CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

ADDENDUM

TO THE

HOUSE CALENDAR

Text of House Concurrent Resolutions

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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. 217

Offered by Representatives Burditt of West Rutland, Canfield of Fair Haven, Bosch of Clarendon, Brown of Richmond, Casey of Hubbardton, Harvey of Castleton, Howard of Rutland City, Howland of Rutland Town, Keyser of Rutland City, Maguire of Rutland City, Malay of Pittsford, McCoy of Poultney, Nielsen of Brandon, Pinsonault of Dorset, Pritchard of Pawlet, Taylor of Mendon, and Winter of Ludlow

Offered by Senators Collamore, Weeks, and Williams

House concurrent resolution congratulating McNeil & Reedy of Rutland City on 70 years as a superb men's clothing retailer

Whereas, on April 16, 1956, James F. McNeil and George Reedy opened a new store at 81 Merchants Row in Rutland City specializing in the sale of high-quality men's suits at a time when downtown Rutland was a thriving retail hub and men's suits were in steady demand, and

Whereas, James McNeil brought pertinent retailing experience from both the Varsity Shop and the men's and boys' department at the Economy Store, and

Whereas, McNeil & Reedy served as the local franchise for Bond Clothing Stores, Inc., a premier men's clothing manufacturer, and

Whereas, across the ensuing decades, McNeil & Reedy's inventory diversified, evolving into a full-service men's clothing store and the largest purveyor of suit and tuxedo rentals in Vermont, and

Whereas, the founder's twin sons, Jim and John McNeil, continued their father's legacy as the store's joint proprietors, succeeding in downtown Rutland despite the advent of suburban shopping malls, national clothing chains, and the increasing popularity of online shopping, and

Whereas, McNeil & Reedy weathered these developments, providing expert tailoring and personalized service and engendering customer loyalty, and

Whereas, the third generation of the store's McNeil family leadership, Casey McNeil, has recently assumed the helm, bringing his background in finance and a modern perspective on retail management, and

Whereas, since inheriting the family's merchandising legacy, Casey McNeil has redesigned the store, expanded the tailoring department, broadened the inventory, introduced new heritage and performance lines, and emphasized materials and craftsmanship, and

Whereas, 2026 plans at industry-admired McNeil & Reedy include further design enhancements, the introduction of new tailored clothing lines, and the expansion of cigar offerings, *now therefore be it*

Resolved by the Senate and House of Representatives:

That the General Assembly congratulates McNeil & Reedy of Rutland City on 70 years as a superb men's clothing retailer, *and be it further*

Resolved: That the Secretary of State be directed to send a copy of this resolution to McNeil & Reedy.

H.C.R. 218

Offered by All Members of the House

House concurrent resolution recognizing April 2026 as the Month of the Military Child in Vermont

Whereas, the children of members of the U.S. military, who number approximately 1.6 million, exemplify strength, adaptability, and a global outlook, reflective of their unique experiences in military families, and they face long deployments and frequent separations from loved ones with courage and grace, and

Whereas, in 1986, the U.S. Department of Defense first designated April as the Month of the Military Child, and this annual event is part of a year-round initiative aimed at enhancing the lives of these youths, and

Whereas, Purple Up! For Military Kids Day is an important aspect of the Month of the Military Child, and on this special day, Americans are encouraged to wear purple, a color that symbolizes all branches of the military and the fortitude, resilience, and sacrifices of militarily connected youth, and

Whereas, although April 10 and April 15 are both widely observed as the dates for this colorful celebration, since the General Assembly is commemorating the Month of the Military Child today, April 21, 2026, it is an ideal day for wearing purple in support of military children, and

Whereas, the month of April is designated for the recognition of military children, who, in reality, serve alongside their families, and these youngsters' personal adaptability to changing circumstances, which enables their parents to protect and defend our nation, is worthy of applause and recognition, *now therefore be it*

Resolved by the Senate and House of Representatives:

That the General Assembly recognizes April 2026 as the Month of the Military Child in Vermont, *and be it further*

Resolved: That the Secretary of State be directed to send a copy of this resolution to the Vermont National Guard Office of Child & Youth Services.

