

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. 163

Offered by Representatives Kornheiser of Brattleboro, Austin of Colchester, Bartley of Fairfax, Boyden of Cambridge, Critchlow of Colchester, Demar of Enosburgh, Galfetti of Barre Town, Goslant of Northfield, James of Manchester, Kascenska of Burke, Kimbell of Woodstock, Krasnow of South Burlington, Labor of Morgan, Laroche of Franklin, Maguire of Rutland City, Malay of Pittsford, Masland of Thetford, McGill of Bridport, Morrow of Weston, Nelson of Derby, Pinsonault of Dorset, Priestley of Bradford, Pritchard of Pawlet, Sheldon of Middlebury, Sibia of Dover, Tagliavia of Corinth, White of Waitsfield, Wood of Waterbury, and Yacovone of Morristown

House concurrent resolution honoring Mary Houghton of Brattleboro as an extraordinary advocate for sustainable and affordable housing

Whereas, for nearly 40 years, Mary Houghton has envisioned, initiated, and promoted affordable housing in Vermont's communities, and

Whereas, her affordable housing passion can be traced back to 1987, when she began a 20-year tenure as the director of finance at the still-experimental and fledgling Burlington Community Land Trust (BCLT), with its mission to facilitate permanently affordable housing for both renting and ownership through community ownership of the underlying land, and

Whereas, Mary Houghton's leadership at BCLT has been characterized as "foundational to the organization's early growth and enduring success," and "transforming it into one of the most respected community land trusts in the country," and in 2002, the Ford Foundation awarded the organization and its leaders, Houghton and her co-director, Brenda Torpy, the Leadership for a Changing World award, and

Whereas, her standard schedule of being the first to arrive, last to leave, and frequently working weekends, exemplified her dedication and passion for the mission of the BCLT, and resulted in her designation as a co-director, and

Whereas, a critical outcome of her work was the successful merger of BCLT and the Lake Champlain Housing Development Corporation into the larger and greater-resourced Champlain Housing Trust, and

Whereas, Mary Houghton brought her affordable housing expertise to southern Vermont, where for nine years she served as both the finance director and deputy director of the Brattleboro Housing Authority, and

Whereas, more recently, as a volunteer, she has served on the boards of the Windham & Windsor Housing Trust, Brattleboro's Tri-Park Cooperative Housing Corporation, and the Vermont State Housing Authority, and

Whereas, in 2019, the Vermont Housing and Conservation Board presented Mary Houghton with its George Nutting Community Catalyst Award, and

Whereas, aside from her exemplary affordable housing efforts, Mary Houghton has served on the board of the Public Safety Project, a municipal community improvement effort in the Old North End of Burlington, and, since 2019, on the Legislative Apportionment Board, *now therefore be it*

Resolved by the Senate and House of Representatives:

That the General Assembly honors Mary Houghton of Brattleboro as an extraordinary advocate for sustainable and affordable housing, *and be it further*

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

H.C.R. 164

Offered by Representatives Dickinson of St. Albans Town and Toof of St. Albans Town

Offered by Senators Brock and Norris

House concurrent resolution congratulating the St. Albans Town Fire Department on 50 years of remarkable community service

Whereas, in 1975, St. Albans Town decided that the community's fire protection needs necessitated the creation of a separate volunteer fire department, and, as a parting gesture, St. Albans City gave the new organization \$60,000.00 to meet initial expenses, and

Whereas, the St. Albans Town Fire Department recognized the need to disburse large quantities of water in an expedited manner and, under the insightful leadership of its first fire chief, Roy C. Parah Sr. (for whom the firehouse is named), purchased a Maxim water pumper, capable of releasing 1,500 gallons of water per minute, and it also "repurposed a Chevy truck to [deliver water] to hard-to-reach houses and converted two [additional] trucks...into tankers," and

Whereas, initially, firefighting vehicles were painted “OSHA yellow” on the theory that red fire trucks were insufficiently visible, and

Whereas, although the St. Albans City Fire Department considered refraining from assisting colleagues in St. Albans Town, this rivalry ended as the city’s firefighters soon appreciated their neighbors’ support, and

Whereas, the cooperative relationship between the two departments has markedly improved as Matt Mulheron now proudly serves as fire chief for both municipalities, and

Whereas, the once ragtag, and now much-respected, St. Albans Town Fire Department proudly boasts a highly trained roster of firefighters and modern equipment, and

Whereas, in August 2025, current and former St. Albans firefighters gathered to celebrate this historic milestone in the department’s history, *now therefore be it*

Resolved by the Senate and House of Representatives:

That the General Assembly congratulates the St. Albans Town Fire Department on 50 years of remarkable community service, *and be it further*

Resolved: That the Secretary of State be directed to send a copy of this resolution to the St. Albans Town Fire Department.

