

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. 109

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

House concurrent resolution congratulating the South Burlington Chapter of Rotary International on 40 years of exemplary community service and professional camaraderie

Whereas, on February 23, 1905, Chicago attorney Paul Harris established the world's first Rotary Club, consisting of members from different professional and business backgrounds who gathered to "exchange ideas and form meaningful, lifelong friendships," and

Whereas, the organization quickly expanded around the globe, and within 16 years, there were Rotary Clubs on six continents, and

Whereas, a fundamental goal of all Rotary Clubs is to promote the Five Avenues of Service: Club Service, Vocational Service, Community Service, International Service, and New Generation Service (empowering youth), and

Whereas, Rotary International's strong Vermont connection dates from 1923, and the South Burlington Rotary Club, for which Rotary International issued a charter on October 28, 1985, has been a stellar organizational contributor, and

Whereas, over the past four decades, the South Burlington Rotary Club has not only exemplified the highest ideals of Rotary International, making significant financial donations to laudable local initiatives, but, equally, has contributed to hands-on "people power" to support the success of community service projects that have improved life in South Burlington, and

Whereas, among the community achievements in which the South Burlington Rotary Club has participated are the completion of improvements to the bandshell at Veteran's Memorial Park, the acquisition of an all-electric delivery and pickup van for the South Burlington Food Shelf, and the installation of benches along recreation paths, and they assist with school

literacy projects, support Scouting programs, host and send students who are studying on international and academic exchanges, and much more, and

Whereas, the South Burlington Rotary Club is proudly commemorating 40 years of selfless good deeds and looks forward to active Rotary service for many years into the future, *now therefore be it*

Resolved by the Senate and House of Representatives:

That the General Assembly congratulates the South Burlington Chapter of Rotary International on 40 years of exemplary community service and professional camaraderie, *and be it further*

Resolved: That the Secretary of State be directed to send a copy of this resolution to the South Burlington Rotary Club.

H.C.R. 110

Offered by Representatives LaMont of Morristown, Berbeco of Winooski, Arsenault of Williston, Burke of Brattleboro, Carris-Duncan of Whitingham, Christie of Hartford, Cordes of Bristol, Critchlow of Colchester, Dodge of Essex, Donahue of Northfield, Eastes of Guilford, Headrick of Burlington, James of Manchester, McCoy of Poultney, Minier of South Burlington, Olson of Starksboro, Pouech of Hinesburg, Waszazak of Barre City, Waters Evans of Charlotte, and Wells of Brownington

House concurrent resolution designating April 2025 as Black Maternal Care Awareness Month in Vermont

Whereas, according to a Commonwealth Fund study released in June 2024, the United States has the highest maternal death rate among the world's high-income nations, and the maternal death rate for Black women in this country is significantly higher than for other racial groups, and

Whereas, provisional data from the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) show that, in September 2024, the maternal death rate for non-Hispanic White women was 14.9 per 100,000 live births, an admittedly high rate, but the comparable rate for non-Hispanic Black women was far higher, at 50.5 per 100,000 live births, and

Whereas, the most recently published CDC infant mortality data by race and Hispanic origin from 2023 reported 4.48 infant deaths per 1,000 live births for non-Hispanic White women, while the non-Hispanic Black infant mortality rate was 10.93 per 1,000 live births, and

Whereas, research reported in *The American Journal of Maternal/Child Nursing* documented that rates of depression and anxiety during pregnancy

overall in the United States ranged from 14–16 percent, but were a considerably higher maximum of 28 percent for Black women, and

Whereas, the higher prevalence of Black women lacking access to comprehensive prenatal care or health insurance coverage contributes to these statistics, and

Whereas, to bring attention to this situation, the Black Mamas Matter Alliance annually observes the Week of April 11–17 as Black Maternal Health Week to “raise awareness around racial inequities in maternal health outcomes in the United States” and to celebrate those individuals working to address these disparities, *now therefore be it*

Resolved by the Senate and House of Representatives:

That the General Assembly designates April 2025 as Black Maternal Care Awareness Month in Vermont, *and be it further*

Resolved: That the Secretary of State be directed to send a copy of this resolution to the Black Mamas Matter Alliance.

