

CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

ADDENDUM

TO THE

HOUSE CALENDAR

**Text of House Concurrent
Resolutions**

of

February 26, 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. 212

Offered by Representatives Burke of Brattleboro, Goodnow of Brattleboro, Kornheiser of Brattleboro, Eastes of Guilford, Goldman of Rockingham, Long of Newfane, Mrowicki of Putney, and Sibilica of Dover

Offered by Senators Harrison and Hashim

House concurrent resolution honoring the amazing Brooks Memorial Library Director Starr LaTronica

Whereas, Starr LaTronica, a 1980 University of California, Berkeley graduate, and a former children's librarian at that city's public library, had eyed Brattleboro as a potential home for her family, and

Whereas, after working in California, she became the youth services/outreach manager at the Four County Library System in Binghamton, New York, and

Whereas, a decade ago, her dream career opportunity became available, and the ideal match between the Brooks Memorial Library and Starr LaTronica, as the library's new director, came to fruition, and

Whereas, as the Brooks' new librarian, she immediately immersed herself in the Brattleboro community, gaining valuable insight into why Brattleboro is a special place, and

Whereas, Starr LaTronica has nurtured a broad library collection encompassing informative and stimulating books and serials, as well as sundry other items, ranging from Brattleboro Museum passes to snowshoes; has been a powerful champion against censorship; and has curated an enticing menu of speakers and diverse programs for the public's edification and enjoyment, and

Whereas, technology has greatly changed the role of a public library in the 21st century; a customized online database has replaced the historic card catalog, numerous digital resources are now essential for daily living, and Starr LaTronica has ensured there is internet access for all patrons, and

Whereas, the Brooks Memorial Library continually confronts the demanding realities of homelessness and addiction in Brattleboro, and under

Starr LaTronica's thoughtful leadership, these challenges have been addressed compassionately and creatively, and

Whereas, in April 2026, Starr LaTronica, whose career achievements include working with staff and trustees to secure a federal grant for important capital improvements, and her prominent national roles in children's librarianship and on book award panels will conclude a superb tenure as Brooks Memorial Library Director, *now therefore be it*

Resolved by the Senate and House of Representatives:

That the General Assembly honors the amazing Brooks Memorial Library Director Starr LaTronica, *and be it further*

Resolved: That the Secretary of State be directed to send a copy of this resolution to Starr LaTronica and the Brooks Memorial Library.

H.C.R. 213

Offered by Representatives Rachelson of Burlington and Cina of Burlington

Offered by Senator Vyhovsky

House concurrent resolution recognizing March 2026 as Social Work Month in Vermont

Whereas, for more than a century, social workers in Vermont have worked to improve human well-being, advocate for justice, and support everyone's basic needs, and

Whereas, the positive impact of social workers on the lives of millions of Americans is experienced at hospitals, schools, child welfare agencies, community centers, and within the federal, state, and local governments, and

Whereas, social workers follow a code of ethics that requires them to stand for equity in every community, uphold human dignity, and fight injustice, and

Whereas, these stellar professionals are on the frontlines defending vulnerable populations, including immigrants, LGBTQIA2S+ individuals, and those facing discrimination or poverty, while uplifting vital social safety net programs and ensuring the rights of everyone, and

Whereas, social workers assist those navigating trauma, grief, and systemic biases and help individuals recover from natural disasters and public health crises, transforming lives in encouraging ways, and

Whereas, vital roles for social workers are confronting oppression and racism, advocating for human rights, and advancing fair policies for all, and

Whereas, social workers care for those who have mental health issues and who are recovering from substance use disorders, and they support the well-being of children, and

Whereas, according to the National Association of Social Workers, the number of social workers in the United States has risen from 715,000 in 2020 to 810,000 in 2026, and, since 1963, March has been observed in the United States as Social Work Month, and

Whereas, the 2026 theme for Social Work Month is “Social Workers: Uplift. Defend. Transform.” encompassing “the prime mission of the social work profession – to enhance human well-being, meet the basic human needs of all people, and put special attention on the needs and empowerment of people [who] are vulnerable, oppressed and living in poverty,”
now therefore be it

Resolved by the Senate and House of Representatives:

That the General Assembly recognizes March 2026 as Social Work Month in Vermont, *and be it further*

Resolved: That the Secretary of State be directed to send a copy of this resolution to the Vermont chapter of the National Association of Social Workers.