H.C.R. 219

Offered by Representatives Hango of Berkshire, Austin of Colchester, Cole of Hartford, Goslant of Northfield, Graning of Jericho, Greer of Bennington, Gregoire of Fairfield, Harple of Glover, Headrick of Burlington, Howard of Rutland City, Kleppner of Burlington, Krasnow of South Burlington, Labor of Morgan, Morgan, M. of Milton, Morris of Springfield, Morrissey of Bennington, Ode of Burlington, Page of Newport City, Pritchard of Pawlet, Rachelson of Burlington, Sweeney of Shelburne, Walker of Swanton, and Wells of Brownington

House concurrent resolution designating March 2026 as Athletic Trainers' Month in Vermont

Whereas, the Vermont Association of Athletic Trainers was founded in 1982 as an organization committed to the education of its members, the enhancement of the profession of athletic training, and the creation of better health care for the population it serves, and

Whereas, the phrase athletic trainers use to describe their role is "providing care you can count on," and

Whereas, athletic trainers are employed in professional, collegiate, and high school organizations; industries; physicians' offices; rehabilitation clinics; and every branch of the United States military, and

Whereas, athletic trainers work together to promote and practice their profession within the State, and

Whereas, athletic trainers have a long history of providing quality health care for athletes and persons engaged in regular physical activity, and

Whereas, as highly skilled health care professionals, athletic trainers specialize in immediate, acute, and emergency care; examination, assessment

and diagnosis; injury prevention; risk management; therapeutic intervention; and rehabilitation of persons who have experienced injuries and illnesses, and

Whereas, the National Athletic Trainers' Association represents and supports the more than 45,000 members of the athletic training profession, including over 130 athletic trainers in the State of Vermont, and

Whereas, leading organizations concerned with athletic training and health care have united in a common commitment to raise public awareness of the importance of the profession and the role it serves in the provision of quality health care services, *now therefore be it*

Resolved by the Senate and House of Representatives:

That the General Assembly designates March 2026 as Athletic Trainers' 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 Association of Athletic Trainers.

H.C.R. 220

Offered by All Members of the House

House concurrent resolution welcoming the March 17, 2026, namesake visit of the officers and crew of the U.S. submarine VERMONT (USS VERMONT (SSN 792)) to the State House and designating April 18, 2026, as USS VERMONT (SSN 792) Day in Vermont

Whereas, the USS VERMONT (SSN 792) continues a leadership role with the Australia, UK, and U.S. trilateral security partnership (AUKUS), strengthening deterrence in the Western Pacific, and

Whereas, the USS VERMONT (SSN 792) completed the first-ever submarine maintenance availability performed outside a U.S. territory at HMAS Stirling in Australia, validating readiness for a Submarine Rotational Force–West with U.S. and UK nuclear submarines, and it was awarded the Navy Unit Commendation, the second highest unit award in the U.S. Navy, for its deployment that ended in 2025, and

Whereas, this outstanding U.S. Navy vessel was the first submarine ever to earn Commander, Submarine Squadron One Alpha Belt awards for consecutive months, and

Whereas, in addition to the namesake visit occurring today, March 17, 2026, there will be a USS VERMONT (SSN 792) information display at the State House on Friday, April 17, 2026, in anticipation of the

anniversary of the launch of the USS VERMONT (SSN 792) on Saturday, April 18, 2026, and

Whereas, the USS VERMONT (SSN 792) continues to bring great honor to her namesake State and our nation's heritage of naval excellence, *now therefore be it*

Resolved by the Senate and House of Representatives:

That the General Assembly welcomes the March 17, 2026, namesake visit of the officers and crew of the USS VERMONT (SSN 792) to the State House and designates April 18, 2026, as USS VERMONT (SSN 792) Day in Vermont, *and be it further*

Resolved: That the Secretary of State be directed to present a copy of this resolution to the Commanding Officer of the USS VERMONT (SSN 792), Commander Matthew Lewis, and to the USS VERMONT Support Group.