H.C.R. 111

Offered by Representative Boyden of Cambridge

Offered by Senator Westman

House concurrent resolution designating May 18, 2025 as Grand Army of the Republic Highway Day in Vermont

Whereas, during the American Civil War more than 34,000 Vermonters fought for the Union and over 5,000 perished, and

Whereas, after the war, in 1866, a group of veterans established the Grand Army of the Republic (GAR), an organization that grew to 400,000 members and was instrumental in the creation of Memorial Day, and

Whereas, 116 GAR posts were established in Vermont, and GAR Post No. 10 in Cambridge village had over 200 surviving veterans as members; in 1918, the Women’s Relief Corps of the GAR erected a monument on the road through Cambridge village to recognize the soldiers’ sacrifice, and

Whereas, in 1934, U.S. Army Major William L. Anderson Jr. proposed a national designation of U.S. Route 6 as the Grand Army of the Republic Highway, and, after many years of incremental progress, a national dedication ceremony occurred in Long Beach, California, on May 3, 1953, and

Whereas, in 1937 Acts and Resolves No. 338, the Vermont General Assembly designated Route No. 15, leading from the town of Danville to the

city of Burlington, as Vermont's GAR highway, and in 2025, Vermont remains the only state with a GAR-designated highway that is not part of U.S. Route 6, and

Whereas, at dedication ceremonies in Morrisville on July 25, 1937, the first automobile on the newly designated highway carried six Vermont veterans of the Civil War, and

Whereas, on February 27, 2025, the national commander of the Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War (the GAR's legal successor organization) issued General Order #12, commemorating 2025 as the 160th anniversary of the conclusion of the Civil War, and encouraging "our individual Brothers, Camps, and Departments to host and participate in community events that pay homage to our hero-ancestors, their deeds, and their sacrifices," and

Whereas, a new roadside historical marker will be dedicated on May 18, 2025 in the village of Cambridge across the highway from the only GAR monument now on Vermont Route 15 to describe the GAR organization and the name of the highway, *now therefore be it*

Resolved by the Senate and House of Representatives:

That the General Assembly designates May 18, 2025 as Grand Army of the Republic Highway Day in Vermont, *and be it further*

Resolved: That the Secretary of State be directed to send a copy of this resolution to the Commander-in-Chief of the Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War and to the Cambridge Historical Society.

H.C.R. 112

Offered by Representatives Casey of Montpelier and McCann of Montpelier

Offered by Senators Cummings, Perchlik, and Watson

House concurrent resolution congratulating Capital City Concerts and Karen Kevra for a quarter century of delightful and informative classical music performances and related cultural endeavors in central Vermont

Whereas, in 2000, the Grammy Award nominee and talented classical flutist Karen Kevra established the Capital City Concerts classical music series, and

Whereas, through the presentation of world-renowned classical musicians in community-accessible live chamber ensemble performances, Capital City Concerts continues the legacy of Karen Kevra's mentor, the late Louis Moyse of Marlboro Music Festival fame, and

Whereas, under her leadership, Capital City Concerts has evolved into an admired central Vermont cultural institution that has presented more than 200 concerts, outreach programs, and masterclasses, and

Whereas, during the COVID-19 pandemic, Capital City Concerts produced the Muse Mentors podcast, in which Karen Kevra interviewed Vermont artists and performers, resulting in inspiring episodes that wove together conversation, music, and sound effects, and

Whereas, Capital City Concerts' programming enhances the Vermont economy, attracting participating musicians and attendees who patronize local businesses, and

Whereas, over 200 musicians from Canada, Europe, and, most significantly, throughout the United States have enjoyed playing as compensated performers under the Capital City Concerts' banner, and this local artistic organization's mentorship has helped cultivate the careers of young professional classical musicians, and

