

CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

ADDENDUM

TO THE

HOUSE CALENDAR

**Text of House Concurrent
Resolutions**

of

May 22, 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. 151

Offered by Representatives Harvey of Castleton, Arsenault of Williston, 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, Burt of Cabot, Canfield of Fair Haven, Carris-Duncan of Whitingham, Casey of Hubbardton, Chapin of East Montpelier, Charlton of Chester, Coffin of Cavendish, Cooper of Pownal, Demar of Enosburgh, Dickinson of St. Albans Town, Dobrovich of Williamstown, Dolgin of St. Johnsbury, Duke of Burlington, Feltus of Lyndon, Galfetti of Barre Town, Goodnow of Brattleboro, Goslant of Northfield, Graning of Jericho, Greer of Bennington, Gregoire of Fairfield, Hango of Berkshire, Harrison of Chittenden, Higley of Lowell, Houghton of Essex Junction, Howard of Rutland City, Howland of Rutland Town, Kascenska of Burke, Keyser of Rutland City, Kleppner of Burlington, Labor of Morgan, LaLonde of South Burlington, Laroche of Franklin, Luneau of St. Albans City, Maguire of Rutland City, Malay of Pittsford, Marcotte of Coventry, McCann of Montpelier, McCoy of Poultney, McFaun of Barre Town, Micklus of Milton, Morgan, L. of Milton, Morgan, M. of Milton, Morrissey of Bennington, Nelson of Derby, Nielsen of Brandon, North of Ferrisburgh, Oliver of Sheldon, Page of Newport City, Parsons of Newbury, Pinsonault of Dorset, Powers of Waterford, Pritchard of Pawlet, Quimby of Lyndon, Rachelson of Burlington, Sibilia 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 Wood of Waterbury

House concurrent resolution congratulating Casella Waste Systems, Inc. on the company's 50th anniversary

Whereas, on a chilly day in April 1975, Doug Casella took a pickup truck, which he had purchased with money from jobs he held as a teenager, and began collecting garbage from a few customers in Rutland and the Killington region, and in 1976, his younger brother, John Casella, joined the company (Casella), and

Whereas, in 1977, Casella inaugurated Vermont's first recycling facility, and this bold decision triggered the development of a waste and resource management infrastructure throughout the northeastern states, and

Whereas, in 1997, on an inauspicious morning immediately following a major stock market downturn, Casella launched an extremely successful public stock offering, and today, the corporation is listed on the NASDAQ exchange under the symbol "CWST," and

Whereas, since 2000, resource management and sustainability have become increasingly important corporate objectives, and

Whereas, in 2025, Casella, now officially known as Casella Waste Systems, Inc., has over 5,000 employees, maintains operations in 10 states, and serves more than 1 million customers in 46 states, and

Whereas, Casella was a charter member of the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency's 2005 Climate Leaders program, and today, it includes EV collection trucks in its fleet, and

Whereas, in partnership with the University of Vermont, Casella established the Casella Center for Circular Economy and Sustainability, an internationally recognized research program for the study of sustainable waste and materials management, and

Whereas, Casella was delighted to be listed as one of *Forbes Magazine's* 2025 America's Best Midsized Employers; the only honoree in the waste management-recycling industry and the only Vermont headquartered company, so recognized, and

Whereas, in 2020, the company established the Kenneth A. Heir Sr. CDL Training Center, named after Casella's first employee, which has trained over 300 employees as commercially licensed drivers, and

Whereas, the Casella Foundation supervises the company's giving initiatives and annually contributes over \$2 million to local communities, and the company's employees volunteer more than 14,000 hours each year towards worthy causes, *now therefore be it*

Resolved by the Senate and House of Representatives:

That the General Assembly congratulates Casella Waste Systems, Inc. on the company's 50th anniversary, *and be it further*

Resolved: That the Secretary of State be directed to send a copy of this resolution to Casella Waste Systems, Inc.

H.C.R. 152

Offered by Representatives Harvey of Castleton and Canfield of Fair Haven

Offered by Senators Collamore, Weeks, and Williams

House concurrent resolution honoring Silas R. Loomis for his more than half century of extraordinary municipal public service as the esteemed Castleton First Constable

Whereas, a lifelong Castleton resident, Si Loomis remembered his father's sage advice that "you owe more to your town than just paying taxes," and when approached to run for Castleton's first constable, he agreed, and

Whereas, when assuming this position in 1972, he probably never dreamed that his policing duties would extend until 2025, constituting one of the longest tenures ever for any elected Castleton law enforcement officer, and

Whereas, unique among Vermont constables, Si Loomis conducted his summer patrols on a police motorcycle, enabling him to work with the public on a more direct basis than if driving a police cruiser, and

Whereas, in an act of true bravery, Si Loomis once rescued a man from his car that had broken through the ice; on other occasions he assisted in roadside deliveries of babies; and he was especially proud to provide law enforcement support at the Castleton Elementary School for several years following the Sandy Hook Elementary School shooting in Connecticut, and

Whereas, from 1990 to 1992, Si Loomis served as Castleton Chief of Police, and over the years he had also worked as a part-time law enforcement official with the Addison County Sheriff's Department and the Rutland County Sheriff's Office and the Brandon and Middlebury Police Departments, and his first public safety position was as a Castleton volunteer firefighter, and

