

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. 119

Offered by Representative Mrowicki of Putney

House concurrent resolution congratulating the Oak Meadow homeschool curriculum developer and distance learning school on its 50th anniversary and extending best wishes for the future

Whereas, in 1975 in California, Lawrence and Bonnie Williams established Oak Meadow as a secular, independent K–12 school and as a provider of print-based, student-centric curricula focused on children's developmental stages, and

Whereas, in 1996, Oak Meadow relocated to Vermont, and in 2007, the company transferred its corporate registration from California to Vermont, and

Whereas, the provision of distance learning services, especially for the international market, is a major aspect of Oak Meadow's operations, and in 2015, the New England Association of Schools and Colleges awarded its first accreditation of a distance learning school to Oak Meadow, and

Whereas, domestically, scores of traditional public schools, public charter schools, and alternative educational programs throughout the nation rely on the Oak Meadow curriculum, and internationally, Oak Meadow subsidized enrollment for students from an orphanage in India and provided the curriculum used in a small private school in Kabul, Afghanistan, and

Whereas, in 1998, Oak Meadow's co-founder, Lawrence Williams, wrote that "What primarily distinguishes Oak Meadow from other schools is not the outer form which we use, but our inner attitude...our primary concern is the quality of our relationship with the student and the learning process," and

Whereas, in 2021, Lawrence Williams passed away unexpectedly, leaving the business in the capable hands of his children, Chloe and Skye Lee, and

Whereas, in 2025, Oak Meadow's mission is "to help students and families experience the joy of learning and create meaningful change in the world," and

Whereas, on June 1, 2025, Oak Meadow's dedicated faculty, staff, and generations of students and families will gather in Brattleboro to mark 50

years of heartfelt passion and expertise poured into cultivating the compassionate and personalized educational experiences that nurture the joy of learning, *now therefore be it*

Resolved by the Senate and House of Representatives:

That the General Assembly congratulates the Oak Meadow homeschool curriculum developer and distance learning school on its 50th anniversary and extends best wishes for the future, *and be it further*

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

H.C.R. 120

Offered by Representatives Graning of Jericho, Arsenault of Williston, Austin of Colchester, Berbeco of Winooski, Coffin of Cavendish, Cole of Hartford, Duke of Burlington, Goldman of Rockingham, Goslant of Northfield, Harrison of Chittenden, Hooper of Burlington, Lalley of Shelburne, Micklus of Milton, Nugent of South Burlington, Ode of Burlington, Page of Newport City, Sheldon of Middlebury, Stone of Burlington, Sweeney of Shelburne, Torre of Moretown, Waters Evans of Charlotte, and Wells of Brownington

Offered by Senator Major

House concurrent resolution recognizing May 2025 as National Tennis Month in Vermont

Whereas, the organizational history of the sport of tennis in the United States began on May 21, 1881, when the United States National Lawn Tennis Association, now known as the United States Tennis Association (USTA), was established in New York City, and

Whereas, in 2025, the USTA is composed of over 500,000 members, and it promotes the sport of tennis at all levels, from beginners to professionals, and sponsors the annual U.S. Open, the nation's premier tennis tournament, which is held annually at the USTA Billie Jean King National Tennis Center in Flushing, New York, and

Whereas, the organization's broad promotion of tennis, "regardless of age, environment, condition, or ability," is facilitated through the USTA Adaptive Tennis Grant Program, and

Whereas, the Physical Activity Council, a major source of athletic participation data in the United States, recently surveyed over 18,000 individuals six years of age and older regarding their involvement in 122

separate sports, and based on the survey's results, extrapolated that in 2024, 25.7 million Americans played tennis, and

Whereas, the USTA operates throughout 17 regions of the country, including USTA New England, and

Whereas, appreciating that the designation of a month commemorating tennis will showcase and benefit all aspects of this popular sport, the USTA has designated May 2025, its 144th anniversary month, as National Tennis Month, *now therefore be it*

Resolved by the Senate and House of Representatives:

That the General Assembly recognizes May 2025 as National Tennis Month in Vermont, *and be it further*

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

H.C.R. 121

Offered by Representatives Howard of Rutland City, Bosch of Clarendon, Burditt of West Rutland, Casey of Montpelier, Harrison of Chittenden, Howland of Rutland Town, Keyser of Rutland City, Maguire of Rutland City, Malay of Pittsford, Nielsen of Brandon, Pinsonault of Dorset, and Pritchard of Pawlet