Whereas, in response to central Vermont's devastating July 2023 floods, Capital City Concerts staged a benefit concert raising \$10,000.00 for flood relief support, and

Whereas, Capital City Concerts has staged memorable performances and organized worthy community programs, both small and large, and it has garnered laudatory media coverage while elevating the area's cultural reputation, *now therefore be it*

Resolved by the Senate and House of Representatives:

That the General Assembly congratulates Capital City Concerts and Karen Kevra for a quarter century of delightful and informative classical music performances and related cultural endeavors in central Vermont, *and be it further*

Resolved: That the Secretary of State be directed to send a copy of this resolution to Capital City Concerts and Karen Kevra.

H.C.R. 113

Offered by Representatives Sibilina of Dover, Austin of Colchester, Berbeco of Winooski, Carris-Duncan of Whitingham, Cina of Burlington, Coffin of Cavendish, Cole of Hartford, Cooper of Pownal, Dodge of Essex, Dolan of Essex Junction, Duke of Burlington, Galfetti of Barre Town, Garofano of Essex, Goslant of Northfield, Graning of Jericho, Greer of Bennington, Hango of Berkshire, Headrick of Burlington, Holcombe of Norwich, Howard of Rutland City, Kleppner of Burlington, Lalley of Shelburne, Lipsky of Stowe,

Masland of Thetford, McCann of Montpelier, McGill of Bridport, Mrowicki of Putney, O'Brien of Tunbridge, Page of Newport City, Priestley of Bradford, Stevens of Waterbury, Tomlinson of Winooski, Toof of St. Albans Town, Waszazak of Barre City, and Wood of Waterbury

House concurrent resolution congratulating the winning teams at the 2025 Jr Iron Chef VT competition

Whereas, Vermont Afterschool, the proud sponsor of the Jr Iron Chef VT cooking competition, describes the event as being one in which “youth from across the state are brought together to stand side-by-side in an orchestrated frenzy—dicing, grating, and sautéing their way to culinary fame,” and

Whereas, on March 29, 2025, the 17th rendition of this unusual cooking extravaganza, which encourages student chefs “to create locally sourced meals that promote Vermont’s Farm to School” program, was convened at the Champlain Valley Exposition in Essex Junction, and

Whereas, the popularity of this career exploration initiative is reflected in the more than 5,000 Vermont middle and high school students, who since 2008 have enthusiastically maximized their cooking skills and ingenuity as members of 1,000 participating teams, and

Whereas, the teams compete for three awards: Lively Local, honoring the team that best highlights Vermont foods; Mise en Place, honoring the team that shows exemplary teamwork, order, and professionalism; and Crowd Pleaser, honoring the team that best incorporates color, texture, and taste, and

Whereas, the competition categories, the winning middle and high schools, their team names, and their culinary creations were as follows:

Lively Local: Camel’s Hump Middle School, Space Girls, soy glazed tofu and veggie taco with sunbutter sauce; Twin Valley Middle School, Cauliflower Crusaders, bodacious buffalo cauliflower tacos; and Champlain Valley Union High School, Chefhawks, brown butter shitake mushroom rice bowl;

Mise en Place: Winooski Middle School, Winooski Wild Onions, Korean fried “chicken” of the wood; Hunt Middle School, Eggsperts, green goddess deviled eggs; and Lake Champlain Waldorf School, Steam Dream Team, mushroom cabbage dumplings; and

Crowd Pleaser: Boys & Girls Club of Burlington, Los Amigos, three pepper quesadilla with charred corn and black bean salsa; Vergennes Union Middle School, Jalapeno Hotties, blackened tofu with mushrooms, shallots, peppers, and grits; and Champlain Valley Union High School, Spice Girls, tikka masala with spiced naan, *now therefore be it*

Resolved by the Senate and House of Representatives:

That the General Assembly congratulates the winning teams at the 2025 Jr Iron Chef VT competition, *and be it further*

Resolved: That the Secretary of State be directed to send a copy of this resolution to each of the winning teams and to Vermont Afterschool.

