

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. 176

Offered by Representatives Bosch of Clarendon and Burditt of West Rutland

Offered by Senators Collamore, Weeks, and Williams

House concurrent resolution congratulating the 2025 West Rutland High School Golden Horde's Division IV championship softball team

Whereas, seldom does a softball team, even one seeded first in playoff competition, tally the stratospheric number of runs that the Golden Horde amassed in Castleton during the 2025 Division IV championship game against the third-seeded Leland & Gray Rebels, and

Whereas, the Golden Horde's early 2–0 lead was temporarily sidelined when the Rebels scored four runs in the fourth inning, but the West Rutlanders proved resilient as they crossed home plate an impressive seven times in the fifth inning and an even more remarkable nine times in the sixth to conclude the game with an unusually powerful 19–4 victory, and

Whereas, the 2025 softball title marked West Rutland High School's class of 2025's sixth athletic crown, truly an enviable achievement, and

Whereas, the fantastic Golden Horde Division IV championship softball players were Isabella Coombs, Peyton Guay, Kennah Wright-Chapman, Aubrey Beaulieu, Camryn Williams, Sohyr Perry, Izzy Griffith, Hayley Raiche, Emily Hopp, Karen Firpo, Bradee Traverse, Olivia Pratt, Sadie McGee, Brianna Gallipo, Rylee Hawkins, Sofia Coombs, Emma Lee, and Emma Haley, and

Whereas, Head Coach Laurie Serrani, assistant coaches Carl Serrani and Mikayla Taylor, student manager Gabby Davis, and athletic trainer Zach Royer were all thrilled with West Rutland's perseverance and amazing success, *now therefore be it*

Resolved by the Senate and House of Representatives:

That the General Assembly congratulates the 2025 West Rutland High School Golden Horde's Division IV championship softball team, *and be it further*

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

H.C.R. 177

Offered by All Members of the House

House concurrent resolution congratulating Twin Valley High School Athletic Director extraordinaire and 500 game-winning boys' soccer coach Buddy Hayford

Whereas, typically, high school graduation concludes students' daily association with their alma mater, but for Buddy Hayford, Twin Valley class of 1975, a different path ensued, and

Whereas, after earning his bachelor's degree at the former Lyndon State College, Buddy Hayford returned home to Twin Valley to commence a legendary career as a physical education instructor, multisport coach, and now, in his 39th academic year, the longest-serving high school athletic director in Vermont, and

Whereas, as a girls' basketball coach, Buddy Hayford compiled an enviable 34-season 437–283 record that included two state titles and four second-place season records, and he has previously coached softball, baseball, and tennis, and in 2026 he will coach track and field for an 11th season, and

Whereas, on September 9, 2025, Buddy Hayford, who, for over 43 years of coaching Wildcats boys' soccer, guided over 350 players on the pitch and clinched 10 divisional titles, summited a new career peak, becoming the first Vermont high school soccer coach, and only the fourth in New England, to clinch a 500th victory, as the Wildcats overwhelmed Green Mountain Union High School 10–1 in a contest that truly reflected this momentous occasion and increased his career boys' soccer coaching record to 500–163–27, and

Whereas, at a postgame ceremony featuring firetrucks, police cars, and banners, current and former coaching colleagues and players exuberantly congratulated Buddy Hayford on this historic milestone, and

Whereas, in recognition of Buddy Hayford's superb teaching and coaching leadership, which he considers as synonymous, Twin Valley has named the school's athletic field in his honor, and the Vermont Principals' Association, the Vermont Basketball Coaches Association, and Lyndon State College have elected him to their respective organizations' halls of fame, *now therefore be it*

Resolved by the Senate and House of Representatives:

That the General Assembly honors Twin Valley High School Athletic Director extraordinaire and 500 game-winning boys' soccer coach Buddy Hayford, *and be it further*

Resolved: That the Secretary of State be directed to send a copy of this resolution to Buddy Hayford and Twin Valley High School.