Offered by Senators Collamore, Weeks, and Williams

House concurrent resolution congratulating the Rutland High School cheerleading program on winning a record 11th consecutive Division I championship

Whereas, the cheerleading tradition at Rutland High School is legendary, as prior to 2025, Rutland had won the Division I championship for each of the last 10 years, a distinction of consecutive victories it shared only with Essex High School, and

Whereas, as Rutland embarked on the 2024–2025 cheerleading season, the squad lacked the seasoned experience of seniors and welcomed four first-timers to the team, and although the Rutland cheerleaders were optimistic as they traveled to the State Championship tournament in Vergennes, they appreciated the challenge to be surmounted, and

Whereas, these enthusiastic and highly prepared Rutlanders exhibited great team and musical coordination, performed exciting routines, and gave a truly spectacular presentation, and they convincingly won a record-setting 11th

consecutive Division I crown, outpacing second-place South Burlington 173–154.5, and

Whereas, the thrilled team members were Ava Grant, Kyleen Gurney, Bahija Ettouzar, Caroline Giordano, Lexi Juarez, Lexianna Napolitano, Michelle Colomb, Savannah Wade, Sofia Lind, Teagan Smith, Isabella Perez, Julia Short, Maeuve Saunders, Mya Stanley, Sophia Blehar, and Paige Lohsen, and

Whereas, coaches Cara Gauvin and Kayla Beaudry were extremely proud, *now therefore be it*

Resolved by the Senate and House of Representatives:

That the General Assembly congratulates the Rutland High School cheerleading program on winning a record 11th consecutive Division I championship, *and be it further*

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

H.C.R. 122

Offered by Representatives Cordes of Bristol, Arsenault of Williston, Austin of Colchester, Bailey of Hyde Park, Bartley of Fairfax, Berbeco of Winooski, Bishop of Colchester, Black of Essex, Bos-Lun of Westminster, Bosch of Clarendon, Boutin of Barre City, Boyden of Cambridge, Branagan of Georgia, Brown of Richmond, Burditt of West Rutland, Burke of Brattleboro, Burkhardt of South Burlington, Burrows of West Windsor, Burt of Cabot, Canfield of Fair Haven, Carris-Duncan of Whitingham, Casey of Hubbardton, Charlton of Chester, Cina of Burlington, Coffin of Cavendish, Critchlow of Colchester, Demar of Enosburgh, Dickinson of St. Albans Town, Dobrovich of Williamstown, Dolan of Essex Junction, Dolgin of St. Johnsbury, Donahue of Northfield, Durfee of Shaftsbury, Feltus of Lyndon, Galfetti of Barre Town, Goldman of Rockingham, Goslant of Northfield, 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 Burlington, Houghton of Essex Junction, Howland of Rutland Town, Kascenska of Burke, Keyser of Rutland City, Kleppner of Burlington, Krasnow of South Burlington, Labor of Morgan, LaMont of Morristown, Laroche of Franklin, Lipsky of Stowe, Long of Newfane, Luneau of St. Albans City, Maguire of Rutland City, Malay of Pittsford, Marcotte of Coventry, Masland of Thetford, McCoy of Poultney, McFaun of Barre Town, McGill of Bridport, Micklus of Milton, Minier of

South Burlington, Morgan, L. of Milton, Morgan, M. of Milton, Morrissey of Bennington, Mrowicki of Putney, Nelson of Derby, Nielsen of Brandon, North of Ferrisburgh, Noyes of Wolcott, Nugent of South Burlington, 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, Pritchard of Pawlet, Quimby of Lyndon, Sibilialia of Dover, Southworth of Walden, Steady of Milton, 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, Wells of Brownington, White of Bethel, Winter of Ludlow, Wood of Waterbury, and Yacovone of Morristown

House concurrent resolution recognizing the week of May 6–12 as National Nurses Week in Vermont

Whereas, nurses, the nation’s largest contingent of medical professionals, now numbering 5.76 million, 4.91 million of whom are registered nurses and the remaining of whom are practical nurses, have deservedly been described as “superheroes in scrubs,” and