H.C.R. 214

Offered by Representatives Casey of Montpelier, Burke of Brattleboro, Galfetti of Barre Town, Greer of Bennington, Nugent of South Burlington, Ode of Burlington, Priestley of Bradford, Sweeney of Shelburne, and Waszazak of Barre City

House concurrent resolution celebrating the essential contributions of Irish American patriots in the struggle for our nation’s independence

Whereas, on March 17, 1776, the British ended an 11-month-long siege of Boston, Massachusetts, leaving control of the city to American forces, including General John Sullivan, the son of Irish immigrants, who General George Washington named his Officer of the Day, and who subsequently served in New Hampshire as governor and as a federal district court judge, and his brother, James Sullivan, later served in Massachusetts as an associate state supreme court justice, attorney general, and, ultimately, as governor, and

Whereas, eight signers of the Declaration of Independence were Irish Americans, either born in Ireland or in the colonies, namely, Thomas McKean, who would later serve as President of the Continental Congress; Charles

Carroll; James Smith; George Taylor; Matthew Thorton; Edward Rutledge; Thomas Lynch Jr.; and George Read, and

Whereas, these eight illustrious individuals' spirit of independence was crucial in the establishment of the American nation, and, generations later, their legacy helped inspire the founding of the Irish Republic, and both constituted new societies for free individuals, and

Whereas, John Dunlap, who emigrated from County Tyrone, printed the first copies of the Declaration of Independence, and the first international newspaper publication of the Declaration occurred in August 1776 in Ireland, on the front page of the *Belfast News Letter*, and

Whereas, 250 years ago, Stephen Moylan, George Washington's Irish American aide-de-camp, in a letter he wrote, first used the phrase "United States of America" on paper, and

Whereas, in a concise summary of Irish Americans' role in securing American independence, Lord Mountjoy declared to the British Parliament in London that "America was lost by Irish emigrants ... I am assured from the best authority, the major part of the American Army was composed of Irish and that the Irish language was as commonly spoken in American ranks as English. I am also informed it was their valor that determined the contest," and

Whereas, on Saint Patrick's Day 2026, the year marking our nation's 250th birthday, it is most fitting to commend the role of Irish Americans in ensuring the success of the American Revolution, *now therefore be it*

Resolved by the Senate and House of Representatives:

That the General Assembly celebrates the essential contributions of Irish American patriots in the struggle for our nation's independence, *and be it further*

Resolved: That the Secretary of State be directed to send a copy of this resolution to Senator Mark Daly, Chairperson of the Senate of Ireland, and to the leadership of the American Irish State Legislators Caucus.

H.C.R. 215

Offered by Representatives Morrow of Weston and Pinsonault of Dorset

House concurrent resolution congratulating Ben Ogden of Landgrove on winning two 2026 Winter Olympics cross-country skiing silver medals

Whereas, since 1976, when Vermonter Bill Koch won the silver medal in the cross-country Olympic skiing competition in Innsbruck, Austria, no American had podiumed in this sport, and Ben Ogden, who ended this half-

century hiatus, expressed a “hope to ... inspire a culture that values a strong work ethic, humility, and fun in all the communities that I am a part of,” and of whom Bill Koch observed, “it couldn’t have happened to a nicer guy,” epitomizes the Olympic ideal, and

Whereas, Ben Ogden is a fourth-generation Landgrove resident, and he competed with the memory of his father, John Ogden, a former Middlebury College ski racer and Bill Koch Youth Ski League coach, who died in 2023 of cancer at 56 years of age, in mind, and