H.C.R. 178

Offered by All Members of the House

Offered by All Members of the Senate

House concurrent resolution in memory of former Senator William H. Carris of Wells

Whereas, although born across the Connecticut River in Hanover, New Hampshire, Bill Carris was a proud fifth-generation Vermonter, and

Whereas, as a youth, his enthusiasm for daring winter athletic competitions inspired him to train and succeed as a Junior Olympic ski jumper, and

Whereas, Bill Carris graduated from Rutland High School and the former Castleton State College, where he met his future wife, Barbara Tracy, and then served in the U.S. Army as a financial specialist stationed in Germany, and

Whereas, on returning home to Vermont, he entered his family's business, Carris Reels, a manufacturer of reels for wire and cable packaging, and in 1980 he assumed leadership of the company, transforming this small enterprise into an international industry leader, and

Whereas, in 1995, Bill and Barbara Carris implemented an ESOP (employee stock ownership plan) at Carris Reels, converting the company's ownership into a structure that directly benefitted the staff and became the centerpiece of the corporation's operational philosophy, and

Whereas, beyond his business career, Bill Carris was a passionate philanthropist who was focused on the betterment of his Rutland County community, and

Whereas, in 2006, Bill Carris decided to serve his fellow citizens in the public sector, and the voters of Rutland County elected him to the Vermont Senate for the first of three consecutive terms, where his business knowledge was relied upon during his service on the Committees on Economic Development, Housing, and General Affairs and on Finance, and among his other committee assignments were Institutions, Joint Rules, Judicial Rules, Legislative Information Technology, and Senate Rules, on which he served as vice chair, and

Whereas, this admired Rutland County leader died on October 22, 2025, at 81 years of age, and his survivors include his wife, Barbara; children; and grandchildren, *now therefore be it*

Resolved by the Senate and House of Representatives:

That the General Assembly extends its sincere sympathy to the family of former Senator William H. Carris, *and be it further*

Resolved: That the Secretary of State be directed to send a copy of this resolution to the family of Bill Carris.

H.C.R. 179

Offered by Representatives Black of Essex, Dodge of Essex, Dolan of Essex Junction, Garofano of Essex, Houghton of Essex Junction, and Steady of Milton

Offered by Senators Baruth, Gulick, Mattos, and Vyhovsky

House concurrent resolution congratulating the Essex High School Hornets girls' volleyball team on winning the school's fifth consecutive divisional championship

Whereas, for the prior four seasons, the Essex High School girls' volleyball team concluded the season as the State titleholder, and the 2025 squad, featuring a starting lineup of five seniors and one sophomore, possessed the talent to extend this championship streak, and

Whereas, the top-seeded and undefeated Hornets revisited their 2024 final contest as, once again, the second-ranked BFA-St. Albans Comets were their worthy opponents in a game played in Colchester at St. Michael's College, and

Whereas, the opening set was an exciting and closely played affair, necessitating exceeding the typical 25-point finish mark before the Hornets secured a 26–24 victory, while Essex's overwhelming mastery on the court earned the team a 25–11 second-set win, and although the Comets recovered their offensive stamina in the third set, the Hornets still emerged on top 25–21, for an overall 3–0 game victory, their fifth consecutive undefeated season and a championship title, and the school's 86th consecutive win, and

Whereas, the 2025 Hornets (17–0), who celebrated another triumphant season, were Riley Austin, Anna Hotaling, Rhea Gregory, Reese Gregory, Lucy Walker-Borch, Hannah Knickerbocker, Eleanor Hutton, Riley Hammond, Emma Orlow, Abigail Desilets, Mia Eklof, and Lia Wolinsky, and

Whereas, Head Coach Jennifer Liguori and assistant coaches Hope Lagemann and Phil Reynolds provided insightful guidance all season, *now therefore be it*

Resolved by the Senate and House of Representatives:

That the General Assembly congratulates the 2025 Essex High School Hornets girls' volleyball team on winning the school's fifth consecutive divisional championship, *and be it further*

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

H.C.R. 180

Offered by Representatives Black of Essex, Dodge of Essex, Dolan of Essex Junction, Garofano of Essex, Houghton of Essex Junction, and Steady of Milton

Offered by Senators Baruth, Gulick, Mattos, and Vyhovsky

House concurrent resolution congratulating the 2025 Essex High School Hornets on winning the State boys' volleyball championship

Whereas, in recent years, the Essex Hornets boys' volleyball team's skill has been reconfirmed repeatedly with the school's five-time representation in the State championship game, but, regrettably, victory always eluded them, and

Whereas, in 2025, the team's fortunes changed as first-seeded and undefeated Essex again earned a championship berth and faced the second-ranked Mount Mansfield Union High School Cougars in a contest at St. Michael's College in Colchester, and

Whereas, in a tightly played first set, Essex emerged on top 25–22, although the Cougars rebounded in the second set 25–18, guaranteeing at least a fourth set of play, and

Whereas, in the third set, the reenergized Hornets proceeded to defeat the Cougars convincingly 25–15, and despite a final Cougar surge, Essex prevailed 25–22 in the fourth set, clinching a 3–1 game victory and the long-awaited first State crown, and

