

CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

ADDENDUM

TO THE

HOUSE CALENDAR

**Text of House Concurrent
Resolutions**

of

February 19, 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. 204

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 congratulating the National Hanger Company of North Bennington on its centennial anniversary

Whereas, in 1925, enterprising Vermonters established the National Hanger Company (NAHANCO) in North Bennington with a mission "to provide high-quality hangers and retail solutions that stand the test of time," and

Whereas, NAHANCO is the nation's largest manufacturer of garment hangers, produced in metal, plastic, and wood, and one of the country's largest distributors of retail supply products, and

Whereas, in addition to hangers of various designs and materials, many customized for a specific corporate purchaser, the company's product line also features clothing racks, garment bags, and merchandise displays, and

Whereas, NAHANCO provides customers, including department stores, hotels, restaurants, and specialty clothing stores, sourcing, logistics, warehousing, and e-commerce support services, and

Whereas, NAHANCO takes great pride in meeting the highest standards throughout the company, and in recent years sustainability has been of great importance, as its black hangers consist of 80 percent internal and external recycled plastic material, and through recycling, no plastics are introduced into the waste stream, and the wooden hangers are made from sustainable materials, such as lotus wood and bamboo, and

Whereas, this same sustainability commitment is also practiced in the operation of NAHANCO's headquarters, which now uses cleaner fuel, switching from oil to propane; management has replaced incandescent light bulbs and fluorescent fixtures are now fitted with environmentally friendly

bulbs; and the company has installed a compressed air system that lowers costs and has resulted in a 100,000-gallon reduction in water consumption, and

Whereas, in 2015, the Vermont Economic Progress Council awarded NAHANCO a \$227,000.00 Vermont Employment Growth Incentive grant, enabling it to expand operations and employment in North Bennington, and

Whereas, under the stellar leadership of NAHANCO President Michele Pilcher, the company continues to thrive as a major North Bennington employer and Vermont manufacturer, with a catalog consisting of thousands of competitively priced products, *now therefore be it*

Resolved by the Senate and House of Representatives:

That the General Assembly congratulates the National Hanger Company of North Bennington on its centennial anniversary, *and be it further*

Resolved: That the Secretary of State be directed to send a copy of this resolution to NAHANCO and to Michele Pilcher.

H.C.R. 205

Offered by House Committee on Appropriations

House concurrent resolution honoring Maria Blair on her exemplary career as a dedicated staff member at the Joint Fiscal Office

Whereas, Maria Blair graduated from Princeton High School in New Jersey and earned both her bachelor's and master's degree from the University of Vermont, and

Whereas, she pursued employment focused on fiscal and data analysis in both the public and private sectors, and

Whereas, in 1986, while employed at the former Department of Employment and Training, Maria Blair accepted a position with the General Assembly's Joint Fiscal Office, starting a Legislative Branch career that continued for nearly four decades, and

Whereas, beginning as a budget analyst, Maria Blair quickly demonstrated subject expertise, exceptional interpersonal skills, the capability to build strong relationships across all branches of government, and the ability to provide timely and highly valued advice and guidance for House Appropriations, for which she exhibited great flexibility, working with 11 appreciative committee chairs over the years, and for the Joint Fiscal Committee and the Joint Fiscal Office, and

Whereas, aside from her committee-related duties, Maria Blair developed an in-depth knowledge of the fiscal minutiae of many topics, including LIHEAP and weatherization programs, and

Whereas, in the early 1990s, Maria Blair's proven record of achievement and leadership resulted in her promotion to the rank of Associate Fiscal Officer, a senior position in the Joint Fiscal Office, and

Whereas, Maria Blair was instrumental in building Joint Fiscal Office camaraderie through her exceptional baking, her dedication to the porch flowers, and her ability to dispel stress through humor and storytelling, and

Whereas, Maria Blair is a genuine animal aficionado who formerly raised and tended to horses on her homestead, and, in more recent years, has adopted many dogs, sometimes up to five canine companions, who have brought comedy, exasperation, and joy to her life, and

Whereas, Maria Blair, an admired, astute, and congenial esteemed legislative staff member has concluded an amazing legislative staff tenure and anticipates enjoying time with her family, which includes her son, daughter, and daughter-in-law, and with friends; tending to her garden; and experiencing new life adventures, *now therefore be it*

Resolved by the Senate and House of Representatives:

That the General Assembly honors Maria Blair on her exemplary career as a dedicated staff member at the Joint Fiscal Office, *and be it further*

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

H.C.R. 206

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 160th anniversary of the Park-McCullough Historic Governor's Mansion in Bennington

Whereas, the magnificent Victorian-era Park-McCullough Historic Governor's Mansion in Bennington was constructed from 1864–1865, is of French Second Empire design with Romantic Revival elements, cost \$75,000.00 to build, and boasts Henry Dudley of New York City as its architect, and

Whereas, this superb edifice was built at the direction of prominent Bennington attorney and entrepreneur, Trenor William Park, on the 200-acre farm of his father-in-law, Hiland Hall (who served as Governor of Vermont from 1858–1860), and over the decades, the farm expanded to 800 acres, and

Whereas, Eliza “Lizzie” Hall (Park) McCullough, Trenor Park’s oldest daughter, indirectly inherited the mansion, buying out her siblings’ shares in the estate after their father’s death in 1882, and

Whereas, she and her husband, John Griffith McCullough (who served as Governor of Vermont from 1902–1904 and whose last name became permanently associated with the home), renovated the mansion extensively from 1889–1890 in anticipation of President Benjamin Harrison’s 1891 visit to dedicate the Bennington Battle Monument, and

Whereas, in 1965, a century of continuous family residency concluded, and in 1968, the descendants of Trenor Park donated the mansion to the newly established Park-McCullough House Association, Inc., and the 800 acres were divided, with the majority of the land given to the Fund for North Bennington, Inc., which has conserved the land for “agricultural use and public enjoyment,” and

Whereas, the Friends of Hiland Hall Gardens oversees an adjacent area, which was part of the original estate, that leads to nine-plus miles of trails, and

Whereas, the Park-McCullough Historic Governor’s Mansion, which in 1972 was listed on the National Register of Historic Places, is now a beautifully restored house museum, and the Park-McCullough House Association, Inc. sponsors theatrical productions, concerts, summer reading events, outdoor wellness activities, and other programs of community interest, and the mansion and its grounds are available for weddings and other special occasions, *now therefore be it*

Resolved by the Senate and House of Representatives:

That the General Assembly commemorates the 160th anniversary of the Park-McCullough Historic Governor’s Mansion in Bennington, *and be it further*

Resolved: That the Secretary of State be directed to send a copy of this resolution to the Park-McCullough House Association, Inc., the Friends of Hiland Hall Gardens, and the Fund for North Bennington, Inc.

H.C.R. 207

Offered by Representatives Morgan, M. of Milton and Morgan, L. of Milton

Offered by Senator Brennan

House concurrent resolution congratulating the Grand Isle Volunteer Fire Department on 75 years of serving the community

Whereas, in 1951, the citizens of the Town of Grand Isle decided to establish a volunteer fire department, and it was incorporated in 1957, and

Whereas, in pursuit of this worthy objective, a portable pump was attached to the back of a 1928 Chevrolet truck, and a community member's garage was designated as the town's fire station, and

Whereas, the original firefighting volunteers consisted of auto mechanics, carpenters, dairy creamery workers, and farmers who were dedicated to assisting their community when required, and

Whereas, during the past three quarters of a century, the scope of emergency support services offered, and the resources employed to execute these responsibilities, have greatly expanded, and

Whereas, among these services are community outreach, fire prevention initiatives, hazmat calls, vehicle extrication, ice rescue, and wildland fire response, and

Whereas, Grand Isle's geographical location has a direct impact on rescue operations, as the fleet includes Marine 1 and a supporting trailer to navigate Lake Champlain, and the department proudly maintains the State's longest-serving ice rescue certification program, and

Whereas, the modern land-based firefighting fleet includes two pumper, a heavy rescue truck, a water tanker, and a brush truck, and

Whereas, through mutual aid agreements, the geographic coverage area the department may serve, when called upon, has broadened, and

Whereas, the department's spacious, multibay, 7,400-square-foot fire station located on Hyde Road is a vast upgrade from the original garage, and

Whereas, over the decades, the volunteer membership has consisted of men and women who exemplify the motto "Neighbors Helping Neighbors," who sacrifice time with their own families to help others when the need arises, and whose weekly duties have included certification and training, community relations, business liaisons, and truck maintenance, and

Whereas, since 1951, the dedication of these volunteers has created today's outstanding Grand Isle Volunteer Fire Department, the foundation for a strong future and a positive community impact, *now therefore be it*

Resolved by the Senate and House of Representatives:

That the General Assembly congratulates the Grand Isle Volunteer Fire Department on 75 years of serving the community, *and be it further*

Resolved: That the Secretary of State be directed to send a copy of this resolution to the Grand Isle Volunteer Fire Department.