Whereas, their ubiquitous presence in hospitals, clinics, private offices, schools, and other institutional settings attests to their essential role within the medical community, and

Whereas, although many nurses remain primarily in support of supervising physicians, in recent years, nurse practitioners, who complete advanced training programs, work largely independently, and

Whereas, nurses’ dedication to healing is reconfirmed every day at thousands of locations and by a multitude of individual patients regularly expressing their appreciation, and

Whereas, a broader public recognition of the nursing profession’s place in the American health care system began in October 1954, when the first National Nurses Week was observed, coinciding with the centennial of nursing pioneer Florence Nightingale’s Crimean War service, and

Whereas, in 1974, the International Council of Nurses (ICN) declared May 12 as International Nurses Day, and that same year, President Richard Nixon signed a proclamation recognizing National Nurse Week, and

Whereas, in 1982, the American Nurses Association (ANA) designated May 6 as National Nurses Day and President Ronald Reagan signed a proclamation extending public recognition to the observance, and

Whereas, in 1990, the ANA expanded the celebration to an entire week, creating National Nurses Week, and May 6–12 became permanent in 1994, and

within this special week are National Student Nurse Day on May 8 and National School Nurse Day on the Wednesday of the week, and

Whereas, in 2025, “The Power of Nurses” is the theme that the ANA has selected to mark the week’s observance, *now therefore be it*

Resolved by the Senate and House of Representatives:

That the General Assembly recognizes the week of May 6–12 as National Nurses Week in Vermont, *and be it further*

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

H.C.R. 123

Offered by Representatives Eastes of Guilford, Burke of Brattleboro, Goodnow of Brattleboro, Kornheiser of Brattleboro, and Mrowicki of Putney

Offered by Senators Harrison and Hashim

House concurrent resolution honoring Shaun Murphy of Guilford for his nearly quarter century of exemplary educational governance public service

Whereas, as a school board member, Shaun Murphy has strived to preserve the best of Vermont’s system of public education while thinking forward towards the future, and

Whereas, his involvement with public education started in 2001 as a member of the Citizen Advisory Committee established to develop the renovation plan for Brattleboro Union High School and to prepare a bond issue, and

Whereas, this milestone odyssey in educational planning and strategizing proved successful, as the largest then-to-date bond issue in Vermont was passed, the construction work completed, and the school was able to maintain its accreditation, and

Whereas, as a result of his membership on this unusual panel, Shaun Murphy developed a strong desire to continue his participation as a citizen public education overseer, and

Whereas, not surprisingly, the BUHS District 6 Board, then responsible for the oversight of Brattleboro Union High School, was his destination, and

Whereas, in 2019, the Windham Southeast School District was created, replacing the BUHS District 6 Board, and Shaun Murphy joined this new school committee and served diligently until March 2025, and

Whereas, for the period 2024–2025, Shaun Murphy also served on the separate Windham Southeast Supervisory Union Board, and for many years, he was a member of the Guilford School Board, and

Whereas, throughout his over two decades of school board service, Shaun Murphy was committed to supporting the highest quality educational experience, and he advocated for the rights of all students, especially those of color, those who were LGBTQIA+, and individuals with disabilities, and

Whereas, complex topics, such as school financing, never intimidated him; he always worked with dignity and courtesy, observing the highest ethical standards and acting with courage and conviction, even during times of stress; and his public school board service constituted the highest strata of excellence, *now therefore be it*

Resolved by the Senate and House of Representatives:

That the General Assembly honors Shaun Murphy of Guilford for his nearly quarter century of exemplary educational governance public service, *and be it further*

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

H.C.R. 124

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

Offered by Senators Bongartz and Plunkett

House concurrent resolution congratulating the Bennington Free Library on its 160th anniversary

Whereas, a community-oriented public library can serve as a major contributor to the civic, cultural, and educational vibrancy of a Vermont municipality, and

Whereas, the Bennington Free Library (BFL), with a mission to “provide a dynamic, welcoming environment that enriches lives...[and] promotes lifelong learning and literacy,” epitomizes this goal, and

Whereas, the long and proud history of the BFL dates from June 23, 1865, when Trenor W. Park and Seth B. Hunt deeded a Main Street property and their collection of 1,800 books to the library’s original five trustees for the new library, which was located on the building’s second floor and which was

originally under the organizational auspices of the Young Men’s Association and the capable leadership of the first librarian, Charles W. Smith, and

