

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. 155

Offered by Representatives Masland of Thetford and Holcombe of Norwich

House concurrent resolution honoring Melvin and Susan Coburn for their nearly half-century of superb proprietorship of Coburns' General Store in South Strafford and congratulating the Strafford Community Trust on a successful fundraising campaign to preserve this historic mercantile establishment

Whereas, since the 1880s, South Strafford has been the home of a beloved general store that, for nearly half a century, featured the dedicated proprietorship of Melvin and Susan Coburn, including 27 years when their daughter, Chrissy Jamieson, worked beside her parents for 12-hour days, and

Whereas, the Coburns operated a truly full-service general store, where not only grocery and other in-demand products were sold, but they also hosted a bank, a deer weighing station, a gas pump, a tiny laundromat, and the local U.S. Post Office, and the store also welcomed local nonprofit organizations' bake sales and maintained a lost and found drop-off service, and

Whereas, typical of their hometown relationships, the Coburns extended exceptional kindness to local youngsters, including the then-young and now-popular music star Noah Kahan, but although the Coburns extended a warm welcome to his fans who traveled to South Strafford, the couple faithfully protected the Kahan family's privacy, never revealing a home address, and

Whereas, after decades of ensuring their store was fully stocked and ready to serve customers from near and far, the Coburns desired to step back from their daily duties and sell to a member of the younger generation, and

Whereas, this objective proved challenging, and friends of Coburns' General Store, both in Strafford and nearby Upper Valley communities, spearheaded a successful \$1.8 million fundraising campaign to purchase the store under the rubric of the Strafford Community Trust, and

Whereas, this nonprofit model of general store ownership, which has proven successful in other Vermont communities, is now, with the guidance of

new management, ensuring the continuance and vitality of the store, *now therefore be it*

Resolved by the Senate and House of Representatives:

That the General Assembly honors Melvin and Susan Coburn for their nearly half-century of superb proprietorship of Coburns' General Store in South Strafford and congratulates the Strafford Community Trust on a successful fundraising campaign to preserve this historic mercantile establishment, *and be it further*

Resolved: That the Secretary of State be directed to send a copy of this resolution to the Coburn family, the Strafford Community Trust, and the store.

H.C.R. 156

Offered by Representative Noyes of Wolcott

House concurrent resolution honoring Timothy McNamara for his outstanding public service in environmental and municipal law enforcement

Whereas, for over three decades of law-enforcement-related employment, Tim McNamara's peers recognized the consistently high caliber of their colleague's professionalism, and

Whereas, Tim McNamara began his tenure at the Agency of Natural Resources (ANR) in 1992 as a temporary underground storage tank inspector in the Department of Environmental Conservation, and in 1995, he accepted a permanent position, resulting in his promotion to assistant hazardous materials specialist, and

Whereas, frequently, the violations Tim McNamara investigated were referred to an ANR environmental enforcement officer (EEO), and he developed a strong interest in a law-enforcement-focused career, and

Whereas, in 1997, Tim McNamara pursued his passion and joined the EEO's ranks, completing the requisite training for the performance of his new assignments, and

Whereas, soon after becoming an EEO, Tim McNamara played a major role in an enforcement proceeding following a fatal hazardous waste explosion that culminated in felony convictions, and

Whereas, in the years that followed, Tim McNamara brought his expertise and skill to investigations centered on the illegal disposal of solid and hazardous waste for profit, the illegal burning of materials, the unpermitted discharges of pollutants into State waters, and the submission of falsified records to State authorities, and

Whereas, his proficiency as an EEO attracted the notice of municipal law enforcement officials, and in 2006, Tim McNamara embarked, initially with trepidation but ultimately with great success, on a parallel part-time second career serving as a local police officer in the towns of Weathersfield (2005–2006 and 2012–2022) and Springfield (2006–2018), and

Whereas, in 2015, the Vermont Criminal Justice Training Council (VCJTC) issued him a Level 2C law enforcement certification, and he also earned VCJTC’s authorization to investigate State criminal environmental statutes, and

Whereas, after 33 years, in 2025, Tim McNamara concluded his exemplary ANR investigatory career, *now therefore be it*

Resolved by the Senate and House of Representatives:

That the General Assembly honors Timothy McNamara for his outstanding public service in environmental and municipal law enforcement, *and be it further*

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

H.C.R. 157

Offered by Representatives Masland of Thetford and Holcombe of Norwich

Offered by Senators Clarkson, Major, and White

House concurrent resolution congratulating the Thetford Academy Panthers on winning a sixth consecutive Division III boys’ track and field championship and for their victories and record-setting performances at the 2025 New England Interscholastic Outdoor Track and Field Championship

Whereas, as the Division III title holders for the past five seasons, the Panthers were well-suited to extend their victory streak in the championship boys’ track and field competition, and

Whereas, at the 2025 decisive meet held at the D.G. Weaver Athletic Complex in Burlington, Thetford Academy athletes scored first in the 100-meter, 400-meter, 800-meter, and 1,500-meter dashes; the 4x100 and 4x800 relays; and the long jump, triple jump, discus, and javelin events, and

Whereas, this extensive set of wins enabled the Panthers to amass 164.5 points, far ahead of runner-up White River Valley’s 65.5 points, for a spectacular sixth consecutive championship triumph, and

Whereas, an exciting coda to the 2025 season was Thetford Academy's largest ever presence at the New England Interscholastic Outdoor Track and Field Championship, where the Panthers set three new Vermont State records, and for the first time earned two championship medals in the long jump and 200-meter dash, and

Whereas, the outstanding Panthers roster featured Hunter Clay, Connor Gaine, Uly Junker-Boyce, Miguel Kutter-Walker, Luke Miller, Liam Murphy, Hardy Payson, Oliver Ransom, Evan Rich, Bryce Rikert, Brady Sloop, Ramona Spellman, David Stangner, Matthew Vivian, Isaac Yukica, Wendell Durham, Daniel Mann, Elijah Renner, Emmett Terry, David Thaxton, Henry Trage, Oliver Emery, Tanner Hardy, Paul Kidd, Jesse Martin, Benjamin Nalette, Kit Payson, Sebastian Perdrizet, Jacob Phelps, Connor Sloop, Jay Hill, David Mitchell, Eli Murphy, and Stone Riegler, and

Whereas, co-head coaches Joel Breakstone and Emily Silver; assistant coaches Cole Chapman, Max Higgins, Charlie Buttrey, Charlize Brown, and Vanessa Riegler; and Team Manager Twyla Weinstein were all thrilled with the Panthers' stupendous success in 2025, *now therefore be it*

Resolved by the Senate and House of Representatives:

That the General Assembly congratulates the Thetford Academy Panthers on winning a sixth consecutive Division III boys' track and field championship and for their victories and record-setting performances at the 2025 New England Interscholastic Outdoor Track and Field Championship, *and be it further*

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

H.C.R. 158

Offered by Representatives Masland of Thetford and Holcombe of Norwich

Offered by Senators Clarkson, Major, and White

House concurrent resolution congratulating the 2025 Thetford Academy Panthers' Division III championship baseball team

Whereas, as they entered the decisive game in Burlington for the 2025 Division III baseball crown, the second-seeded Thetford Academy Panthers confronted the top-ranked and undefeated White River Valley Wildcats, whose record to date indicated a formidable opponent, and

Whereas, the Panthers, many of whom had played on Thetford Academy's 2023 championship squad, combined their playoff experience with the

determination of a focused freshman pitcher to more than justify their presence in this most important game for the 2025 season, and

Whereas, despite the Wildcats scoring the contest's first plate crossing in the bottom of the third inning, White River Valley's moment of glory was brief, as the Panthers utilized the top of the fourth to tie the score and establish a 3–1 lead, and in the sixth inning, the Panthers' final run finalized a 4–1 Thetford Academy victory and this year's Division III honors, and

Whereas, the proud and triumphant Panthers were Matthew McGovern, Adam Crockett, Liam Brooks, Oliver Sarazin, Owen Goodrich, Miles Lawrence, Xander Oshoniyi, Tommy Amber, Andrew Spooner, Sam Kraemer, Dylan Libby, Mason Gross, Sam Parkman, Dempsey McGovern, JD Farrell, and Evan Patterson, and