H.C.R. 114

Offered by Representative Charlton of Chester

Offered by Senators Clarkson, Major, Vyhovsky, and White

House concurrent resolution honoring Deborah J. Aldrich for 42 years of extraordinary municipal public service in the Town of Chester

Whereas, for over four decades, the citizens of the Town of Chester appreciated the outstanding job performance of its former Assistant Town Clerk and Town Clerk/Treasurer Deborah Aldrich, and

Whereas, in 1983, Chester Town Clerk Sandy Walker took a chance on an applicant for the position of Chester Assistant Town Clerk, named Deborah Aldrich, who, at 22 years of age, was untested but proved to be an ideal choice, and

Whereas, Deborah Aldrich consistently approached her work with a desire to be helpful; performed her duties in an efficient, knowledgeable, and timely manner; and was always good-humored, even when confronted with a less amiable individual at the town clerk's desk, and

Whereas, in 2005, the by-then highly experienced Deborah Aldrich successfully stood for election in her own right as Chester Town Clerk/Treasurer, and

Whereas, she brought 22 years of experience to her new job and, to no one's surprise, oversaw a well-managed town clerk's office, ensuring that election administration proceeded smoothly; deeds were recorded as required; and, most importantly for many, the trash ticket sales kept apace, and

Whereas, Deborah Aldrich has worked cooperatively and effectively with four town managers, a bevy of selectboard members, and perhaps more justices of the peace than are easily enumerated, and

Whereas, her career epitomizes the ideal Vermont Town Clerk/Treasurer, and she served as a great role model for her colleagues across the State, and

Whereas, on Town Meeting Day 2025, Deborah Aldrich concluded her service as Chester Town Clerk but, fortunately for the community, has agreed to continue serving as town treasurer, and in recognition of her stellar tenure, a

glowing tribute was published in this year's Chester Town Report, *now therefore be it*

Resolved by the Senate and House of Representatives:

That the General Assembly honors Deborah J. Aldrich for 42 years of extraordinary municipal public service in the Town of Chester, *and be it further*

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

H.C.R. 115

Offered by Representative Burr of Danville

Offered by Senator Beck

House concurrent resolution congratulating the 2025 Danville High School Bears Division IV championship boys' basketball team

Whereas, the third-seeded Danville Bears experienced a variety of winning outcomes on their journey to the Division IV championship game against the top-seeded West Rutland Golden Horde; having overwhelmed 14th-seeded Rivendell Academy 102–38 in the opening game, easily toppling 11th-ranked Long Trail School 71–31 in the quarterfinal contest, and, in the thrilling semifinal round, narrowly defeating neighboring second-seeded Twinfield/Cabot 48–47, and

Whereas, at the decisive game played at the Barre Auditorium, Danville jumped in front quickly 10–2, was comfortably ahead at halftime 31–18, and clinched the school's first boys' basketball crown, playing under their new mascot name, "the Bears," 55–42, with one teammate scoring an impressive seven three-point plays, and

Whereas, the triumphant Bears (20–4) were Kohl Guinard, Sebastian Eldred, Andrew Joncas, Ben Barber, Connor Winn, Samson Kitonga, Alijah Andrews, Landen Fournier, Arius Andrews, Jackson Giroux, and Keegan Wheeler, and

Whereas, Head Coach Jason Brigham; assistant coaches Robert Rome, Matt Colburn, and Cooper Calkins; and Athletic Trainer Ryan Farley supported the team expertly and effectively, *now therefore be it*

Resolved by the Senate and House of Representatives:

That the General Assembly congratulates the 2025 Danville High School Bears Division IV championship boys' basketball team, *and be it further*