Whereas, Si Loomis chaired the Vermont Constables' Association, served as a member of the Vermont Criminal Justice Training Council, and is a life member of the National Constables and Marshals Association, and

Whereas, militarily, Si Loomis served as a U.S. Navy Seabee during the Vietnam War and later with the Army National Guard, including postings to Kuwait and Iraq, serving our country for a total of 40 years in uniform, and

Whereas, on March 4, 2025, after 53 years of patrolling the Castleton beat and earning a wonderful reputation for dedication and loyalty to his hometown, Si Loomis concluded his law enforcement career, *now therefore be it*

Resolved by the Senate and House of Representatives:

That the General Assembly honors Silas R. Loomis for his more than half century of extraordinary municipal public service as the esteemed Castleton First Constable, *and be it further*

Resolved: That the Secretary of State be directed to send a copy of this resolution to Si Loomis and to the Castleton town clerk.

H.C.R. 153

Offered by Representative Durfee of Shaftsbury

Offered by Senators Bongartz and Plunkett

House concurrent resolution congratulating Ronald Loomis on his receipt of the 2025 Shaftsbury Ordinary Hero Award

Whereas, Ronald Loomis graduated from Mt. Anthony Union High School; earned an associate's degree from Southern Vermont College; and, for the past four decades, has been an extraordinary citizen in the Town of Shaftsbury, whose volunteer services and good deeds have not gone unnoticed, and

Whereas, for the past 38 years, he has owned Loomis Auto Exchange in Bennington and in that capacity has donated used cars to the Shaftsbury Fire Department for training in vehicle extraction and fire suppression techniques, and

Whereas, for the Bennington Police Department, Ron Loomis created a safe off-road trail to use for training youth in vehicle safety, and

Whereas, as a supporter of the Shaftsbury Elementary School, he has served as a fundraiser and chaperone, and he has loaned supplies and furniture for fundraisers and other events, and

Whereas, Ron and Lisa Loomis have mentored local youth, hosting children whose parents are militarily deployed and serving as foster parents, and

Whereas, the Loomis Sugar House on West Mountain is a cherished community gathering place, and the couple has hosted organizational events, such as for the Southwestern Vermont Medical Center and local U.S. Coast Guard Academy students, and

Whereas, Ron Loomis has successfully mentored area candidates pursuing the Boy Scouts' Eagle Scout rank, and

Whereas, many neighbors associate Ron and Lisa Loomis as the driving force behind the annual Haunted House fundraiser benefiting the Shaftsbury Fire Department, and

Whereas, in recognition of his community and individual good deeds, such as snow plowing during snowstorms, helping the elderly and critically ill, and extending a helping hand to youth starting out on their own, Ron Loomis is the most deserved recipient of the 2025 Shaftsbury Ordinary Hero Award, *now therefore be it*

Resolved by the Senate and House of Representatives:

That the General Assembly congratulates Ronald Loomis on his receipt of the 2025 Shaftsbury Ordinary Hero Award, *and be it further*

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

H.C.R. 154

Offered by Representatives Berbeco of Winooski and Cina of Burlington

House concurrent resolution recognizing May 2025 as Mental Health Awareness Month in Vermont

Whereas, good mental health is essential to overall health and well-being, and

Whereas, according to Mental Health America, “nearly one in five adults will have a diagnosable mental health condition in any given year,” and “46 percent of Americans will meet the criteria for a diagnosable mental health condition sometime in their life,” and

Whereas, the Vermont Department of Health’s 2023 Youth Risk Behavior Survey documented that 34 percent of Vermont high school students had “struggle[d] with poor mental health,” for the prior 30 days, with female and LGBTQ+ students having reported even higher rates of mental health difficulties, and

Whereas, the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention documented that during the past decade there was a 65 percent rise in the percentage of adult Vermonters (an increase from 9.6 percent to 15.8 percent) who reported frequent mental health distress, and NAMI (National Association for Mental Illness) Vermont recently noted that fewer than half of adults and youth with a mental illness receive treatment, and

Whereas, individuals with mental health challenges can lead full, productive lives and make important contributions to our communities, and

Whereas, promoting mental health awareness and offering early intervention are effective ways to assist mental health and wellness, and

Whereas, ensuring timely access to quality care and closing the treatment gap can lead to healthier outcomes for individuals, communities, and our nation, and

Whereas, businesses, government agencies, health care providers, individuals, and schools all stand to benefit from an improvement in the mental health of Vermonters, and

Whereas, in 1949, Mental Health America designated May as Mental Health Awareness Month, with the mission of raising awareness and educating the public about mental health; and this month is an opportunity to effectuate change through compassion, concern, open-mindedness, and understanding and to celebrate the resiliency of individuals living with mental health conditions, *now therefore be it*

Resolved by the Senate and House of Representatives:

That the General Assembly recognizes May 2025 as Mental Health Awareness Month in Vermont, *and be it further*

Resolved: That the Secretary of State be directed to send a copy of this resolution to NAMI Vermont, to the Vermont Association for Mental Health & Addiction Recovery, and to the Commissioner of Mental Health.