H.C.R. 221

Offered by All Members of the House

House concurrent resolution recognizing March 25, 2026, as National Medal of Honor Day in Vermont

Whereas, in 1861, President Abraham Lincoln signed Public Resolution 82, the original Medal of Honor legislation, and

Whereas, the first recipients of the Medal of Honor were soldiers, known collectively as Andrews' Raiders, who led a daunting mission to cross Confederate lines to steal a train (popularly known as the "Great Locomotive Chase"), and six of those soldiers were honored on March 25, 1863, and

Whereas, 64 Medals of Honor have been issued to recipients identified as Vermonters, having been either born or enlisted in the State, including the Civil War (57), the 19th-century American Indian Wars (1), the Philippines Campaign (1), interim periods (2), and World War II (3), and

Whereas, a unique recipient was William "Willie" Johnston, an 11-year-old resident of the Northeast Kingdom community of Salem, now Derby, who, begging to accompany his father to his 1861 military enlistment, was accepted as a drummer in the 3rd Vermont Volunteer Infantry Regiment, D Company, and

Whereas, on September 16, 1863, when Willie Johnston was only 13 years of age, U.S. Secretary of War Edwin Stanton bestowed on him this great honor, in recognition of his valor and perseverance during the 1862 Peninsula Campaign, as the sole drummer in his division to retain his instrument through

the harrowing ordeal of a forced march from Richmond after the Union troops' failure to secure the Confederate Capital, and as of 2026, he remains the youngest Medal of Honor recipient, and

Whereas, of the eight submariner recipients, two were credited to Vermont; the first was Torpedoman Henry Breault (1923 in the Panama Canal Zone), the only enlisted and first submariner to be so honored; the second honoree was Commander Lawson Paterson "Red" Ramage, in recognition for World War II bravery, and

Whereas, in accordance with Pub. L. No. 101-564 (1990), March 25, which was the date the first medals were issued in 1863, has been observed as National Medal of Honor Day, *now therefore be it*

Resolved by the Senate and House of Representatives:

That the General Assembly recognizes March 25, 2026, as National Medal of Honor Day in Vermont, *and be it further*

Resolved: That the Secretary of State is directed to send a copy of this resolution to the Green Mountain Submarine Veterans and Mr. Robert Burke, director of the Vermont Office of Veterans Affairs and president of the Vermont National Guard Library and Museum.

H.C.R. 222

Offered by Representatives Rachelson of Burlington, Arsenault of Williston, Berbeco of Winooski, Bishop of Colchester, Bluemle of Burlington, Bos-Lun of Westminster, Brown of Richmond, Campbell of St. Johnsbury, Chapin of East Montpelier, Cina of Burlington, Coffin of Cavendish, Cole of Hartford, Cooper of Pownal, Dodge of Essex, Donahue of Northfield, Duke of Burlington, Howard of Rutland City, Kleppner of Burlington, Krasnow of South Burlington, Labor of Morgan, LaMont of Morristown, McGill of Bridport, Noyes of Wolcott, Nugent of South Burlington, Olson of Starksboro, Priestley of Bradford, Scheu of Middlebury, Stevens of Waterbury, Tomlinson of Winooski, and Wood of Waterbury

Offered by Senators Bongartz, Clarkson, Cummings, Hardy, Mattos, Perchlik, and Ram Hinsdale

House concurrent resolution honoring the Vermont nonprofit sector and the pivotal leadership and support it receives from Common Good Vermont

Whereas, nonprofit organizations build and sustain healthy and vibrant communities and make Vermont a better place to live, work, and play, and

Whereas, Vermonters enhance the well-being of their communities through contributions of volunteer time and financial resources to nonprofit organizations, and

Whereas, day after day, the nonprofit sector expands opportunities for millions of individuals throughout the United States, and

Whereas, nonprofits provide beneficial and essential services in support of arts, education, environmental protection, and food access; assist the homeless; and offer housing, legal services, library facilities, mental health care, youth services, and other community and social services, and

Whereas, according to the Bureau of Labor Statistics, nonprofits employ one in five Vermont workers and pay over $3 billion annually in wages, and

Whereas, nonprofits are a major economic driver for the State, generating more than $10 billion in annual revenue, and

Whereas, nonprofits are accountable through both board governance and governmental oversight, and they serve Vermonters on behalf of the government to deliver programs and services communities value and rely on, and

Whereas, Common Good Vermont is the association that is dedicated to uniting, strengthening, and advocating for Vermont's nonprofit sector, and

Whereas, this critical organization contributes to the success and effectiveness of Vermont nonprofits through its delivery of online resources, education and training programs, and informative meetings, and by providing opportunities for connection and advocacy activities, and

Whereas, today, March 25, 2026, under the auspices of Common Good Vermont, nonprofit organizations are in the State House to educate legislators concerning the activities of the nonprofit sector, *now therefore be it*

Resolved by the Senate and House of Representatives:

That the General Assembly honors the Vermont nonprofit sector and the pivotal leadership and support it receives from Common Good Vermont, *and be it further*

