

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. 185

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

Offered by Senators Brennan, Baruth, Gulick, Norris and Vyhovsky

House concurrent resolution congratulating the 2025 Colchester Majors' Division I championship Little League Baseball team

Whereas, the 2025 Division I Little League Baseball championship finale featured two teams, Colchester and Champlain Valley, comprising outstanding players 10–12 years of age, in an exhilarating game played at Burlington's Schifilliti Field, and

Whereas, this classic baseball encounter, during which the lead changed four times, was truly in flux until the final out was recorded, and

Whereas, although Champlain Valley initiated the scoring with a strong four-run opening blast, Colchester responded with equal fervor, concluding the first inning with a four-all tie, but the day's memorable moment occurred in the bottom of the sixth, when, with his team down two outs and trailing 11–9, a Colchester player swiped a three-run over-the-fence homer, cementing a 12–11 triumph, and

Whereas, at the State championship, Colchester reached the semifinal game, bowing to Essex Town, the eventual title winner, and

Whereas, Colchester's impressive squad consisted of Cooper Carney, Hayden Critchlow, Weston Ellingson, Carson Hier, Fritz Jakobait, David Litchfield, Kellan McLaughlin, Paxton Merchant, Keegan Norris, River Shelvey, Dylan Tepper, and Oliver Wheelock, and

Whereas, Head Coach Brennan Carney and assistant coaches Mark Ellingson, Jamie Merchant, and Steve Shelvey inspired the team to play its best, *now therefore be it*

Resolved by the Senate and House of Representatives:

That the General Assembly congratulates the 2025 Colchester Majors' Division I championship Little League Baseball team, *and be it further*

Resolved: That the Secretary of State be directed to send a copy of this resolution to the Colchester Majors' Little League Baseball team.

H.C.R. 186

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 Little League Minors on winning the 8–10 age bracket State Little League Baseball championship

Whereas, after clinching the 2024 State title, the reinvigorated Colchester Little League Minors, consisting of the community's best 8–10-year-old baseball players, battered up to compete in the exciting 2025 post-regular season competition, and

Whereas, having proven its baseball prowess on capturing the Division I title, Colchester proceeded to the State championship series in East Corinth, and

Whereas, Colchester earned a coveted decisive game berth against Bennington, and although its southern opponent scored the opening run in the first inning, this situation proved temporary, as Colchester opened a 2–1 lead in the third, increased the advantage to 6–1 in the fourth, and concluded the contest as the 7–1 winner and the 2025 State champion, and

Whereas, at the East Region Tournament played in Rhode Island, Colchester outscored the teams representing Maine and Massachusetts, reaching the semifinal round, and

Whereas, the deservedly proud Colchester Little League Minors, who performed with great skill, were Madden Barrett, Grayson Carey, Boden Carney, Conor Clark, Elliott Cote, Wyatt Critchlow, Weston Fregeau, William LaMarche, Mason McHugh, Oliver Ouellette, Easton Pratt, and Lawrence Reidy, and

Whereas, always providing great encouragement and guidance were Head Coach Ty Pratt and assistant coaches Ryan Critchlow, Mark "Shooter" LaMarche, and Jason Carey, *now therefore be it*

Resolved by the Senate and House of Representatives:

That the General Assembly congratulates the 2025 Colchester Little League Minors on winning the 8–10 age bracket State Little League Baseball championship, *and be it further*

Resolved: That the Secretary of State be directed to send a copy of this resolution to the Colchester Minors' Little League Baseball team.