H.C.R. 208

Offered by Representatives Waszazak of Barre City, Casey of Montpelier, Stevens of Waterbury, and Wood of Waterbury

House concurrent resolution honoring Selectboard Chair Alyssa Joyce Johnson for her dedicated service on behalf of the Town of Waterbury and applauding the good work she facilitated during her tenure

Whereas, Alyssa Johnson was first elected to a one-year term on the Waterbury Selectboard on March 2, 2022, and was subsequently reelected to a three-year term in 2023, and

Whereas, she served as chair of the selectboard from January 2025 through March 2026, while also being the youngest member of the board, and

Whereas, Alyssa Johnson's service on behalf of the Town of Waterbury, including as chair of the planning commission and as economic development director of Revitalizing Waterbury, a local economic development organization, exemplifies her love of her home community, and

Whereas, she has volunteered countless hours of her time supporting fellow board members, town staff, and residents, and

Whereas, this dynamic civic official was a critical leader in the recovery and response effort after the floods of July 2023 and 2024, deploying volunteers, removing debris, and checking in with affected residents and business owners, and

Whereas, as a selectboard member, Alyssa Johnson advocated for investments in housing and flood resiliency projects, and

Whereas, she built a stellar reputation for being fair, honest, kind, a strong facilitator, a good listener, and always willing to provide much-appreciated snacks, and

Whereas, Alyssa Johnson is concluding her service on the Waterbury Selectboard, and her exemplary work merits legislative recognition, now therefore be it

Resolved by the Senate and House of Representatives:

That the General Assembly honors Selectboard Chair Alyssa Joyce Johnson for her dedicated service on behalf of the Town of Waterbury and applauds the good work she facilitated during her tenure, *and be it further*

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

H.C.R. 209

Offered by Representatives Burrows of West Windsor and Bartholomew of Hartland

Offered by Senators Clarkson, Major, and White

House concurrent resolution in memory of former West Windsor Town Moderator Matthew T. Birmingham III

Whereas, a native of New Haven, Connecticut, Matt Birmingham graduated from the Taft School, studied at Haileybury and Imperial Service College in England, and earned a bachelor's degree from Trinity College in Hartford, Connecticut, and a juris doctorate from Boston College Law School, and

Whereas, in 1976, he and his wife, Lynne Trageser, moved to West Windsor where they purchased and carefully restored a historic house in Sheddsville, which was part of the town's original settlement, and made it their home for the next half century, and they also purchased a farm in Cavendish, and

Whereas, during a storied legal career, Matt Birmingham was a member of the Vermont Bar Association, the Windsor County Bar Association, and the Vermont Association for Justice; he earned admission into the Vermont Inns of Court; he taught criminal law at the former College of St. Joseph in Rutland; and, both professionally and personally, he was a compassionate humanitarian, and

Whereas, an enthusiastic athlete, he loved to hike, sail, and ski; as a student at the Taft School, he played varsity ice hockey and captained the lacrosse team; and he passed on his athletic passion and belief in good sportsmanship coaching lacrosse at Woodstock Union High School, soccer at Albert Bridge School in Brownsville, and ice hockey in the Twin Valley Ice Hockey League, and

Whereas, Matt Birmingham's concern for young persons prompted his role as a youth mentor through Windsor County Partners, and

Whereas, his outstanding leadership in the Town of West Windsor spanned the literary and civic aspects of community life; as a devoted bibliophile, he served as a trustee of the Mary L. Blood Memorial Library in Brownsville; and with attentiveness to *Robert's Rules of Order* and an engaging sense of humor, for an impressive 34 years Matt Birmingham expertly and thoughtfully presided at municipal meetings as the respected West Windsor Town Moderator, and

Whereas, Matt Birmingham's wife; children; grandchildren; the Town of West Windsor; and even the family's dogs, for whom he always had a treat, were saddened to learn of his passing on January 15, 2026, at 77 years of age, *now therefore be it*

Resolved by the Senate and House of Representatives:

That the General Assembly extends its sincere condolences to the family of Matthew T. Birmingham III, *and be it further*

Resolved: That the Secretary of State be directed to send a copy of this resolution to the family of Matt Birmingham and the West Windsor Town Clerk.