Whereas, membership was opened to all for the price of one dollar, but women’s borrowing privileges were restricted to one volume at a time, and

Whereas, in 1892, when the library’s growth demanded a more commodious space, it relocated to the building’s downstairs floor; then in 1936, as the collection expanded and patronage increased, the BFL constructed a new purposely built Georgian style structure on the same lot, with a skylight of the solar system, reportedly composed of Tiffany glass; and a half-century later, the two buildings were connected, and

Whereas, in 2005, the library’s operational systems transitioned to the digital era, and in 2014, a major software upgrade coincided with the BFL joining a consortium of 25 libraries, and

Whereas, late fines were abolished in 2020, and finally in 2024, the membership fee was eliminated, both of which ended borrowing disincentives, and

Whereas, in 2025, the BFL’s 55,000-item collection encompasses books, periodicals, DVDs, snowshoes, a telescope, and museum passes; services offered include book delivery for homebound patrons, public-use computers, interlibrary loans, a variety of public programs, and a great staff that the BFL’s 23rd librarian, Wendy M. Sharkey, expertly directs, *now therefore be it*

Resolved by the Senate and House of Representatives:

That the General Assembly congratulates the Bennington Free Library on its 160th anniversary, *and be it further*

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

H.C.R. 125

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

Offered by Senators Bongartz and Plunkett

House concurrent resolution commemorating the 30th anniversary of Garlic Town U.S.A., a celebration of “flavor, community, and tradition”

Whereas, garlic is a vegetable that may be described as a stinking rose, but for 30 years, its strong and distinctive aroma has annually launched a grand festival, and

Whereas, the origin of this combined agricultural, artistic, culinary, and musical extravaganza, which attracts attendees from near and far, dates from 1995, when a small farmers market, known as the Southern Vermont Garlic and Herb Festival, was established in Wilmington, and

Whereas, this homage to all things garlic rapidly expanded in popularity, and in 2008, the Bennington Area Chamber of Commerce, since rebranded as the Southwestern Vermont Chamber of Commerce, brought the event to Bennington, and

Whereas, by 2019, under the devoted leadership and careful curation of festival chair Lindy Lynch, this annual gathering had expanded 260 percent, with 16,000 attendees, and it was honored as one of the world’s top 10 garlic festivals, and

Whereas, following a brief pandemic-necessitated pause, this stellar Bennington County observance was rebranded as Garlic Town U.S.A.; switched to a new site in downtown Bennington; and this year, as a one-day celebration, will be broadened in scope to showcase “new energy, vendors, and experiences,” while still saluting the wonders of garlic, and

Whereas, Garlic Town U.S.A. has exciting plans for the festival’s 2025 rendition on August 30, with the intent to accommodate 130 vendors, including garlic growers, artisans, and specialty food producers; to offer a vibrant downtown atmosphere; to provide interactive children’s activities; to station food trucks to nourish hungry appetites; and, importantly, to limit the day’s environmental impact with a broad commitment to a zero-waste initiative, and

Whereas, the continuing success of Garlic Town U.S.A. is the result of the festival’s enthusiastic organizers, supporters, and volunteers, and especially its superb current manager, Mikaela Lewis, *now therefore be it*

Resolved by the Senate and House of Representatives:

That the General Assembly commemorates the 30th anniversary of Garlic Town U.S.A., a celebration of “flavor, community, and tradition,” *and be it further*

Resolved: That the Secretary of State be directed to send a copy of this resolution to the Southwestern Vermont Chamber of Commerce.

Offered by Representatives Marcotte of Coventry, Bishop of Colchester, Bosch of Clarendon, Boutin of Barre City, Carris-Duncan of Whitingham, Cole of Hartford, Cooper of Pownal, Donahue of Northfield, Duke of Burlington, Eastes of Guilford, Garofano of Essex, Graning of Jericho, Maguire of Rutland City, McGill of Bridport, Micklus of Milton, Nielsen of Brandon, Noyes of Wolcott, Olson of Starksboro, Priestley of Bradford, White of Bethel, and Wood of Waterbury

House concurrent resolution congratulating the 2024 Spirit of the ADA Award winners