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

H.C.R. 116

Offered by Representatives Hango of Berkshire, Morgan, M. of Milton, Arsenault of Williston, Austin of Colchester, Bailey of Hyde Park, Bartholomew of Hartland, Bartley of Fairfax, Berbeco of Winooski, Birong of Vergennes, Bishop of Colchester, Black of Essex, Bluemle of Burlington, Bos-Lun of Westminster, Bosch of Clarendon, Boutin of Barre City, Boyden of Cambridge, Brady of Williston, Branagan of Georgia, Brown of Richmond, Burditt of West Rutland, Burke of Brattleboro, Burkhardt of South Burlington, Burrows of West Windsor, Burt of Cabot, Campbell of St. Johnsbury, Canfield of Fair Haven, Carris-Duncan of Whitingham, Casey of Montpelier, Casey of Hubbardton, Chapin of East Montpelier, Charlton of Chester, Christie of Hartford, Cina of Burlington, Coffin of Cavendish, Cole of Hartford, Conlon of Cornwall, Cooper of Pownal, Corcoran of Bennington, Cordes of Bristol, Critchlow of Colchester, Demar of Enosburgh, Dickinson of St. Albans Town, Dobrovich of Williamstown, Dodge of Essex, Dolan of Essex Junction, Dolgin of St. Johnsbury, Donahue of Northfield, Duke of Burlington, Durfee of Shaftsbury, Eastes of Guilford, Emmons of Springfield, Feltus of Lyndon, Galfetti of Barre Town, Garofano of Essex, Goldman of Rockingham, Goodnow of Brattleboro, Goslant of Northfield, Graning of Jericho, Greer of Bennington, Gregoire of Fairfield, Harple of Glover, Harrison of Chittenden, Harvey of Castleton, Higley of Lowell, Holcombe of Norwich, Hooper of Randolph, Hooper of Burlington, Houghton of Essex Junction, Howard of Rutland City, Howland of Rutland Town, Hunter of Manchester, James of Manchester, Kascenska of Burke, Keyser of Rutland City, Kimbell of Woodstock, Kleppner of Burlington, Kornheiser of Brattleboro, Krasnow of South Burlington, Krowinski of Burlington, Labor of Morgan, Lalley of Shelburne, LaLonde of South Burlington, LaMont of Morristown, Laroche of Franklin, Lipsky of Stowe, Logan of Burlington, Long of Newfane, Luneau of St. Albans City, Maguire of Rutland City, Malay of Pittsford, Marcotte of Coventry, Masland of Thetford, McCann of Montpelier, McCoy of Poultney, McFaun of Barre Town, McGill of Bridport, Micklus of Milton, Mihaly of Calais, Minier of South Burlington, Morgan, L. of Milton, Morris of Springfield, Morrissey of Bennington, Morrow of Weston, Mrowicki of Putney, Nelson of Derby, Nielsen of Brandon, Nigro of Bennington, North of Ferrisburgh, Noyes of Wolcott, Nugent of South Burlington, O'Brien of Tunbridge, Ode of Burlington, Oliver of Sheldon, Olson of Starksboro, Page of Newport City, Parsons of Newbury, Pezzo of Colchester, Pinsonault of Dorset, Pouech of Hinesburg, Powers of Waterford, Priestley of Bradford,

Pritchard of Pawlet, Quimby of Lyndon, Rachelson of Burlington, Satcowitz of Randolph, Scheu of Middlebury, Sheldon of Middlebury, Sibia of Dover, Southworth of Walden, Squirrell of Underhill, Steady of Milton, Stevens of Waterbury, Stone of Burlington, Surprenant of Barnard, Sweeney of Shelburne, Tagliavia of Corinth, Taylor of Milton, Tomlinson of Winooski, Toof of St. Albans Town, Torre of Moretown, Walker of Swanton, Waszazak of Barre City, Waters Evans of Charlotte, Wells of Brownington, White of Waitsfield, White of Bethel, Winter of Ludlow, Wood of Waterbury, and Yacovone of Morristown

Offered by Senators Collamore and Ram Hinsdale

House concurrent resolution commemorating the 50th anniversary of the conclusion of the Vietnam War

