

**CONCURRENT RESOLUTION**

**ADDENDUM**

**TO THE**

**HOUSE CALENDAR**

**Text of House Concurrent  
Resolutions**

**of**

**May 15, 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. 141**

Offered by Representatives Holcombe of Norwich and Masland of Thetford

House concurrent resolution in memory of U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) engineer Edward M. Hathaway

*Whereas*, Ed Hathaway graduated from the Xaverian Brothers High School in Westwood, Massachusetts, and Suffolk University in Boston, Massachusetts, as a business major, and

*Whereas*, business proved a temporary detour on Ed Hathaway's life path, as he discovered upon moving to the Southwest a deep love of nature, prompting him to return to school and earn a degree in environmental science from Northern Arizona University, and

*Whereas*, this second degree opened the door for a brilliant 36-year career at the EPA, initially as a manager in the Superfund Division, and

*Whereas*, Ed Hathaway's solid scientific knowledge was only one aspect of his superb public service, as he was an extraordinary facilitator who could bring conflicting parties, be they community groups, state, or other federal agencies, to viable solutions when addressing environmental problems, and

*Whereas*, the EPA valued Ed Hathaway's professional achievements, and he was repeatedly honored with agency awards, most recently "Mentor of the Year," and

*Whereas*, in Vermont, his enduring legacy was as the supervising EPA engineer for two Vermont Superfund cleanup projects: at the Ely Copper Mine in Vershire and the Elizabeth Mine in Strafford, the latter for which he enabled over \$100 million to be directed to this challenging project, even arranging the replacement of roads that heavy truck traffic had damaged, and

*Whereas*, this truly kind and highly respected official's EPA role was cut short due to his contracting pancreatic cancer, which he fought valiantly until his death on March 7, 2025 at 63 years of age, and his survivors include his wife, Ann-Marie Burke; his sons; and his parents, *now therefore be it*

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

That the General Assembly extends its sincere condolences to the family of Edward M. Hathaway, *and be it further*

***Resolved:*** That the Secretary of State be directed to send a copy of this resolution to the members of Ed Hathaway's family.

## **H.C.R. 142**

Offered by Representatives Kimbell of Woodstock, Holcombe of Norwich, and Masland of Thetford

Offered by Senators Clarkson, Major, and White

House concurrent resolution honoring Steven D. Faccio of Strafford for his inspiring leadership as a conservation biologist

*Whereas*, Steve Faccio has dedicated his life, both professionally and personally, to the protection of the natural environment and its lands, waters, and creatures, and

*Whereas*, he earned bachelor's and master's degrees in biology, respectively, from Western Connecticut State University and Southern Connecticut State University, and

*Whereas*, upon completion of his academic studies, Steve Faccio wisely headed northward to Vermont, where he has resided to this day, and

*Whereas*, for 15 years (1992–2007), he worked as a conservation biologist at the Vermont Institute of Natural Science, where his topics of interest were often ornithologically focused and included peregrine falcon nesting sites, loon habitat, the presence of the brown-headed cowbird in the Champlain Valley, and examinations of avian breeding and migration, and he developed a large oeuvre of publications in peer-reviewed scientific journals, popular magazines, and commissioned reports, and

*Whereas*, in 1994, Steve Faccio joined the Vermont Endangered Species Committee's Reptile and Amphibian Scientific Advisory Group, of which he remains an active member, and

*Whereas*, in 2002, he was a founding member of the Strafford Conservation Commission; served as its secretary for 11 years; and, after a brief hiatus, rejoined and has served continuously since 2015, and

*Whereas*, in 2005, Steve Faccio was a co-winner of the Wilson Ornithological Society's Edwards Prize, and

*Whereas*, in 2007, he embarked on a new professional adventure, cofounding and serving as the senior conservation biologist at the Vermont

Center for Ecostudies, and a special accomplishment was creating the regularly consulted Vermont Vernal Pool Atlas, and

*Whereas*, after decades of an intellectually fulfilling and environmentally impactful career, Steve Faccio is concluding his role at the Vermont Center for Ecostudies but will no doubt remain involved in conservation-related projects, *now therefore be it*

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

That the General Assembly honors Steven D. Faccio of Strafford for his inspiring leadership as a conservation biologist, *and be it further*

***Resolved:*** That the Secretary of State be directed to send a copy of this resolution to Steve Faccio and to the Vermont Center for Ecostudies.

