment, using the outdoors as ...[its]...studio,” and

Whereas, in 1997, VAE cleared a waterway, Paran Creek, and made artwork from the junk collected; in 1998, it created the Vermont Arts Housing and Preservation Partnership Project, a coordinated project with Housing Vermont that created 15 local affordable housing units for families with low and moderate income and studio space for artists; in 2003, the Preservation Trust of Vermont presented VAE with the Trust’s Biennial Preservation Award; and in 2004, the organization inaugurated the cabaret style Basement Music Series, and

Whereas, the Art Bus brings VAE’s “Mission in Motion” traveling art studio to individuals in many locations, and

Whereas, in 2010, Matthew Perry assumed the executive directorship of VAE, and in 2015, VAE moved to a more visible location at 48 Main Street, prompting the creation of a “campus model” of arts programming, and

Whereas, although primarily supporting arts programs in Bennington County, VAE’s creative presence extends across the nation and internationally, and

Whereas, on Saturday, April 5, 2025, the artistic achievements and initiatives of VAE will be recognized with events at the Bennington Museum as part of a month-long exhibit “From the Studio to the Streets: Vermont Arts Exchange, 30 Years of Community Engagement through the Arts,” a celebration of VAE’s artistic achievements and community impact, *now therefore be it*

Resolved by the Senate and House of Representatives:

That the General Assembly celebrates the 30th anniversary of the Vermont Arts Exchange and its collaborative artistic endeavors, *and be it further*

Resolved: That the Secretary of State be directed to send a copy of this resolution to VAE and the Bennington Museum.

Offered by Representative Casey of Montpelier

House concurrent resolution honoring the Italian artist Michelangelo Pistoletto for his extraordinary accomplishments, creativity, collaborative artistic leadership, and nomination for the 2025 Nobel Peace Prize

Whereas, Michelangelo Pistoletto is an artist whose societal involvement is an essential aspect of his oeuvre, and

Whereas, he was born in 1933 in Biella, Italy; began figurative painting in the 1950s; participated in the Biennale di San Marino in 1959; in 1960, staged his first solo exhibition in Turin, Italy; and later in the decade, was honored with his first solo American exhibition at the Walker Art Center in Minneapolis, and

Whereas, in 1962, Michelangelo Pistoletto began painting on mirrors to reflect the realities of a painting's location; subsequently, he assembled rags in combination with casts of classical statuary to break down the hierarchies of art, and these forms of art symbolized his desire to foster "a shared and responsible concept of humanity," and closely align him with Italy's Arte Povera movement, and

Whereas, a highlight of Michelangelo Pistoletto's distinguished career is his establishment of the Fondazione Pistoletto Cittadellarte, a unique art community located in the former Lanificio Trombetta wool mill in his hometown, and

Whereas, in 1994, he published the *Progetto Arte Manifesto*, which called for "artists to take on the responsibility of establishing ties among all human activities," and

Whereas, in 1998, the word Cittadellarte replaced the term Associazione in the community's name, symbolizing the facility's role as an expression of the Progetto Arte movement, and the Cittadellarte has evolved into a major center of artistic exploration and innovation for both artists and the public, and

Whereas, in February 2025, Michelangelo Pistoletto was nominated for the Nobel Peace Prize in recognition of his life's commitment to peaceful collaboration through art, *now therefore be it*

Resolved by the Senate and House of Representatives:

That the General Assembly honors the Italian artist Michelangelo Pistoletto for his extraordinary accomplishments, creativity, collaborative artistic leadership, and nomination for the 2025 Nobel Peace Prize, *and be it further*

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