Whereas, the jubilant Hornets (16–0), who emerged triumphant, were Coen Giles, Thomas Trombley, Maxim Katsnelson, Aaditya Pradhan, Riley Anger, Malx Eckman, Cooper Yandow, Rohan Rai, Gregory Maiberger, Ishack Magar, Patrick Jordan, Evan Hughes, and Lorenzo Ayoub, and

Whereas, cohead coaches Dylan Lamere and Gary Randall proved great strategists for the team, *now therefore be it*

Resolved by the Senate and House of Representatives:

That the General Assembly congratulates the 2025 Essex High School Hornets on winning the State boys' volleyball championship, *and be it further*

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

H.C.R. 181

Offered by Representatives Marcotte of Coventry, Wood of Waterbury, Bishop of Colchester, Bosch of Clarendon, Boutin of Barre City, Carris Duncan of Whitingham, Cooper of Pownal, Duke of Burlington, Garofano of Essex, Graning of Jericho, McGill of Bridport, Micklus of Milton, Olson of Starksboro, Priestley of Bradford, and White of Waitsfield

House concurrent resolution congratulating the winners of the 2025 Spirit of the ADA Award

Whereas, the State of Vermont recognizes the value and capabilities of its workforce, and it has a strong commitment to equal opportunity for all, regardless of disability, race, color, gender, age, sexual orientation, religion, or national origin, and

Whereas, our State, its people, and its economy benefit when all Vermonters of all abilities are provided the opportunity to contribute their skills, talents, and gifts as part of Vermont's workforce, and

Whereas, the Governor's Committee on the Employment of People with Disabilities (the Committee) annually presents the Spirit of the ADA Award to businesses that reflect the spirit of the Americans with Disabilities Act in their employment practices, and

Whereas, the criteria that the Committee uses to select award recipients include creating an accessibility recruitment and hiring process, incorporating on-the-job accommodations, providing accessible physical structures to ensure that there is success for all employees, and implementing an overall employment strategy that includes hiring people with disabilities, and

Whereas, the 2025 Spirit of the ADA Award winners are: American Meadows; August First; Ava's Home Care Services; Birnn Chocolates of Vermont; Blackwell Bookkeeping; C.P. Dudley Store; Cassella Waste Systems, Inc.; Copley Hospital; Eastview at Middlebury; Elevate; Fairfield Inn and Suites Waterbury/Stowe by Marriott; Garden Path Elder Living/Bradley House; Green Mountain Habitat for Humanity, Swanton; JaniTech; Maplefields, Morrisville; Ocean State Job Lots, Morrisville; Price Chopper, Morrisville; Price Chopper, West Rutland; Sonnax; Special Needs Support Center (SNSC); Stella Healthcare Group; the Barre Partnership; TRIO Community Meals; Vermont Granite Museum; Von Trapp Family Lodge & Resort; and Walmart, Rutland, *now therefore be it*

Resolved by the Senate and House of Representatives:

That the General Assembly congratulates the winners of the 2025 Spirit of the ADA Award, *and be it further*

Resolved: That the Secretary of State be directed to send a copy of this resolution to each recipient of a 2025 Spirit of the ADA Award.

H.C.R. 182

Offered by Representatives White of Waitsfield, Arsenault of Williston, Brown of Richmond, Dolan of Essex Junction, Goldman of Rockingham, Houghton of Essex Junction, Hunter of Manchester, Keyser of Rutland City, Kimbell of Woodstock, Krowinski of Burlington, Lipsky of Stowe, McCoy of Poultney, Morrow of Weston, Ode of Burlington, Sibilia of Dover, Stone of Burlington, Sweeney of Shelburne, Torre of Moretown, Waters Evans of Charlotte, and Wells of Brownington

House concurrent resolution designating February 5, 2026, as Outdoor Recreation Day at the State House

Whereas, Vermont is proud of its unparalleled and diverse natural landscape and communities tied to outdoor recreation that are world-class tourism destinations, and

Whereas, our State's outdoor recreational assets consist of more than 11,500 miles of public access trails, including 217 miles of recreational rail trails; 135,000 acres of wildlife management areas; 239,000 acres of State forests and parks; 99 picnic/day-use areas; 196 fishing access points; and 20 alpine and 30 cross-country ski areas, and

Whereas, ninety-three percent of Vermonters annually participate in outdoor recreation, and in 2012 Acts and Resolves No. 77, the General Assembly designated skiing and snowboarding as the State's official winter sports, and

Whereas, it is important that Vermont welcomes everyone to enjoy outdoor recreational pursuits, and outdoor recreational venues embrace the intrinsic community values of inclusion and representation, and