Whereas, the U.S. military engagement in Vietnam began in 1950, when, on the advice of his National Security Council, President Truman authorized military aid for French armed forces battling in Indochina, and, in July 1959, two American military advisors were killed in a guerrilla attack, and

Whereas, as the challenges for the South Vietnamese government increased, the American military advisory presence expanded, and

Whereas, in August 1964, while stationed off the Vietnamese coast in the Gulf of Tonkin, the American destroyer USS Maddox sustained damage from North Vietnamese fire, and in response, Congress adopted the Gulf of Tonkin Resolution, increasing President Johnson's authority to engage militarily in Vietnam, and

Whereas, in March 1965, the first American combat troops arrived at Da Nang, South Vietnam, and during the following years, American forces fought bravely and at great peril, and according to the 2021 data of the Vietnam Veterans Memorial Fund, 58,281 U.S. military personnel, including 100 Vermonters, died in combat or noncombat situations during the Vietnam War, while over 300,000 American soldiers were wounded, and

Whereas, although a cease-fire agreement was signed in January 1973 and the last U.S. ground troops withdrew from the country in March 1973, the Vietnam War continued until April 30, 1975, when North Vietnam captured the South Vietnamese capital, then known as Saigon, and the conflict concluded, and

Whereas, Vietnam War veterans served their country heroically and many continue to face physical and mental health challenges due to their military service, and

Whereas, today, April 30, 2025, marks the 50th anniversary of the conclusion of the Vietnam War, *now therefore be it*

Resolved by the Senate and House of Representatives:

That the General Assembly commemorates the 50th anniversary of the conclusion of the Vietnam War, *and be it further*

Resolved: That the Secretary of State be directed to send a copy of this resolution to the Vermont State Council of the Vietnam Veterans of America, the American Legion Department of Vermont, and the Veterans of Foreign Wars Department of Vermont.

H.C.R. 117

Offered by Representatives McCann of Montpelier, Brady of Williston, Brown of Richmond, Conlon of Cornwall, Dodge of Essex, Dolan of Essex Junction, Garofano of Essex, Harple of Glover, Houghton of Essex Junction, Hunter of Manchester, and Long of Newfane

House concurrent resolution congratulating Essex Middle School science teacher Andrew Kasprisin on his designation as the 2025 Vermont finalist for the Presidential Awards for Excellence in Mathematics and Science Teaching

Whereas, since Congress established this program in 1983, the Presidential Awards for Excellence in Mathematics and Science Teaching (PAEMST), which the National Science Foundation (NSF) administers on behalf of the Office of the President and the White House Office of Science and Technology Policy (OSTP), has been the federal government's highest recognition for K–12 math and science teachers, and

Whereas, PAEMST recognizes the importance of elementary and secondary school educators in encouraging students to pursue mathematics, engineering, computer science, and natural science education in the classroom and as a potential career, and

Whereas, jurisdictional finalists for this prestigious honor are selected through a rigorous review process in each state, the District of Columbia, American territories, and the Commonwealth of Puerto Rico, and

Whereas, the 2025 PAEMST Vermont finalist is Essex Middle School science teacher Andrew Kasprisin, a distinguished public educator, whose teaching excellence at the Vermont Academy of Science and Engineering has been previously recognized, and

Whereas, Andrew Kasprisin directs his students to examine topics as if they were scientists and not merely reading information from a book, and he poses questions to the students that guide them through an innovative applied learning process, incorporating real-world phenomena, and

Whereas, this exemplary practitioner of secondary school science pedagogy is a superb choice for designation as the Vermont finalist, and

Whereas, once the jurisdictional finalists are selected, the NSF convenes a national selection committee; the committee then evaluates the finalists and recommends two per jurisdiction (assuming the jurisdiction had a minimum of two finalists) to the OSTP for national finalist recognition; and the national finalists attend a special conference in Washington, DC, which has historically featured a presidential event, *now therefore be it*

Resolved by the Senate and House of Representatives:

That the General Assembly congratulates Essex Middle School science teacher Andrew Kasprisin on his designation as the 2025 Vermont finalist for the Presidential Awards for Excellence in Mathematics and Science Teaching, *and be it further*

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

H.C.R. 118

Offered by Representatives Burrows of West Windsor, Coffin of Cavendish, Austin of Colchester, Bailey of Hyde Park, Bartholomew of Hartland, Bartley of Fairfax, Bishop of Colchester, Bosch of Clarendon, Boutin of Barre City, Branagan of Georgia, Burditt of West Rutland, Burkhardt of South Burlington, Burt of Cabot, Canfield of Fair Haven, Casey of Hubbardton, Chapin of East Montpelier, Charlton of Chester, Demar of Enosburgh, Dickinson of St. Albans Town, Dobrovich of Williamstown, Dodge of Essex, Dolan of Essex Junction, Dolgin of St. Johnsbury, Donahue of Northfield, Feltus of Lyndon, Galfetti of Barre Town, Goslant of Northfield, Gregoire of Fairfield, Hango of Berkshire, Harrison of Chittenden, Harvey of Castleton, Headrick of Burlington, Higley of Lowell, Holcombe of Norwich, Howard of Rutland City, Howland of Rutland Town, Kascenska of Burke, Keyser of Rutland City, Labor of Morgan, LaMont of Morristown, Laroche of Franklin, Luneau of St. Albans City, Maguire of Rutland City, Marcotte of Coventry, McCann of Montpelier, McCoy of Poultney, McFaun of Barre Town, McGill of Bridport, Micklus of Milton, Mihaly of Calais, Morgan, L. of Milton, Morgan, M. of Milton, Morrissey of Bennington, Nelson of Derby, Nielsen of Brandon, North of Ferrisburgh, Oliver of Sheldon, Olson of Starksboro, Page of Newport City, Parsons of Newbury, Pezzo of Colchester, Pinsonault of Dorset, Powers of Waterford, Pritchard of Pawlet, Quimby of Lyndon, Sabilia of Dover, Southworth of Walden, Steady of Milton, Sweeney of Shelburne, Tagliavia of

Corinth, Taylor of Milton, Toof of St. Albans Town, Walker of Swanton, Wells of Brownington, Winter of Ludlow, and Yacovone of Morristown

House concurrent resolution commending Team Trumie and Truman Compton for their advocacy, community engagement, and fostering of public awareness and acceptance of autism

Whereas, shortly before his second birthday in 2017, Truman Compton was diagnosed with autism, and shortly thereafter, the informal community of family and friends known as “Team Trumie” was established to provide love and support for Truman and to foster community awareness and acceptance of autism, and

Whereas, Team Trumie, now more than 50 volunteers strong, has raised funds for the Special Needs Support Center of the Upper Valley, participated in community walks, donated books about autism or featuring characters with autism to Windsor County classrooms and libraries, and donated sensory kits to the Windsor Fire and Police Departments for first responders’ use, and

Whereas, this special support group has designed unique shirts, celebrated Truman’s personal milestones, and created the slogan “let’s learn more about autism, together,” and the international distribution of Team Trumie postcards, featuring this unifying slogan, has sparked worldwide conversations, and

Whereas, the efforts of Team Trumie reflect a profound desire to create a world where disability and differences are not hidden but embraced, and

Whereas, Truman and his family have actively engaged with their local community through their presence at public venues, established an initiative to improve support for students with special needs through the installation of outdoor picture-based communication boards on school playgrounds, and launched a project to establish a parent-caregiver special education advisory committee in Windsor County, and

Whereas, Truman has bravely and effectively participated in classroom presentations alongside his family, sharing personal insights about autism, *now therefore be it*

Resolved by the Senate and House of Representatives:

That the General Assembly commends Team Trumie and Truman Compton for their advocacy, community engagement, and fostering of public awareness and acceptance of autism, *and be it further*

Resolved: That the Secretary of State be directed to send a copy of this resolution to the Compton family and to Team Trumie.