**H.C.R. 143**

Offered by Representatives Pritchard of Pawlet and McCoy of Poultney

Offered by Senators Collamore, Weeks, and Williams

House concurrent resolution honoring former Pawlet First Constable David Ricard Sr. for his outstanding municipal public service

*Whereas*, the municipal government employment of Dave Ricard for the Town of Pawlet started in 2003 when he was first elected as the town's first constable, and

*Whereas*, over the course of 22 years, he improved the professionalism of policing services in the Town of Pawlet, assisting local colleagues who followed his path and earned their law enforcement officer certifications, and

*Whereas*, although Dave Ricard's primary public service responsibility was working as Pawlet First Constable, which he executed professionally and proficiently, he also performed other municipal roles with the same degree of attention and excellence, including serving as the West Pawlet Volunteer Fire Chief; as a patrol officer in Fair Haven; and as the Wells highway foreman, keeping tabs on that community's town road conditions, and

*Whereas*, after over two decades of overseeing law enforcement activities in the Town of Pawlet, in 2025, Dave Ricard declined to seek reelection, concluding his exemplary career as the town's first constable, and his fellow citizens greatly appreciate his contribution to civic life in their community, *now therefore be it*

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

That the General Assembly honors former Pawlet First Constable David Ricard Sr. for his outstanding municipal public service, *and be it further*

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

#### **H.C.R. 144**

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

Offered by Senators Bongartz and Plunkett

House concurrent resolution commemorating the 250th anniversary of the U.S. Marine Corps

*Whereas*, on November 10, 1775, now observed as the founding date of the U.S. Marine Corps, the Second Continental Congress adopted a resolution directing the raising of two battalions of Marines, and John Adams nominated Major Samuel Nicholas to serve as the first Commandant of the Continental Marines, and

*Whereas*, Major Nicholas organized the recruitment of the initial battalion of Continental Marines at the Tun Tavern in Philadelphia, and the tavern's owner, Robert Mullan, became the first Marine recruiter, and

*Whereas*, after comporting themselves magnificently during the American War of Independence, the Continental Marines were disbanded in 1783, but on July 11, 1798, with the Quasi-War with France on the horizon, the U.S. Congress adopted "An Act for Establishing and Organizing a Marine Corps" that officially created the U.S. Marine Corps as part of the nation's military, and

*Whereas*, during the War of 1812, the U.S. Marine Corps played pivotal roles in the Champlain Valley, defending Plattsburg, and in the Battle of New Orleans, from which the service gained a coveted reputation for its superb marksmanship, and

*Whereas*, in 1834, the U.S. Marine Corps was placed under the administrative structure of the U.S. Navy but has always remained a distinctive service with both maritime and onshore roles, including protecting American diplomatic facilities worldwide, and

*Whereas*, in 1883, the U.S. Marine Corps adopted the motto "Semper Fidelis" (Always Faithful), expressing the loyalty of individual Marines to their fellow Marines, and they have distinguished themselves in battle ever since, and

*Whereas*, in 1884 Acts and Resolves No. 180, the General Assembly incorporated “The Trustees of the Soldiers’ Home in Vermont” (today’s Vermont Veterans’ Home in Bennington), and its U.S. Marine Corps residents, who stay true to the spirit of Semper Fidelis and celebrate this 250th anniversary with great pride, as does the nation, which is marking the occasion with commemorative stamps and coinage, *now therefore be it*

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

That the General Assembly commemorates the 250th anniversary of the U.S. Marine Corps, *and be it further*

***Resolved:*** That the Secretary of State be directed to send a copy of this resolution to the Vermont Veterans’ Home.

**H.C.R. 145**

Offered by Representatives Emmons of Springfield, Casey of Montpelier, Galfetti of Barre Town, Greer of Bennington, Gregoire of Fairfield, Headrick of Burlington, Luneau of St. Albans City, Minier of South Burlington, Morrissey of Bennington, Sweeney of Shelburne, and Winter of Ludlow