H.C.R. 187

Offered by Representatives Greer of Bennington, Morrissey of Bennington, Cooper of Pownal, Corcoran of Bennington, Durfee of Shaftsbury, and Nigro of Bennington

Offered by Senators Bongartz and Plunkett

House concurrent resolution congratulating Village Garage Distillery of Bennington on winning a silver medal at the 2025 San Francisco World Spirits Competition for Bonfire, its debut spirit, a smoked maple bourbon

Whereas, in 2021, Matt Cushman and Glen Sauer, native Vermonters of multigenerational descent, established the Village Garage Distillery in Bennington in order to create spirit beverages consisting of high-quality locally sourced ingredients, and

Whereas, Village Garage Distillery's signature product is Bonfire smoked maple bourbon, "a small batch spirit crafted in southern Vermont" that draws upon "Vermont grains and crisp Vermont water," and is invigorated with "a kiss of Vermont smoked maple syrup," and

Whereas, this tantalizing and unique bourbon evokes the special ambience of family and friends gathered around a roaring campfire, and

Whereas, the San Francisco World Spirits Competition is renowned for its vigorous blind-tasting process that has earned this event a coveted ranking among spirits-judging competitions across the globe, and

Whereas, on July 15, 2025, the staff of Village Garage Distillery was ecstatic and honored when the San Francisco World Spirits Competition awarded the small and relatively new distillery a prestigious silver medal in recognition of Bonfire's outstanding composition and taste, instantaneously bestowing esteemed international regard on the distillery's first product, and

Whereas, now associated with an extraordinary imprimatur, Bonfire smoked maple bourbon has inspired the Village Garage Distillery to work even harder in its creation of outstanding locally sourced spirits, which may be enjoyed at Pearl's at the Garage restaurant, at regional retailers, and nationally via the distillery's online store, *now therefore be it*

Resolved by the Senate and House of Representatives:

That the General Assembly congratulates the Village Garage Distillery of Bennington on winning a silver medal at the 2025 San Francisco World Spirits Competition for Bonfire, its debut spirit, a smoked maple bourbon, *and be it further*

Resolved: That the Secretary of State be directed to send a copy of this resolution to Village Garage Distillery in Bennington.

H.C.R. 188

Offered by Representatives Greer of Bennington, Cooper of Pownal, Corcoran of Bennington, Durfee of Shaftsbury, Morrissey of Bennington, and Nigro of Bennington

Offered by Senators Bongartz and Plunkett

House concurrent resolution commemorating the 50th anniversary of the Bennington College Visual and Performing Arts Center

Whereas, in 1964, the Bennington College Art Policy Committee embarked on the creation of a unique visual and performing arts center (known as VAPA), and

Whereas, Bennington College selected the distinguished American architect, Robertson Ward Jr., who studied at the Harvard Graduate School of Design under Walter Gropius, the famed founder of the Bauhaus School, an innovative German initiative in modern architecture and design, and

Whereas, in 1919, Walter Gropius, writing in the publication *Bauhaus Manifesto and Program*, envisioned an artistic edifice “that will unite every discipline, architecture and sculpture and painting, and which will one day rise heavenwards from the million hands of craftsmen...,” and

Whereas, these sentiments encapsulated the lofty design aspirations of the committee that more tangibly described “a neutral, open, unfettered, well-lighted space that...will allow large-scale painting and sculpture to be done in comfort...[and]...that will accommodate the mess and confusion of work in progress,” and

Whereas, in designing the structure, the architect incorporated Japanese elements that address “the relationship between inside and outside,” and collaborated with Rutgers University sociologist, Dr. Robert Gutman, “to explore ways in which the behavioral sciences [could] contribute to the design of more useful and satisfying buildings,” and

Whereas, the building’s structural and mechanical systems remain visible in order to tell the center’s construction story, and

Whereas, on May 22, 1976, the 120,000-square-foot VAPA, composed of 20 studio spaces, an annex encompassing four artistic spaces, and other related facilities, was dedicated with the participation of First Lady Betty Ford, who studied dance at Bennington College with the noted dancer Martha Graham, and the first lady addressed the gathering, reminiscing about her time at the college and affixing a plaque to the new building, *now therefore be it*

Resolved by the Senate and House of Representatives:

That the General Assembly commemorates the 50th anniversary of the Bennington College Visual and Performing Arts Center, *and be it further*

Resolved: That the Secretary of State be directed to send a copy of this resolution to the Bennington College VAPA.