Whereas, as a teenager, Ben Ogden proved his cross-country skiing prowess as a member of the 2018 FIS Nordic Junior World Ski Championship silver medal team, the first American team to medal, and, in 2019, he contributed to the team’s gold medal triumph; at the University of Vermont, where he earned a bachelor’s degree in mechanical engineering, he was a leading member of the cross-country ski team, compiling an impressive record, including two individual NCAA championships; and, on three occasions, he has ascended a World Cup podium, and

Whereas, Ben Ogden is a member of both the Stifel U.S. Cross Country Ski Team and the elite Stratton-based SMS T2 cross-country ski team, which Bill Koch cofounded, and

Whereas, skiing in his second Olympics, Ben Ogden’s performance at the 2026 Winter Olympics in the cross-country sprint classic was breathtaking, as he narrowly finished in second place by one second at 3:40 to the gold medalist, Norwegian Johannes Høsflot Klæbo, whom Ben Ogden observed was “a dream to race against,” and

Whereas, cheering him on at the race site were his mom, Landgrove’s Assistant Clerk, Town Treasurer, and Trustee of Public Funds Andrea Ogden, and many friends from his hometown and across Vermont, and

Whereas, in a historic coda to his fantastic individual triumph, on February 17, 2026, in tandem with Alaskan Gus Schumacher, Ben Ogden won a silver medal in the cross-county ski sprint team freestyle competition, as they became the first Americans ever to medal in this Winter Olympics event, *now therefore be it*

Resolved by the Senate and House of Representatives:

That the General Assembly congratulates Ben Ogden of Landgrove on winning two 2026 Winter Olympics cross-country skiing silver medals, *and be it further*

Resolved: That the Secretary of State be directed to send a copy of this resolution to Ben Ogden, Andrea Ogden, Bill Koch, and Gus Schumacher.

H.C.R. 216

Offered by Representative Coffin of Cavendish

Offered by Senators Clarkson, Major, and White

House concurrent resolution honoring Margo Caulfield for her exemplary and enormously appreciated volunteer leadership in the Town of Cavendish

Whereas, for some Vermonters, admired civic service means appointment or election to a public office, and, for others, this status is earned through a history of volunteerism, and

Whereas, a shining example of the latter category is Margo Caulfield of Cavendish, whose community involvement encompasses the town's past, present, and future, and

Whereas, from a historical perspective, Margo Caulfield manages the Cavendish Historical Society Museum, curating the collection, initiating history projects for students, and, relatedly, leading grave-cleaning excursions to familiarize youngsters with the town's history, and

Whereas, in a contemporary context, she helps coordinate Cavendish's Green Up Day program, recently assisted in starting a successful summer farmers' market, organized a popular townwide tag sale, and, with friends, reinvigorated and enlivened the Vermont Golden Honey Festival, and

Whereas, an unusual project Margo Caulfield spearheaded is Culvert Crawlers, an undertaking conducted with older students to improve the town's water flow efficiency, and

Whereas, following both the devastating flooding from Tropical Storm Irene in 2011 and the July 2023 deluge, Margo Caulfield was an essential leader in the effort to ensure that food and shelter were available as needed; thinking ahead, she worked with a local church to equip a shelter in anticipation of future environmental emergencies; and as a further precaution, she distributes "go bags" in Cavendish, containing essential items for use in future disaster situations, and

Whereas, Margo Caulfield is a passionate advocate for Cavendish's seniors and others in need of community support and for the extension of internet service to sections of town lacking digital coverage, and

Whereas, the residents of Cavendish are kept abreast of municipal and State news and emergency information of local importance via Margo Caulfield's weekly *Cavendish Connects*, which she distributes via email, Facebook, and a website, *now therefore be it*

Resolved by the Senate and House of Representatives:

That the General Assembly honors Margo Caulfield for her exemplary and enormously appreciated volunteer leadership in the Town of Cavendish, *and be it further*

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