

CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

ADDENDUM

TO THE

HOUSE CALENDAR

**Text of House Concurrent
Resolutions**

of

January 22, 2026

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. 170

Offered by Representatives Canfield of Fair Haven, Casey of Hubbardton, McCoy of Poultney, Priestley of Bradford, and Pritchard of Pawlet

Offered by Senators Benson, Collamore, Weeks, and Williams

House concurrent resolution congratulating Robert Kilburn of Fair Haven on winning the 2024 Ken Schrader Real Racer of the Year Award

Whereas, in the northern New England motor racing community, the white- haired and bearded, and red and white cap-wearing, Bob Kilburn is affectionately known as Santa Bob Kilburn, and he has developed an adoring fan base populated in good measure with children, and

Whereas, Santa Bob Kilburn was an enthusiastic young motor racing fan, but other than occasional go-kart driving, his motor racing career only started at fifty-seven and a half years of age, and

Whereas, despite this dubious and potentially reckless decision, Santa Bob Kilburn had the encouragement and support of his wife, Kris, and his audacious debut occurred at the Canaan (New Hampshire) Fair Speedway driving the racer Josh Constantine's former coupe, reminiscent of vintage 1960s and 1970s cars, and

Whereas, although he started in last place, Santa Bob Kilburn completed the race with his car in one piece, a major personal achievement, and

Whereas, Bear Ridge Speedway, a dirt track in Bradford, was his next venue, and the following year, he honed his driving skills at the then-paved Devil's Bowl Speedway, located just minutes from his Fair Haven home, and

Whereas, the next year, his perseverance at Devil's Bowl resulted in Rookie of the Year honors, and his fellow drivers saluted him with their peer-selected sportsmanship award, and

Whereas, on August 25, 2018, on a return visit to Bear Ridge Speedway, the then 62-year-old Santa Bob Kilburn realized his dream of clinching a race victory, and

Whereas, he and the far-younger drivers enjoy their mutual competition, and Santa Bob Kilburn, who has no biological children, boasts about his hundreds of children, meaning his numerous cheering young fans whom he befriends, and

Whereas, since 2012, the publication *Speedway Illustrated* has presented the Ken Schrader Real Racer of the Year Award, which recognizes “a special individual who demonstrates the ideal representation of being a ‘Real Racer’,” and in 2024, Santa Bob Kilburn was the deserved honoree, *now therefore be it*

Resolved by the Senate and House of Representatives:

That the General Assembly congratulates Robert Kilburn of Fair Haven on winning the 2024 Ken Schrader Real Racer of the Year Award, *and be it further*

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

H.C.R. 171

Offered by Representatives Rachelson of Burlington, Bluemle of Burlington, Cina of Burlington, Duke of Burlington, Headrick of Burlington, Hooper of Burlington, Kleppner of Burlington, Krowinski of Burlington, Logan of Burlington, Ode of Burlington, and Stone of Burlington

Offered by Senator Vyhovsky

House concurrent resolution honoring Professor Emeritus Willard Sterne Randall for his significant contributions to journalism and to the scholarly advancement of American historical biography

Whereas, Willard Randall has enlightened and informed readers, both as a journalist and later as a prolific scholar of early American political and military history, and

Whereas, his professional life started as a feature writer and investigative journalist, whose articles appeared in the *Philadelphia Bulletin*, *The Philadelphia Inquirer* magazine, *Philadelphia Magazine*, and through the Time-Life News Service, and

Whereas, reflective of his outstanding journalistic oeuvre, he was the recipient of the Columbia Graduate School of Journalism's National Magazine Award for public service, the Standard Gravure Corporation award, the Hillman Prize, the Gerald Loeb journalism award, and the John Hancock journalism award, and

Whereas, after 17 years pounding the reporter's pavement, Willard Randall entered the scholarly ranks, and he prepared for his transformed career by completing advanced studies at Princeton University, culminating in a master's degree in American history, and

Whereas, Willard Randall was a respected faculty member in American history at John Cabot University in Rome, the University of Vermont, and Champlain College, where he was a distinguished scholar in history and is now professor emeritus, and

Whereas, he wrote revelatory and award-winning biographies examining our State's and nation's early military and political leadership, including biographies of Ethan Allen, Benedict Arnold, Benjamin and William Franklin, Alexander Hamilton, John Hancock, Thomas Jefferson, and George Washington, and

Whereas, Willard Randall is a contributing editor to *MHQ: The Quarterly Journal of Military History*, and among his academic honors are the Award of Merit of the American Revolution Round Table and the Thomas Fleming Award for Outstanding Military History Writing, highlighting his role as an eminent American history scholar, *now therefore be it*

Resolved by the Senate and House of Representatives:

That the General Assembly honors Professor Emeritus Willard Sterne Randall for his significant contributions to journalism and the scholarly advancement of American historical biography, *and be it further*

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

H.C.R. 172

Offered by All Members of the House

House concurrent resolution in memory of the admired Vermont folk singer and former Elmore Town Moderator Jon Gailmor