H.C.R. 165

Offered by Representative Lipsky of Stowe

House concurrent resolution honoring Micheline Lemay of Stowe for her outstanding outdoor recreation and mindfulness leadership

Whereas, as a University of New Hampshire (UNH) student, Michy Lemay majored in outdoor education and walked on to the extremely competitive ski team, and following her graduation from UNH, she earned a master’s degree at the former Johnson State College, and

Whereas, her career has included employment as a mindfulness instructor at Mt. Mansfield Academy, and she is the co-owner and operator of Rugged Adventures Summer Camp in Stowe, which offers youngsters exciting athletic and nature-centered outdoor summer activities, and

Whereas, Michy Lemay has faced serious health challenges: first, a series of orthopedic setbacks, including five knee surgeries and 18 shoulder dislocations; and then in 2021, she received a breast cancer diagnosis, and

Whereas, she completed a vigorous cancer care regiment of surgery, chemotherapy, and radiation, and has participated in a hormone-free vaccine trial at Massachusetts General Hospital in Boston, and

Whereas, in response to these life-altering events, Michy Lemay has battled back, embarking on an extraordinary mindfulness journey as an alternative way of healing and finding personal peace, and

Whereas, on New Year's Day 2024, Michy Lemay commenced her most ambitious mindfulness odyssey: namely, a one-year, four-season mission to ascend one million feet up Mount Mansfield (the Mansfield Million) primarily on skis (skinnying), but also via nonmotorized bicycling and hiking, a project she completed triumphantly on schedule, surpassing her million-feet goal, and

Whereas, another mindfulness foray was her leadership of the Lamoille Area Cancer Network's breast cancer awareness hike, and she has continued to lead similar fundraising initiatives, and

Whereas, Michy Lemay has not only blazed a dedicated path towards a healthier life regardless of enormous personal obstacles but has also served as an inspiring role model for the Stowe community, *now therefore be it*

Resolved by the Senate and House of Representatives:

That the General Assembly honors Micheline Lemay of Stowe for her outstanding outdoor recreation and mindfulness leadership, *and be it further*

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

H.C.R. 166

Offered by Representatives Page of Newport City, Arsenault of Williston, Bailey of Hyde Park, Bishop of Colchester, Campbell of St. Johnsbury, Cina of Burlington, Galfetti of Barre Town, Hango of Berkshire, Harple of Glover, Higley of Lowell, Holcombe of Norwich, Kascenska of Burke, Keyser of Rutland City, Kleppner of Burlington, Labor of Morgan, Marcotte of Coventry, McFaun of Barre Town, Morris of Springfield, Nelson of Derby, Ode of Burlington, Oliver of Sheldon, Olson of Starksboro, Pinsonault of

Dorset, Pouech of Hinesburg, Sibilia of Dover, Sweeney of Shelburne, Tagliavia of Corinth, Walker of Swanton, and Wells of Brownington

Offered by Senators Ingalls and Morley

House concurrent resolution congratulating The Pick and Shovel in Newport City on its golden anniversary

Whereas, in 1975, the Hamblett family established The Pick and Shovel, an amazing retail emporium, in a complex of interconnected downtown Newport City buildings where it had owned businesses for generations, and

Whereas, since opening day, The Pick and Shovel has been home to an unparalleled shopping experience, and the store proudly proclaims that “if we don’t have it you don’t need it,” and

Whereas, this retailer’s imposing configuration, a maze of lengthy corridors and adjacent sales spaces, can require employees to guide customers to their desired destinations, and

Whereas, the unbelievable scope of the inventory includes apparel (including a broad selection of footwear), small and large appliances, building supplies, farm merchandise, hardware, heating equipment, home care and decor products, a kids’ section filled with toys, lawn accessories, maple sugaring components, unusual pets and pet merchandise, and patio and pool furniture, and The Pick and Shovel also offers a variety of in-house consumer services, and

Whereas, among the food products on sale at The Pick and Shovel are specially packaged maple syrup, Tim and Doug’s delicious ice cream served on-site seasonally, and sundry other delectable munchies, and

Whereas, the collection of Vermont swag for sale fulfills the dreams of the most discerning gift and souvenir hunters, and

Whereas, the Hamblett family and their employees can take great pride in The Pick and Shovel’s half-century of extraordinary retailing, *now therefore be it*

Resolved by the Senate and House of Representatives:

That the General Assembly congratulates The Pick and Shovel in Newport City on its golden anniversary, *and be it further*

Resolved: That the Secretary of State be directed to send a copy of this resolution to The Pick and Shovel.