Whereas, outdoor recreation creates business opportunities, attracts new residents, and offers workforce pathways that incentivize young Vermonters to remain in the State, and

Whereas, according to the U.S. Bureau of Economic Analysis, in fiscal year 2023, businesses in all 14 counties involved in outdoor recreation generated \$2.1 billion in economic impact, and the industry employed over 16,000 persons, comprising just over five percent of the Vermont workforce, and

Whereas, Move Forward Together Vermont, Vermont's Statewide Comprehensive Outdoor Recreation Plan, establishes a vision to foster healthy and vibrant communities through outdoor recreation, and

Whereas, Vermont Outdoor Recreation Day is an occasion to celebrate the importance of outdoor recreation to Vermont's landscape, economy, quality of life, and the mental and physical well-being of Vermonters and visitors, *now therefore be it*

Resolved by the Senate and House of Representatives:

That the General Assembly designates February 5, 2026, as Vermont Outdoor Recreation 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 the Secretary of Commerce and Community Development; the Secretary of Natural Resources; the Commissioner of Forests, Parks and Recreation; and the Commissioner of Tourism and Marketing.

H.C.R. 183

Offered by Representatives Krasnow of South Burlington, Burkhardt of South Burlington, LaLonde of South Burlington, Minier of South Burlington, and Nugent of South Burlington

House concurrent resolution recognizing July 2026 as Park and Recreation Month in Vermont and designating July 17, 2026, as Vermont Park and Recreation Professionals Day in Vermont

Whereas, Vermont's park and recreation programs are an integral part of our State and local communities, and

Whereas, their presence in a community promotes an active lifestyle, offers environmental protection, and serves as an economic resource, and

Whereas, park and recreation programs support the effectiveness of therapeutic recreational services for persons with disabilities, and

Whereas, in 1985, the National Recreation and Park Association established July as Park and Recreation Month, and, in 2009, the U.S. House of Representatives adopted H.R. 288, a resolution "Recognizing the importance of park and recreation facilities and expressing support for the designation of the month of July as 'National Park and Recreation Month,'" *now therefore be it*

Resolved by the Senate and House of Representatives:

That the General Assembly recognizes July 2026 as Park and Recreation Month in Vermont and designates July 17, 2026, as Vermont Park and Recreation Professionals Day, *and be it further*

Resolved: That the Secretary of State be directed to send a copy of this resolution to the Vermont Recreation and Parks Association.

H.C.R. 184

Offered by Representative Pritchard of Pawlet

House concurrent resolution celebrating the restoration of a wild turkey population in Vermont

Whereas, in the rural countryside in Pawlet, Vermont, on February 28, 1969, wildlife biologist Bill Drake of the Vermont Fish & Game Department undertook a historic and visionary act, releasing wild turkeys back into their native habitat and setting in motion the successful restoration of the species statewide, and

Whereas, by the late 19th century, wild turkeys had been eliminated in Vermont due to widespread forest clearing and unregulated subsistence harvesting, leaving generations of Vermonters without the sight or sound of this iconic bird, and

Whereas, the wild turkey restoration effort was made possible through funding from federal excise taxes on firearms and ammunition under the Pittman-Robertson Wildlife Restoration Act, supplemented by state hunting license revenues, demonstrating the enduring value of conservation partnerships, and

Whereas, Bill Drake traveled to Steuben and Allegany Counties in New York to trap and transport wild turkeys for reintroduction into Vermont, resulting in the release of 17 birds—five toms and twelve hens—between February 28 and March 31, 1969, at two sites in Pawlet, and

Whereas, subsequent releases in Hubbardton and Rockingham further strengthened the restoration effort, and these birds became the ancestors of the wild turkeys that now inhabit every region of Vermont, and

Whereas, the success of this program was confirmed in 1973 with the establishment of Vermont's first regulated wild turkey hunt in southern Vermont, during which 579 permits were issued for a twelve-day season, and

Whereas, today, wild turkeys are once again a natural and thriving part of Vermont's landscape, as emblematic of the state's forested hillsides and sugar maples, providing ecological benefits, recreational opportunities, and sustenance for Vermonters, and

Whereas, the restoration of the wild turkey would not have been possible without the cooperation and stewardship of farmers and landowners throughout Pawlet and southern Vermont, whose full-hearted participation ensured the program's lasting success, and

Whereas, this gallant endeavor is now memorialized with a commemorative marker located in the Town of Pawlet, *now therefore be it*

Resolved by the Senate and House of Representatives:

That the General Assembly celebrates the restoration of a wild turkey population in Vermont, *and be it further*

Resolved: That the Secretary of State be directed to send a copy of this resolution to the Pawlett Historical Society.