Whereas, joyful melodies in celebration of Vermont as "a jewel in the heart of New England" and in praise of the State's values, freedom, strength,

and specialness as a place to call home were the hallmarks of the music of Jon Gailmor, the man some referred to as the Pete Seeger of Vermont, and

Whereas, Jon Gailmor studied at the Pennsylvania State University and Temple University, earning a degree in education, and

Whereas, having rejected a possible commercial music career, alternatively, in 1977, Jon Gailmor relocated to Vermont, initially settling in East Montpelier, then moving north to Elmore, and after first focusing on performances at local music clubs, Jon Gailmor recognized that school residencies and musical collaborations with young audiences were his true artistic calling, and

Whereas, Jon Gailmor characterized children as “naturals in making up songs,” and from 1979 to the early 2000s, he shared his love of creating music with them on his *Just Kidding* radio show, which aired on radio stations WNCS (the Point) in Montpelier and WDEV in Waterbury, and

Whereas, the radio show’s name mirrored the title of his song, which featured the lyrics “Just kidding being a kid,” and similar fun stanzas, and

Whereas, Jon Gailmor became an avid fan of Vermont’s citizen governance process, and in 1994, he even composed a song honoring this tradition, entitled “A Town Meeting Tune,” and

Whereas, his community’s great admiration was tangibly manifested when it elected him Elmore town moderator, charging him with conducting the municipality’s annual and special meetings’ deliberations and overseeing their parliamentary beat and rhythm, a role he enthusiastically exercised for over 15 years until 2024, and

Whereas, in 2022, following the death of his wife, Cathy Murphy, Jon Gailmor joined the Montpelier Gospel Choir, in which she once sang, and in 2024, with a leukemia diagnosis, he moved to his son’s (one of his three children’s) home in New Orleans, Louisiana, where he died at 77 years of age on November 30, 2025, while listening to his song “Gonna Die With A Smile If It Kills Me,” *now therefore be it*

Resolved by the Senate and House of Representatives:

That the General Assembly extends its sincere condolences to the family of the admired Vermont folk singer and former Elmore Town Moderator Jon Gailmor and to the residents of the Town of Elmore, *and be it further*

Resolved: That the Secretary of State be directed to send a copy of this resolution to the family of Jon Gailmor and to the Elmore Town Clerk.

H.C.R. 173

Offered by Representatives Berbeco of Winooski and Cina of Burlington
House concurrent resolution designating January 29, 2026, as Mental
Health Advocacy Day at the State House

Whereas, according to the National Alliance on Mental Illness (NAMI), approximately 104,000 adults in Vermont live with a mental health condition and 27,000 have a serious mental health illness, and

Whereas, youth mental health challenges persist in Vermont; data from a 2023 Vermont Department of Health survey documented that roughly one-third of the State's high school students indicated they have poor mental health, approximately one-fourth reported instances of self-harm, and 14 percent had developed a suicide plan, and

Whereas, the federal Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration research showed that just one-half of the adults in the United States who experienced any mental illness (AMI) received treatment, and for those persons who experienced serious mental illness (SMI), the comparable percentage was only 70 percent, and

Whereas, these concerning statistics reflect gaps in mental health support services both in Vermont and nationally, and

Whereas, the 11th Annual Mental Health Advocacy Day at the State House being held today, January 29, 2026, is organized under the theme "Together for Dignity, United for Change: Reclaiming Mental Health in Vermont," and the participants include individuals with lived experiences, families, providers, and advocates, *now therefore be it*

Resolved by the Senate and House of Representatives:

That the General Assembly designates January 29, 2026, as Mental Health Advocacy Day at the State House, *and be it further*

Resolved: That the Secretary of State be directed to send a copy of this resolution to each of the mental health advocacy organizations present today at the State House, including NAMI Vermont, the Vermont Association for Mental Health and Addiction Recovery, and the Vermont Care Partners.

H.C.R. 174

Offered by Representatives Rachelson of Burlington and Chapin of East Montpelier

House concurrent resolution recognizing January 27, 2026, as International Holocaust Remembrance Day in Vermont

Whereas, January 27 is observed annually as International Holocaust Remembrance Day, to commemorate the victims of the Holocaust and to ensure that future generations understand a recurrence must be prevented, and

Whereas, the Holocaust, also known as the Shoah, was the systematic state-sponsored persecution and murder of approximately six million Jews by Nazi Germany and its collaborators during World War II; and millions of others, including Roma, Poles, persons with disabilities, LGBTQ+ individuals, Soviet prisoners of war, and political dissidents were also targeted, and

Whereas, the date for International Holocaust Remembrance Day was selected because it marks the January 27, 1945, anniversary of the liberation of the Auschwitz Concentration Camp, where the Nazis murdered at least 1.5 million men, women, and children, and

Whereas, the memory of the Holocaust serves as a stark reminder of the devastating consequences of intolerance and bigotry and a warning that, if not remembered, the same can occur again, and

Whereas, antisemitism, including harassment on the basis of actual or perceived Jewish origin, ancestry, ethnicity, identity, affiliation, or faith, remains a disturbingly persistent and pervasive problem, and