House concurrent resolution celebrating the 35th anniversary of the installation of the first piece of art for the Art in State Buildings Program

*Whereas*, in 1988 Acts and Resolves No. 267, the General Assembly enacted “An act relating to art in public buildings” in recognition of the State’s need to “encourage the work of Vermont artists; to enhance and preserve its cultural environment and heritage; and to provide artistic enrichment to its residents and visitors,” and

*Whereas*, now known as the Art in State Buildings Program, the State’s structures have been brightened, enlivened, and made more welcoming for employees and visitors alike due to the presence of varied creations, and

*Whereas*, since the first artwork was installed in a State building in 1990, hundreds of Vermont-crafted pieces have found wonderful homes at courthouses, institutions of higher education, office buildings, public safety facilities, the State House, and other State-owned venues throughout Vermont, and

*Whereas*, the created artworks, be they drawings, paintings, sculptures, or other mediums, enhance civic pride and portray the story of Vermonters and the State’s culture, history, landscape, and values, and

*Whereas*, the employment of Vermont artists and craftspeople is a worthy investment in the creative economy, supports local talent, and provides an incentive for artistic Vermonters to pursue careers in the State, and

*Whereas*, these creative works often portray environmental and stewardship themes, reflecting Vermont's strong connection to its natural and working landscapes, and they contribute to a State art collection that affords a distinctive perspective on our cultural history, and

*Whereas*, the Art in State Buildings Program is a valued public investment that brings beauty to our lives and is a legacy for future generations to cherish and expand in new and exciting directions, *now therefore be it*

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

That the General Assembly celebrates the 35th anniversary of the installation of the first piece of art for the Art in State Buildings Program, *and be it further*

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

**H.C.R. 146**

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

Offered by Senators Bongartz and Plunkett

House concurrent resolution commemorating the 60th anniversary of the Bennington Fire Department's management of the annual Bennington Battle Day Weekend Parade and festivities

*Whereas*, the Town of Bennington annually celebrates the August 16, 1777 American War for Independence victory of patriot forces, including members of the Green Mountain Rangers (many of whom were Green Mountain Boys), at the Battle of Bennington in which the Americans defeated a large contingent of British and other loyalist forces under the command of British General John Burgoyne, who had unsuccessfully sought to capture a Bennington supply depot, and

*Whereas*, this observance consists of festive events centered on a much-anticipated parade featuring floats, musicians, marchers representing local organizations, public safety vehicles, and Vermont dignitaries, and

*Whereas*, originally, this venerable marching extravaganza and the associated activities were the responsibility of an ad hoc committee of local

business owners and citizens, some of whom, including John Proud, were Bennington Fire Department members, and

*Whereas*, seeking a long-term management structure for the Bennington Battle Day Weekend commemorations, the ad hoc committee approached the Bennington Fire Chief, Chuck Sawyer, to inquire if the department would assume this role, and

*Whereas*, at the Bennington Fire Department's January 1965 meeting, the question was presented and the idea endorsed, with the 1965 celebration becoming the first under the department's purview, and

*Whereas*, the department's first Bennington Battle Day Weekend Committee consisted of Chief Sawyer (General Chairperson); Ornal Pierce Sr. (Treasurer); assistant chiefs Joseph Wasick, Edwin Mattison, and Mike Walker; and other department members serving on the committee, and

*Whereas*, to finance these events, the department hosts a series of fundraisers throughout the year, and among the other Bennington Battle Day Weekend celebrations are a car show, sporting competitions, a chicken barbeque dinner, and a Las Vegas night, and

*Whereas*, for 60 years, the Bennington Fire Department has served as the ideal guardian angel for this local summertime tradition, *now therefore be it*

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

That the General Assembly commemorates the 60th anniversary of the Bennington Fire Department's management of the annual Bennington Battle Day Weekend Parade and festivities, *and be it further*

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

**H.C.R. 147**

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

Offered by Senators Bongartz and Plunkett

House concurrent resolution commemorating the 250th anniversary of the establishment of the U.S. Navy

*Whereas*, in 1884, the General Assembly adopted Act 180 incorporating "The Trustees of the Soldiers' Home in Vermont" and establishing the legal foundation for the contemporary Vermont Veterans' Home, providing a



dignified residence for all those who had served in our nation's military, including the Vermonters who bravely served in the U.S. Navy, and