H.C.R. 189

Offered by All Members of the House

Offered by All Members of the Senate

House concurrent resolution designating February 11, 2026, as Disability Advocacy Day at the State House

Whereas, the Vermont Coalition for Disability Rights (VCDR), founded in 1974, serves as a statewide coalition of disability rights organizations working to protect and advance people with disabilities, and

Whereas, the federal Americans with Disabilities Act, Pub. L. No. 101-336 (1990) (ADA), as amended, established comprehensive civil rights protections for persons with disabilities, and

Whereas, in *Olmstead v. L.C.*, 527 U.S. 581 (1999), the U.S. Supreme Court affirmed that unnecessary institutionalization of people with disabilities constitutes discrimination under the ADA, and

Whereas, the closure of the Brandon Training School in 1993 marked a historic moment in Vermont's disability rights progress, ending the State's operation of institutional facilities for persons with disabilities, and

Whereas, in Vermont, the prevalence of persons with disabilities is increasing, and they now represent one in four Vermonters, and

Whereas, recent State data shows that academic achievement and high school graduation rates for persons with disabilities and for students studying under an Individual Education Program are lower compared to the overall rates for the student population, and these education disparities have long-term life implications, and

Whereas, persons with disabilities continue to face barriers in accessing voting, securing employment, finding housing, and arranging for transportation, and are more likely to contemplate suicide, and

Whereas, despite these challenges, persons with disabilities make impressive and praiseworthy societal contributions in Vermont, and

Whereas, Disability Advocacy Day has occurred at the State House for many years and provides an important opportunity to recognize progress while acknowledging ongoing challenges, *now therefore be it*

Resolved by the Senate and House of Representatives:

That the General Assembly designates February 11, 2026, as Disability 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 VCDR.

H.C.R. 190

Offered by Representatives Holcombe of Norwich and Masland of Thetford

House concurrent resolution congratulating the Thetford Academy Panthers boys' indoor track and field team on winning a second consecutive Division II championship

Whereas, although Thetford Academy is primarily a Division III varsity sports school, for indoor track and field it is a Division II competitor against larger secondary institutions, and

Whereas, the boys' indoor track and field team treats this size disparity as a challenge and not a deterrence to successful competition, as the Panthers demonstrated when they clinched the 2025 Division II crown, and

Whereas, in 2026, the Panthers again demonstrated their track and field skills, placing first in the 55-meter dash (6.60 seconds), the 300-meter run (36.96 seconds), the high jump (5 feet, 10.75 inches), the long jump (21 feet, 11.75 inches), and the weight throw (40 feet, nine inches), as well as in their winning time of 3 minutes, 55 seconds in the first-round race of the 4x400 relay, to repeat as Division II champions, narrowly outscoring rival U-32 115–109, and

Whereas, Panthers Zac Adams, Wendell Durham, Oliver Emery, Oliver Goodrich, Owen Goodrich, Tanner Hardy, Peter Horan, Daniel Mann, Kit Payson, Sebastian Perdrizet, Stone Riegler, Connor Sloop, Hayden Southworth, Emmett Terry, and David Thaxton, and

Whereas, Head Coach Charlie Buttrey and assistant coaches Jorl Breakstone, Charlize Brown, Cole Chapman, and Vanessa Riegler were proud of these dedicated athletes, and

Whereas, all the Vermont indoor varsity track and field athletes and coaches are hoping the sport will continue, as the availability of a location for the State championship meet is limited and now compels the season to be truncated with an early January conclusion, *now therefore be it*

Resolved by the Senate and House of Representatives:

That the General Assembly congratulates the Thetford Academy Panthers boys' indoor track and field team on winning a second consecutive Division II 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. 191

Offered by Representative Durfee of Shaftsbury

Offered by Senators Bongartz and Plunkett

House concurrent resolution congratulating Doris G. Dexter on her centennial birthday