Whereas, survivors of the Holocaust, their families and communities, and the organizations, such as the Vermont Holocaust Memorial, that are dedicated to preserving Holocaust history serve as living testaments to the resilience of the human spirit and the importance of ensuring that such atrocities are never repeated, and

Whereas, the intention of International Holocaust Remembrance Day is to educate the world concerning the horrors of the Holocaust and, locally, to encourage Vermonters to work together for a society that respects every individual, that is devoid of all antisemitism, and that prevents the reoccurrence of such a massive human tragedy, a mission that the Vermont Holocaust Memorial addresses daily through educational and informational programs, *now therefore be it*

Resolved by the Senate and House of Representatives

That the General Assembly recognizes January 27, 2026, as International Holocaust Remembrance Day in Vermont, *and be it further*

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

H.C.R. 175

Offered by Representatives Krowinski of Burlington, Arsenault of Williston, Austin of Colchester, Bartley of Fairfax, Birong of Vergennes, Bishop of Colchester, Black of Essex, Bluemle of Burlington, Boyden of Cambridge, Brady of Williston, Brown of Richmond, Burke of Brattleboro, Burkhardt of South Burlington, Burrows of West Windsor, Campbell of St. Johnsbury, Canfield of Fair Haven, Carris Duncan of Whitingham, Cina of Burlington, Coffin of Cavendish, Conlon of Cornwall, Cooper of Pownal, Dodge of Essex, Dolan of Essex Junction, Donahue of Northfield, Duke of Burlington, Durfee of Shaftsbury, Eastes of Guilford, Emmons of Springfield, Feltus of Lyndon, Galfetti of Barre Town, Garofano of Essex, Goslant of Northfield, Graning of Jericho, Greer of Bennington, Gregoire of Fairfield, Headrick of Burlington, Higley of Lowell, Holcombe of Norwich, Houghton of Essex Junction, Hoyt of Hartford, James of Manchester, Keyser of Rutland City, Kleppner of Burlington, Kornheiser of Brattleboro, Krasnow of South Burlington, Lalley of Shelburne, LaLonde of South Burlington, LaMont of Morristown, Long of Newfane, Luneau of St. Albans City, Masland of Thetford, McCann of Montpelier, McCoy of Poultney, McGill of Bridport, Minier of South Burlington, Morgan, M. of Milton, Morris of Springfield, Morrissey of Bennington, Morrow of Weston, Mrowicki of Putney, Nelson of Derby, Nugent of South Burlington, Ode of Burlington, Olson of Starksboro, Pezzo of Colchester, Pinsonault of Dorset, Pouech of Hinesburg, Pritchard of Pawlet, Rachelson of Burlington, Satcowitz of Randolph, Scheu of Middlebury, Sibilia of Dover, Squirrell of Underhill, Stevens of Waterbury, Stone of Burlington, Sweeney of Shelburne, Taylor of Milton, Tomlinson of Winooski, Torre of Moretown, Waters Evans of Charlotte, Wells of Brownington, White of Waitsfield, White of Bethel, and Wood of Waterbury

House concurrent resolution in memory of the Venerable J. Stannard Baker of Shelburne

Whereas, Stan Baker, whose forebears were Green Mountain Boys and whose names are reflected in the towns Bakersfield and Stannard, wrote his own page of Vermont history, and

Whereas, a Swarthmore College graduate, Stan Baker was a co-founder of and teacher at the Otter Creek School, a registered play therapist, a licensed mental health counselor, and a mental health clinical director in Addison and Chittenden Counties, and

Whereas, in the 1990s, he and his life partner, Peter Harrigan, Professor of Fine Arts: Theater at St. Michael's College, desired to marry, but as a same-gender couple this was legally impossible, and

Whereas, in partnership with two other LGBTQ+ couples, they sued for the right to marry, and in 1999, the Vermont Supreme Court, in the landmark decision, *Baker v. State*, 170 Vt. 194, established marriage equality under the Vermont Constitution, and the holding lead to Act 91 of 2000 establishing civil unions, and ultimately, Act 3 of 2009 authorizing civil marriage, and

Whereas, in 2009, Stan Baker, a strong justice advocate, was ordained as a deacon in the Episcopal Church, and his local church leadership included service as a chaplain at Fletcher Allen Health Care (now the University of Vermont Medical Center), a deacon of the Cathedral Church of St. Paul in Burlington, and archdeacon of the Episcopal Diocese of Vermont, and nationally, he served on panels examining marriage as a five-time clergy deputy to the House of Delegates; as chair of 2024 House of Deputies General Convention Legislative Committee on Prayer Book, Liturgy, and Music; and also in 2024, was elected to the Executive Council of the Episcopal Church, and

Whereas, in June 2025, Stan Baker died at 79 years of age, and his survivors include his husband, Peter Harrigan, and numerous family members and admiring friends, *now therefore be it*

Resolved by the Senate and House of Representatives:

That the General Assembly extends its sincere condolences to the family and friends of the Venerable J. Stannard Baker of Shelburne, *and be it further*

Resolved: That the Secretary of State be directed to send a copy of this resolution to members of the family of Stan Baker and to the Episcopal Diocese of Vermont.