Whereas, first-year Head Coach Kris Keelty demonstrated his knack for mentoring talented baseball players, and his assistant coaches Jarrod Grassi, Ryan Pepe, and Mack Briglin provided much-appreciated support, *now therefore be it*

Resolved by the Senate and House of Representatives:

That the General Assembly congratulates the 2025 Thetford Academy Panthers' Division III championship baseball team, *and be it further*

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

H.C.R. 159

Offered by Representatives Steady of Milton, Micklus of Milton, Morgan, L. of Milton, Morgan, M. of Milton, and Taylor of Milton

Offered by Senator Mattos

House concurrent resolution congratulating the 2025 Milton High School Yellowjackets Division II championship boys' soccer team

Whereas, the sixth-seeded Yellowjackets reached the Division II championship game after a semifinal-round overtime victory over the second-ranked Harwood Highlanders, and

Whereas, Milton faced the top-seeded Mt. Abraham Eagles for the Division II title in a contest played at the D.G. Weaver Athletic Complex in Burlington, and

Whereas, the Yellowjackets dominated the first half and the Eagles the second, resulting in an end-of-regulation play tie, just over two minutes into

overtime, the scenario-experienced Milton squad was prepared to execute a successful penalty kick, securing a 1–0 game victory and the Division II title, and

Whereas, the triumphant Yellowjackets were Brody Allard, Alexander Harlow, Jack Tomasi, Sam King, Colton Foss, Dante Matott, Cameron FitzGerald, Maxton Greenfield, Killian Choquette, Mason Martel, Matthew Shedd, Andrew Preuss, Brady Stevens, Matthew Cusson, Joshua Rhoades, Chase Renaud, Wyatt Wright, Wyatt Wooten, Matias Ocampo Herrero, Noah Hecker, Brock Bushey, and Brandon Metcalf, and

Whereas, Head Coach Jack Hubbard and assistant coaches Eric Rhoades, Braden Ripley, and Corey Lombard were essential guides for the team's success, *now therefore be it*

Resolved by the Senate and House of Representatives:

That the General Assembly congratulates the 2025 Milton High School Yellowjackets Division II championship boys' soccer team, *and be it further*

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

H.C.R. 160

Offered by Representatives Emmons of Springfield and Morris of Springfield

House concurrent resolution congratulating Shirley Young Cooper on her centennial birthday

Whereas, Shirley Cooper has been a resident of Springfield, Vermont since her birth on November 4, 1925, and her parents, Sidney and Ethel Young, established Young's Furniture and Appliances at shopping plazas in Springfield and Ludlow, Vermont and in Peterborough, New Hampshire, and

Whereas, growing up, Shirley Young was one of seven siblings who resided in a busy household; four of her five brothers were World War II veterans, and she contributed on the home front as an employee at Jones and Lamson, one of the many Springfield factories engaged in military-related manufacturing, and as a University of Vermont Extension service home economics volunteer, and

Whereas, World War II was personally significant in her life, as that is when she met her future husband, Maurice (Bill) Cooper, then serving in the U.S. Navy; they are the parents of two children, her daughter Deanna surviving, and subsequent generations include three grandchildren and five great-grandchildren, and

Whereas, in later years, she served her community as a poll worker on Election Day and as a volunteer for Red Cross activities, becoming locally famous for providing her special sandwiches, and

Whereas, Shirley Cooper was an active parishioner at her local church, sang in the choir and served as president of the congregation's women's group, and

Whereas, she was an avid skier until 70 years of age and continued her decades-long passion of knitting mittens to donate to local children until just recently, and

Whereas, on November 4, 2025, Shirley Cooper, who believes in the importance of remaining active, became the second Young family sibling to celebrate the joyous occasion of a 100th birthday, an event the Town of Springfield officially commemorated, *now therefore be it*

Resolved by the Senate and House of Representatives:

That the General Assembly congratulates Shirley Young Cooper on her centennial birthday, *and be it further*

Resolved: That the Secretary of State be directed to send a copy of this resolution to Shirley Young Cooper, to her daughter, and to each of her grandchildren.