*Whereas*, the origins of the U.S. Navy predate the nation's independence and can be traced to a 1775 action of the Rhode Island General Assembly, which directed its delegates to the Continental Congress in Philadelphia to request that "a fleet of sufficient force for the protection of these colonies" be formed to protect American ports and waters, and

*Whereas*, after deliberations, on October 13, 1775, considered the U.S. Navy's founding date, the Continental Congress created a naval advisory committee of which future president John Adams was a member, and

*Whereas*, accepting the Committee's recommendations that defensive and offensive naval capabilities be developed, the Continental Congress directed that Massachusetts supply George Washington, then stationed in that colony, with an armed schooner and a sloop for the purpose of seizing British supply vessels, and

*Whereas*, by the end of 1775, the Continental Congress had authorized the purchase of ships and created an organizational structure formalizing the Continental Navy, and

*Whereas*, after serving a vital role in the American War of Independence, the U.S. Navy was shuttered, but new maritime dangers such as the Barbary pirates emerged, prompting the U.S. Congress on January 2, 1794 to resolve to create "a naval force, adequate to the protection of the United States against the Algerine corsairs," and on March 27, 1794, Congress adopted an "Act to provide a Naval Armament," officially forming today's U.S. Navy, and

*Whereas*, the U.S. Navy veterans who reside at the Vermont Veterans' Home are observing this special anniversary with pride and memories of their years in naval uniform on land and sea, and the nation is marking the occasion with, among other recognitions, the issuance of commemorative U.S. postage stamps, *now therefore be it*

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

That the General Assembly commemorates the 250th anniversary of the establishment of the U.S. Navy, *and be it further*

***Resolved:*** That the Secretary of State be directed to send a copy of this resolution to the Vermont Veterans' Home.

## H.C.R. 148

Offered by Representatives LaLonde of South Burlington, Arsenault of Williston, Burditt of West Rutland, Christie of Hartford, Dolan of Essex Junction, Goodnow of Brattleboro, Goslant of Northfield, Oliver of Sheldon, and Rachelson of Burlington

House concurrent resolution in memory of distinguished Vermont attorney Richard T. Cassidy of Burlington

*Whereas*, for 47 years (1978–2025), Richard Cassidy was a distinguished member of the Vermont Bar, and he epitomized the best attributes of an attorney, and his legacy is exemplified through a record of superb leadership at respected State and national professional legal organizations, and

*Whereas*, a native of Rutland, he graduated from Mount St. Joseph Academy, the University of Vermont, and Albany Law School before completing two successive Vermont Supreme Court clerkships, and he subsequently enjoyed a successful career as a private practitioner, and

*Whereas*, the Vermont Bar Association (VBA) and its justice access partner, the Vermont Bar Foundation (VBF), were each a beneficiary of his wise counsel, and

*Whereas*, as a VBA appointee to the VBF Board, Richard Cassidy was an ardent advocate for VBF’s mission, and at VBA, he was serving as the outstanding president-elect, and

*Whereas*, at the American Bar Association (ABA), Richard Cassidy served on the Board of Governors, chaired its Standing Committee on the Delivery of Legal Services, and represented Vermont in the ABA House of Delegates, and

*Whereas*, in 1994, Governor Dean appointed Richard Cassidy to the Uniform Law Commission (ULC), a pivotal advisor to legislatures and state bar associations on a wide range of statutory topics, and he frequently testified before General Assembly committees on ULC-related legal matters and was honored to serve a term as ULC President, and

*Whereas*, Richard Cassidy, whose broad array of activities included acting as a special legislative advisor on an impeachment investigation, serving as counsel to the Burlington Police Officers’ Association, working as a legal analyst for Channel 5 television news, and chairing the South Burlington School Board, died on April 21, 2025 at 71 years of age, and he is survived by Becky, his wife of 50 years, *now therefore be it*

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

That the General Assembly extends its condolences to the family and colleagues of Richard T. Cassidy, *and be it further*

***Resolved:*** That the Secretary of State be directed to send a copy of this resolution to the family of Richard Cassidy, the Vermont Bar Association, the Vermont Bar Foundation, and the Uniform Law Commission.