Whereas, the State of Vermont is strongly committed to providing equal opportunities for all individuals regardless of disability, age, color, gender, national origin, race, religion, or sexual orientation, and

Whereas, when Vermonters of all abilities are afforded the opportunity to contribute their personal gifts, skills, and talents to the workforce, there is an enduring benefit for all from individual, collective, and economic perspectives, and

Whereas, annually, the Governor's Committee on the Employment of People with Disabilities honors selected businesses and nonprofit organizations that epitomize the spirit of the Americans with Disabilities Act as recipients of the Spirit of the ADA Award, and

Whereas, the criteria for a Vermont business or nonprofit organization to be selected for this special award are creating an accessibility recruitment and hiring process, incorporating on-the-job accommodations for employees, offering accessible physical structures to ensure success for all employees, and implementing an overall employment strategy that includes the hiring of individuals with disabilities, and

Whereas, the 2024 Spirit of the ADA Award winners and their home communities are Worth Repeating (Saint Albans), Butterfly Bakery (Barre), Onion River Animal Hospital (Berlin), VINE Sanctuary (Springfield), Bradford Hannaford (Bradford), Club Demonstration Services (Colchester), Lamoille Valley Veterinary Services (Hyde Park), Shaw's Supermarket (Manchester Center), WheelPad L3C (Wilmington), Windsor County Youth Services (Proctorsville), and Rhino Foods (Burlington), and

Whereas, Rhino Foods was especially honored as the 2024 recipient of the David Sagi Memorial Spirit of the ADA Award, and

Whereas, each of these award recipients deserves special recognition for their active participation in the employment of Vermonters with disabilities, *now therefore be it*

Resolved by the Senate and House of Representatives:

That the General Assembly congratulates the 2024 Spirit of the ADA Award winners, *and be it further*

Resolved: That the Secretary of State be directed to send a copy of this resolution to each Spirit of the ADA Award recipient and to the Governor’s Committee on the Employment of People with Disabilities.

H.C.R. 127

Offered by Representative Emmons of Springfield

Offered by Senator Cummings

House concurrent resolution commemorating the 25th anniversary of Act 91 of 2000, establishing Vermont as the first state to legalize civil unions

Whereas, on December 20, 1999, the Vermont Supreme Court issued the landmark decision, *Baker v. State*, 170 Vt. 194, holding that the exclusion of same-sex couples from access to the benefits and rights of marriage licenses under Vermont’s law violated the Common Benefits Clause of the Vermont Constitution, and

Whereas, the Court allowed the General Assembly to consider and enact legislation consistent with the constitutional mandate described in its decision that could be civil marriage or a different legal status that delivered “the common benefits and protections that flow from marriage under Vermont law,” and

Whereas, in 2000, the House Committee on Judiciary, after researching the law and history of marriage and taking testimony from hundreds of witnesses offering differing viewpoints, introduced H.847 to establish the legal status of civil union for gay and lesbian couples, and

Whereas, on March 16, 2000, after intense and extensive debate, the House advanced the bill to the Senate, and

Whereas, the Senate Committee on Judiciary conducted a vigorous review of the House’s work, took testimony from people across the State, revised the bill, and on April 19, 2000, approved an amended version, and

Whereas, on April 25, 2000, the House concurred with the Senate amendments, sending the bill to Governor Howard Dean, who, on April 26, 2000, signed H.847 into law as Act 91, and

Whereas, without the Vermonters who risked their safety and more to challenge Vermont’s marriage law, in particular, the *Baker* case plaintiffs, Stan Baker and Peter Harrigan, Nina Beck and Stacy Jolles, and Lois Farnham and

Holly Puterbaugh, and their attorneys, Beth Robinson, Susan M. Murray, and Mary Bonauto, Act 91 would never have been enacted, and

Whereas, Vermont was the first state in the nation to enact civil unions legislation, and Act 91 was the foundation for the enactment of Act 3 of 2009, the nation's first marriage equality statute, *now therefore be it*

Resolved by the Senate and House of Representatives:

That the General Assembly commemorates the 25th anniversary of Act 91 of 2000 establishing Vermont as the first state to legalize civil unions, *and be it further*

Resolved: That the Secretary of State be directed to send a copy of this resolution to the *Baker v. State* plaintiffs and their attorneys, to the Pride Center of Vermont, and to Outright Vermont.