H.C.R. 161

Offered by Representatives McCann of Montpelier and Casey of Montpelier

Offered by Senators Cummings, Perchlik, and Watson

House concurrent resolution congratulating the 2025 Montpelier High School Solons Division III championship field hockey team

Whereas, in recent years, Montpelier High School's field hockey team's record has included Division III titles in 2022 and 2023 and a championship contest berth in 2024, and

Whereas, starting the 2025 season with this strong foundation, the top-ranked Solons dominated their opponents, compiled an undefeated (17–0) record, and earned a place in the decisive Burlington contest against the third-seeded Woodstock Union High School Wasps, and

Whereas, Woodstock initiated the scoring with 2:59 remaining in the first quarter, challenging the Solons' aspirations for a renewal of their championship glory, and

Whereas, at the 2:51 mark in the third quarter, Montpelier tied the score at one–all, and the contest continued into overtime, when the number of players

was greatly reduced, and consequently, the team's dynamics and strategy were radically altered, and

Whereas, after the closely matched teams battled through a scoreless first overtime period, two Solons collaborated in the second post-regulation time frame to score the tie-breaking goal, a timely maneuver that enabled Montpelier to capture the 2025 Division III crown with a 2–1 victory, and

Whereas, the talented Solons, who played a spectacular season, were Opal Ritchie, Indy Roberts, Grace Donahue, Fayina Martin, Alyce Jerome, Lia Walsh, Gitana Ford, Valerie Abbott, Nora Obuchowski, Regan Walke, Emily Tringe, Jameson Rise, Sonya Mancauskas, Olivia Scharnberg, and Violet Dennison, and

Whereas, Head Coach Morgan Griffith, Assistant Coach Sarah McKeen, and student manager Lillian Woodard were each proud to be associated with this winning team, *now therefore be it*

Resolved by the Senate and House of Representatives:

That the General Assembly congratulates the 2025 Montpelier High School Solons Division III championship field hockey team, *and be it further*

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

H.C.R. 162

Offered by Representatives Austin of Colchester, Bishop of Colchester, Critchlow of Colchester, and Pezzo of Colchester

Offered by Senators Brennan, Baruth, Gulick, and Vyhovsky

House concurrent resolution congratulating the 2025 Colchester High School Lakers Division II championship football team

Whereas, football is an inherently rough-and-tumble game not known for its gentleness and grace, and the 2025 Division II championship contest played in South Burlington, featuring the third-seeded Colchester Lakers and the fifth-ranked Fair Haven Slaters, epitomized this description, and

Whereas, despite an afternoon filled with a plethora of fumbles and turnovers, each squad exhibited true gridiron grit, which reflected the intensive engagement of all the players, and

Whereas, in the first half, a clear victor did not initially emerge as while the Lakers assumed the opening 7–0 lead, the Slaters then soon surpassed Colchester with a temporary 12–7 scoring advantage, but Colchester

concluded the first half on top, 14–12, and it remained ahead for the balance of the game, winning the Division II title with a well-earned 27–20 victory, and

Whereas, the confident Lakers (8–3), who won Colchester’s first football championship since 2009, were Jackson O’Dell, Parker Walker, Liam McHugh, Hugh Seidner, Paxton Laffal, Macsen Richardson, Landon Hogan, Sawyer Cyphers, Conor Danaher, Gunnar Perren, Michael Thomason, Colton Lefebvre, Dylan Jacobs, Logan Frechette, Brody Coppins, Christian Mcenerney, Saveren Dykeman, Barret Eckert, Jake Robare, Mason Sheltra, Miles Degree, Tristan Fradette, Eric Rocque, Tyler Reed, Noah Abbott, Sawyer Eidsheim, Jake Marchessault, Tucker Mitchell, Calvin Ehle, Sawyer Collins, Austin Cassidy, Miles Anders, Dylan Neely, Dom Schifilliti, Spencer Sartelle, Sabastian Viertlboeck, and Aiden Gamelin, and

Whereas, Head Coach Tom Perry and assistant coaches Mike Bombardier, Brennan Carney, Nick Corrigan, Antony Dennis, Bobby Hamlin, Malcolm Huesman, Ryan O’Hara, and Bailey Olson expertly advised and mentored the team throughout the thrilling 2025 football season, *now therefore be it*

Resolved by the Senate and House of Representatives:

That the General Assembly congratulates the 2025 Colchester High School Lakers Division II championship football team, *and be it further*

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