### **H.C.R. 149**

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

Offered by Senators Bongartz and Plunkett

House concurrent resolution commemorating the 175th anniversary of the Bennington Fire Department

*Whereas*, on March 18, 1850, the Bennington village trustees passed an ordinance establishing the Bennington Fire Department “to consist of such persons and officers, and such number of engine companies and hook and ladder companies as shall from time to time be ordered and directed by said village,” and

*Whereas*, land was acquired and the funding secured for the construction of two firehouses, which became the headquarters for Spartan Engine Company #1 on Pleasant Street near North Street and Protection Engine Company #2 on East Main Street opposite Morgan Street, and

*Whereas*, over the decades, with the upgrading and modernization of equipment and departmental expansion in a growing community, the two original companies were transformed into today’s four highly trained and prepared companies, and

*Whereas*, the W.H. Bradford Hook and Ladder Company #1 was established on October 28, 1866, and

*Whereas*, Stark Hose Company #1 is the direct descendant of Spartan Engine Company #1, which from 1871 until 1887 was known as the General Stark Steamer Company, and

*Whereas*, the H.W. Putnam Company #3 was organized on June 20, 1887, and

*Whereas*, the Eagle Hose Company #4 was formed on February 12, 1894, and all four companies are now located at the central fire station on River Street, and

*Whereas*, under the outstanding leadership of Chief Nathan Berres, the Bennington Fire Department is proud of the organization’s many accomplishments as it celebrates 175 years of volunteer firefighting excellence and looks to the future, *now therefore be it*

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

That the General Assembly commemorates the 175th anniversary of the Bennington Fire Department, *and be it further*

***Resolved:*** That the Secretary of State be directed to send a copy of this resolution to each of the four companies of the Bennington Fire Department.

**H.C.R. 150**

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

Offered by Senators Bongartz and Plunkett

House concurrent resolution congratulating Bennington Lodge No. 567 of the Benevolent and Protective Order of Elks on 125 years of community service and good fellowship

*Whereas*, Charles Algernon Sidney Vivian inspired the establishment of the Benevolent and Protective Order of Elks (the Elks), a momentous event that occurred in New York City on February 16, 1868, and

*Whereas*, the purpose of this fraternal organization is “[t]o promote and practice the four cardinal virtues of Charity, Justice, Brotherly Love and Fidelity; to promote the welfare and enhance the happiness of its members; to quicken the spirit of American Patriotism and cultivate good fellowship,” and

*Whereas*, Elks District Deputy P.M. Meldon of Rutland formed Bennington Lodge No. 567 (the Lodge) on July 10, 1900, and John S. Brant served as the first Exalted Ruler of the Lodge until 1902, and

*Whereas*, originally located at the 300 block of Main Street, in 1912, the Lodge moved to the third floor of the Richie Building at 469 Main Street, and ultimately, in 1945, the Lodge purchased the historic Winslow Home on Washington Avenue, which today remains the Lodge’s headquarters, and

*Whereas*, the Lodge performs the central charitable prong of the Elks’ mission through involvement in activities supporting youth (Boy Scouts, Girl Scouts, Little League Baseball, the Hoop Shoot basketball competition, awarding scholarships totaling \$19,000.00 in 2024, sponsoring the Americanism Essay Contest, and promoting drug awareness programs); assisting veterans (constructing a fishing dock, conducting a fishing derby, hosting a Las Vegas Night, sponsoring Christmas events, and hosting dining and entertainment activities); participating in the Elks’ State Project (operating Silver Towers Camp in Ripton for children and adults with special needs); and

offering direct community support (by providing Thanksgiving meals and spearheading foster family projects), and

*Whereas*, the 125th anniversary of the Lodge finds the organization thriving, boasting a growing membership of over 800 enthusiastic Elks, *now therefore be it*

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

That the General Assembly congratulates Bennington Lodge No. 567 of the Benevolent and Protective Order of Elks on 125 years of community service and good fellowship, *and be it further*

***Resolved:*** That the Secretary of State be directed to send a copy of this resolution to Bennington Lodge No. 567 of the Benevolent Order of Elks.