H.C.R. 128

Offered by Representatives McGill of Bridport, Arsenault of Williston, Bartley of Fairfax, Berbeco of Winooski, Bishop of Colchester, Bluemle of Burlington, Burke of Brattleboro, Burkhardt of South Burlington, Burrows of West Windsor, Cina of Burlington, Cole of Hartford, Cordes of Bristol, Critchlow of Colchester, Dodge of Essex, Dolan of Essex Junction, Donahue of Northfield, Eastes of Guilford, Garofano of Essex, Goldman of Rockingham, Harple of Glover, Headrick of Burlington, Howard of Rutland City, Krasnow of South Burlington, LaMont of Morristown, Logan of Burlington, Maguire of Rutland City, Mrowicki of Putney, Nugent of South Burlington, Ode of Burlington, Pezzo of Colchester, Pouech of Hinesburg, Rachelson of Burlington, Scheu of Middlebury, Stevens of Waterbury, Stone of Burlington, Tomlinson of Winooski, White of Waitsfield, White of Bethel, Wood of Waterbury, and Yacovone of Morristown

House concurrent resolution designating May 6, 2025 as Homelessness Awareness Day in Vermont

Whereas, the unhoused are our neighbors, community members, parents, children, seniors, and people with disabilities, and

Whereas, the 2024 Point-in-Time Count report found that 3,458 Vermonters, including 737 children, were without secure housing, and

Whereas, according to the Vermont Housing Finance Agency's most recent Vermont Housing Needs Assessment, by 2029, Vermont will need 3,295 homes to address homelessness and 3,957 homes to normalize vacancy rates, and

Whereas, on an evening in April 2025, Vermont’s statewide shelter capacity was 655 households, and all were full, and in addition, there were 1,424 homeless adults and 467 children housed through the General Assistance Emergency Housing Program, and

Whereas, Black Vermonters are significantly less likely to own their home and are unhoused at a staggering rate compared with White Vermonters, and

Whereas, since 2020, the Vermont Housing and Conservation Board has invested in affordable housing initiatives that have created 1,964 new rental units and 170 new homes for sale, and supported 1,077 lots across 11 manufactured home communities, and

Whereas, today, May 6, 2025, individuals concerned with the issues associated with unhoused Vermonters are visiting the State House to inform legislators on the impact of homelessness on life in the State of Vermont, *now therefore be it*

Resolved by the Senate and House of Representatives:

That the General Assembly designates May 6, 2025 as Homelessness Awareness Day in Vermont, *and be it further*

Resolved: That the Secretary of State be directed to send a copy of this resolution to the Housing and Homelessness Alliance of Vermont.

H.C.R. 129

Offered by Representative Malay of Pittsford

House concurrent resolution commemorating the 25th anniversary of the Vermont Covered Bridge Society

Whereas, when considering the 19th- and early 20th-century highways and byways of Vermont, one conjures up the image of a covered bridge connecting two sides of a waterway or other traveling impediment within or between communities and even across state lines, and

Whereas, at their apex, Vermont was home to more than 500 covered bridges, but fires, floods, and the advancing age of these iconic and magnificent edifices have reduced their presence to fewer than 100, and

Whereas, although the number of covered bridges in Vermont will never return to its historic high point, the nonprofit and all-volunteer operated Vermont Covered Bridge Society, established in 2000, is dedicated to preserving those that still grace our communities, and

Whereas, the Vermont Covered Bridge Society has grown from just a few enthusiasts to over 300 members from both the United States and Canada, and its activities involve working directly with State agencies and local communities to preserve and restore covered bridges, and

Whereas, another aspect of the Vermont Covered Bridge Society's endeavors is maintaining a lively virtual presence, with a website including links to new stories; a picturesque tour of the State's existing covered bridges; a colorful exploration of the relatively recent phenomena of "romantic shelters" that serve diverse purposes ranging from entrances to businesses, beautifying a picnic area or playground, or, more practically, crossing short passages; plus other informative digital links, *now therefore be it*

Resolved by the Senate and House of Representatives:

That the General Assembly commemorates the 25th anniversary of the Vermont Covered Bridge Society, *and be it further*

Resolved: That the Secretary of State be directed to send a copy of this resolution to the Vermont Covered Bridge Society.