H.C.R. 210

Offered by Representative Conlon of Cornwall

Offered by Senators Hardy and Heffernan

House concurrent resolution honoring Ripton Selectboard Chair Laureen Cox for her exemplary municipal public service

Whereas, Laurie Cox traveled east from Seattle, Washington, to attend Middlebury College and graduated in 1971, earned a master's degree from the University of Vermont in 1978, and for 34 years, was a dedicated guidance counselor at the Neshobe School in Brandon, and

Whereas, aside from guiding elementary school students on the best life path forward, Laurie Cox developed a second passion as an active civic volunteer and leader in her hometown of Ripton, and

Whereas, her initial foray into community service was as a volunteer at the public library, and

Whereas, through this role, Laurie Cox familiarized herself with the local issues of greatest concern to the voters in Ripton, and in 1986, when a one-

year vacancy opened on the Ripton Selectboard, she stood for election to serve on this municipal governance panel, and

Whereas, she probably never imagined that her inaugural electoral victory would be the start of an extraordinary uninterrupted four-decade tenure as a member of the Ripton Selectboard, including the first quarter century as part of a group of longtime residents who served together, and

Whereas, Laurie Cox's effectiveness, thoughtful participation, and administrative skills all contributed to her 2009 election as Ripton Selectboard chair, and the community has appreciated her great efforts, and

Whereas, when COVID-19 struck, Laurie Cox proved up to the task, taking a leading role organizing assistance and connecting members of the community, and

Whereas, in 2023, in the aftermath of a record rainfall that resulted in major landslides, washouts, and other damage, her leadership was pivotal in the recovery process, and

Whereas, recently, as a member of the Friends of the Ripton Students group, Laurie Cox has endeavored to save the local elementary school, and in 2026, she is concluding her amazing 40-year Ripton Selectboard career, including the last 17 as its highly respected chair, *now therefore be it*

Resolved by the Senate and House of Representatives:

That the General Assembly honors Ripton Selectboard Chair Laureen Cox for her exemplary municipal public service, *and be it further*

Resolved: That the Secretary of State be directed to send a copy of this resolution to Laurie Cox and the Ripton town clerk.

H.C.R. 211

Offered by Representative Sibilia of Dover

House concurrent resolution honoring the decades of extraordinary civic participation and leadership of Lexa and Steve Clark in the Town of Jamaica

Whereas, the breadth of Lexa Clark's public service is diverse, but it has strongly focused on the provision of emergency services, as she initially enrolled in EMT courses during the 1970s, was instrumental in organizing the Jamaica Rescue Squad, and still dutifully responds to every rescue call, and

Whereas, the education of Jamaica's youngsters has drawn her attention as a village school board member (1977–1980) and as a teacher's aide at the Jamaica Village School, where Lexa Clark used her Polish fluency to assist a

young boy, who was new to the English language, succeed in the classroom, and

Whereas, from 1979 to 1980, she closely monitored Jamaica's finances as the town's auditor and bookkeeper, and

Whereas, for a dozen years, Lexa Clark served on the Jamaica Selectboard (2006–2018) and admirably met the unique challenge of chairing the panel when Tropical Storm Irene devastated the town to an unprecedented extent, and recently, she has assumed a governance role at the Jamaica Memorial Library, and

Whereas, Steve Clark's roles at the Jamaica Village Cemetery began as a youth and have included serving as both secretary and treasurer, and

Whereas, among his municipal panel memberships were the village school board (1982–1985) and the planning commission (1979–1988), and

Whereas, for over a half a century, Steve Clark was associated with the town's fire and rescue services, including as treasurer and auditor, and was proud of his designation as an honorary member of the fire department, and

Whereas, for 52 years, Steve Clark served as Jamaica's trustee of public funds, for three decades as the town's grand juror, and since 2005, as the Jamaica Historical Foundation president, and professionally, for nearly a quarter century, Steve Clark was a Vermont National Bank vice president, and

Whereas, Lexa and Steve Clark exemplify outstanding municipal citizenship, *now therefore be it*

Resolved by the Senate and House of Representatives:

That the General Assembly honors the decades of extraordinary civic participation and leadership of Lexa and Steve Clark in the Town of Jamaica, *and be it further*

Resolved: That the Secretary of State be directed to send a copy of this resolution to Lexa and Steve Clark.