Whereas, Doris Dexter was born in Detroit, Michigan, on February 3, 1926, and as a young girl she was a loyal Tigers' baseball fan who idolized power-hitting first baseman Hank Greenberg, and

Whereas, a graduate of Fordson High School in Dearborn, Michigan, during World War II she followed in the footsteps of the legendary Rosie the Riveter, working nights welding tanks at a local Cadillac automotive plant, and

Whereas, a passionate student, Doris Dexter graduated from Michigan State University, and she worked at the university's library, oblivious to the football mania that engulfed the campus, and

Whereas, Doris Dexter's scholarly dedication resulted in a scholarship to study French at the Sorbonne in Paris, France, and she earned a master's degree at the University of Wisconsin, and

Whereas, her six children, whom she and her husband raised in Rochester, New York, and more recently her eight grandchildren and three great-grandchildren, have held center stage in her life, and

Whereas, fluent in several languages, Doris Dexter spent time in Egypt, Greece, and Italy, and later in life enjoyed Elderhostel travel excursions, and

Whereas, Doris Dexter has an abiding concern for Americans' civil rights, which she acted upon as a volunteer at the ACLU and the Monroe Citizens for Public Education & Religious Liberty (MCPEARL), and

Whereas, her musical talents are beautifully exhibited as a classical pianist, and through decades of singing with choral organizations and church choirs in Rochester, New York, and following her 2004 move to Shaftsbury, with the Bennington County Chorale Society, and

Whereas, until recent years, Doris Dexter regularly walked several miles a day, and

Whereas, Doris Dexter has been joyfully engaged in many aspects of life in the communities where she has resided, *now therefore be it*

Resolved by the Senate and House of Representatives:

That the General Assembly congratulates Doris G. Dexter on her centennial birthday, *and be it further*

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

H.C.R. 192

Offered by Representatives McGill of Bridport, Bishop of Colchester, Cole of Hartford, Donahue of Northfield, Eastes of Guilford, Garofano of Essex, Maguire of Rutland City, Wood of Waterbury, and Yacovone of Morristown

House concurrent resolution recognizing February 11, 2026, as National 211 Day in Vermont and celebrating the outstanding community contributions of Vermont 211

Whereas, Vermont 211 is a nationally accredited health and human services helpline that the United Way of Vermont operates, and it provides statewide information and referral services, and

Whereas, Vermont 211 offers streamlined and easy access to over 1,100 community-based agencies that serve Vermonters via phone, text, email, and website, with 3,270 programs and 11,900 services, and

Whereas, the dedicated Vermont 211 staff vets and updates information about the resources in the organization's robust database, and

Whereas, Vermont 211 employs a team of eight trained and empathetic specialists, who, in a safe and confidential manner, are available to work with Vermonters and help assess their community service needs, and

Whereas, for more than 20 years, Vermont 211 has delivered this vital community resource to Vermonters daily and in emergency situations, and

Whereas, in 2025, Vermont 211 received over 61,000 contacts via phone calls, texts, and emails, resulting in over 22,000 referrals, and

Whereas, the most commonly requested services were for basic needs, such as access to housing, utilities, and public assistance, and

Whereas, through its response to nonemergency calls, Vermont 211 helps maintain the integrity of the 911 system, and

Whereas, Vermont 211 supports the Department for Children and Families, managing its general assistance after-hours calls from 4:30 p.m. to 8:30 a.m., Monday through Friday, as well as on weekends and holidays, and

Whereas, this special organization collaborates with Vermont Emergency Management prior to, during, and after regional, statewide, and national emergencies such as flooding and pandemics, and

Whereas, the member organizations of the Vermont Food Security Roadmap Coalition value Vermont 211 as an essential partner for the facilitation of robust food support services, *now therefore be it*

Resolved by the Senate and House of Representatives:

That the General Assembly recognizes February 11, 2026, as National 211 Day in Vermont and celebrates the outstanding community contributions of Vermont 211, *and be it further*

Resolved: That the Secretary of State be directed to send a copy of this resolution to Vermont 211.