H.C.R. 167

Offered by Representative Bluemle of Burlington

House concurrent resolution recognizing January 2026 as Mentoring Month in Vermont

Whereas, the future of Vermont rests on the hopes and dreams of its young people, and

Whereas, more than ever, youth need supportive, committed mentors in their lives, who see, hear, and champion them, and

Whereas, a caring and committed mentor offers support for youth, provides a consistent friend who helps ignite a young person's curiosities, solidifies the mentee's passions, and leverages the individual's talents, and

Whereas, mentored youth exhibit improved resiliency and better relationships with peers, family, school, and community, and

Whereas, according to MENTOR Vermont's 2025 Youth Mentoring Survey, over 96 percent of the mentee respondents agreed with the statements, "My mentor makes me feel like I matter," and "Having a mentor has made a positive difference in my life," and

Whereas, mentoring relationships provide individualized attention and support, primary components of pandemic recovery, and

Whereas, Vermont mentoring agencies, including MENTOR Vermont and other public and private organizations throughout the State, are committed to working collaboratively to empower youth, advance the Vermont mentoring field, and broaden the reach of mentoring relationships in our communities, and

Whereas, since 2002, January has been observed as Mentoring Month, and it serves as a special occasion to celebrate the success of youth mentorship and to educate the general public concerning its individual and societal benefits, *now therefore be it*

Resolved by the Senate and House of Representatives:

That the General Assembly recognizes January 2026 as Mentoring Month in Vermont, *and be it further*

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

H.C.R. 168

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 members of Troop 60336 of Milton on earning the Girl Scout Bronze Award

Whereas, Girl Scout Troop 60336 of Milton, which is affiliated with the Girl Scouts of the Green and White Mountains, annually applies the proceeds of its Girl Scout Cookie Program sales toward a worthy community project that makes a real difference in the town and demonstrates these girl scouts' leadership, teamwork, and commitment to helping others, and

Whereas, most recently, Troop 60336 constructed and installed a rain barrel system at the Milton Community Garden to create an easier and more accessible watering process, and

Whereas, the rain barrel is a container that collects rainwater and features a spigot at the bottom; this alternative watering method eliminates the necessity of dragging a heavy hose for a long distance, a more accessible option for persons with disabilities, and

Whereas, a critical component of this project is a set of six raised garden beds designed to support gardeners with disabilities or physical challenges, including persons who are wheelchair users, and

Whereas, registered Girl Scout Juniors who are enrolled in fourth or fifth grade and complete a Junior Journey, such as Troop 60336's community garden project, are eligible for the Bronze Award, the highest honor for this age category of Girl Scouts, and

Whereas, Troop 60336 members Cora-Lyn Fletcher, Josephine Herman, Alice Longo, Harper Gaborialt, Jillian Thompson, Arya Frank, and Faith Owen are deservedly proud recipients of the Girl Scout Bronze Award, in honor of their dedicated effort to develop the rain barrel service at the Milton Community Garden, and Brownie Vivian Fletcher, although not an award-eligible recipient, deserves special recognition for her participation in this worthy endeavor, and

Whereas, Troop 60336's co-leaders Victoria Herman, Jamie-Lyn Fletcher, and Willow Longo were essential for the success of this innovative initiative that will broaden the accessibility of the Milton Community Garden, *now therefore be it*

Resolved: That the General Assembly congratulates the members of Troop 60336 of Milton on earning the Girl Scout Bronze Award, *and be it further*

Resolved: That the Secretary of State be directed to send a copy of this resolution to Girl Scout Troop 60336.

H.C.R. 169

Offered by Representative Goldman of Rockingham

House concurrent resolution recognizing the unique role of certified registered nurse anesthetists in the Vermont health care system

Whereas, nurses have provided anesthesia to patients for over 150 years, and

Whereas, certified registered nurse anesthetists (CRNAs), also known as nurse anesthetists, were originally designated in 1956, and they are advanced practice registered nurses who are among the nation's most trusted health care professionals, and

Whereas, nationally, nearly 74,000 CRNAs practice in every setting in which anesthesia is delivered, including traditional hospital surgical suites; obstetrical delivery rooms; ambulatory surgical centers; and at the offices of dentists, podiatrists, ophthalmologists, and pain management specialists, and

Whereas, in Pub. L. 99-509 § 9320, Congress extended Medicare coverage to CRNA services, and

Whereas, CRNAs are primary anesthesia providers in rural and underserved communities and for U.S. military personnel, and

Whereas, based on their formal education, field training, board certification, and State licensure, these health care professionals are qualified to make independent judgements regarding a broad scope of anesthesia care, and

Whereas, CRNAs are trusted anesthesia experts, caring for patients safely and compassionately, delivering specialized, cost-effective care to all patients—from newborns to seniors—for every type of procedure in all kinds of facilities, and

Whereas, in addition to anesthesia care, CRNAs are qualified to address the unique health care challenges of some of our sickest patients, including veterans, *now therefore be it*

Resolved by the Senate and House of Representatives:

That the General Assembly recognizes the unique role of certified registered nurse anesthetists in the Vermont health care system, *and be it further*

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