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

H.C.R. 223

Offered by Representatives Mihaly of Calais and Chapin of East Montpelier

House concurrent resolution honoring former Public Service Board Chair and East Montpelier Town Moderator Michael Dworkin

Whereas, Michael Dworkin was born in Philadelphia, and while attending Middlebury College, he interrupted his studies to work at the former Brandon Training School, where he observed the misguided warehousing of individuals with developmental disabilities and worked on innovative programming, and

Whereas, he also learned that toxins, such as lead, were a significant factor affecting the Brandon residents' cognitive abilities, a key factor that influenced his decision to pursue an environmental law career, and

Whereas, after graduating from Middlebury College summa cum laude in 1975, Michael Dworkin earned his law degree at Harvard Law School, cum laude, and clerked on the U.S. Court of Appeals for the DC Circuit, and

Whereas, as an appellate attorney at the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency, his supervisors awarded him a medal of commendation, and

Whereas, after his 1983 marriage to Loring Starr, Michael Dworkin became a telecommunications attorney at the former Vermont Public Service Board (PSB) and subsequently served as the PSB's general counsel, and

Whereas, in 1995, Michael Dworkin entered the private sector as general counsel and managing partner at Riser Management Systems, providing telecommunications support services for high-rise buildings, and

Whereas, in 1999, Governor Howard Dean appointed Michael Dworkin as PSB chair, and in addition to presiding over energy and telecommunications regulatory proceedings, including the sale of the Vermont Yankee nuclear power plant, he oversaw the Board's establishment of Efficiency Vermont, the nation's first energy efficiency utility, and

Whereas, in the midst of his hectic professional duties, Michael Dworkin was elected East Montpelier town moderator for several terms, presiding adroitly and knowledgably at town meetings, and

Whereas, after chairing the PSB, Michael Dworkin was the founder and director of the Vermont Law and Graduate School's (VLGS) Institute for Energy and the Environment, creating a legal education program in these interconnected specialties, and internationally, he taught seminars in China for Pacific Rim attorneys and served as a visiting professor at the Te Piringa School of Law, Politics, and Philosophy at the University of Waikato in Hamilton, New Zealand, and

Whereas, upon leaving VLGS, he served as a director at both the Vermont Energy Investment Corporation and the Vermont Electric Power Company, and as an academic and energy consultant, capping a stellar career of leadership and service, *now therefore be it*

Resolved by the Senate and House of Representatives:

That the General Assembly honors former Public Service Board Chair and East Montpelier Town Moderator Michael Dworkin, *and be it further*

Resolved: That the Secretary of State be directed to send a copy of this resolution to Michael Dworkin and to members of his family.

H.C.R. 224

Offered by Representative Ode of Burlington

House concurrent resolution congratulating the athletes representing Vermont at the 2025 National Senior Games and designating March 18, 2026, as Vermont Senior Games Day at the State House

Whereas, annually, the Vermont Senior Games Association (VSGA) organizes the Vermont Senior Games, a qualifying event for the biennial National Senior Games, which, in 2025, were held in Des Moines, Iowa, and

Whereas, in 2025, 50 Vermont athletes participated in the National Senior Games and won 22 gold medals, 8 silver medals, 13 bronze medals, and 36 ribbons for fourth through eighth place, and

Whereas, the athletically dedicated Vermonters who competed at the 2025 National Senior Games were Lee Ann Banks, Dennis Bergeron, Rose Bergeron, Kristen Beske, Jeanne Blackmore, John Bolton, Dennis Casey, David Chesley, Margaret Clark, Brian Conchieri, Robert Cseh, David DeBoy, Eugene Demidenko, Valentina Demidenko, Damon Fitch, Jim Flint, Margaret Gibson, Judy Gover, Matt Guild, Katherine Hayward, Thomas Hogeboom, Don Kjelleren, Mary Leugers, Victoria Luksch, Christine Maloney, Janet Mara, Elizabeth McCarthy, Florence Meiler, Marc Meredyth, Tocher Mitchell, Bob Murphy, Kevin Plette, Jenny Prince, Susan Rand, Tom Schicker, Carolyn Siccama, Pam Sills, Donna Smyers, Andrew Sparta, Sarah Stacread-Swim, Andre Strum, James Taggart, John Tashiro, John Valentine, Sandra Wall, Stan Wilbur, Charlie Windisch. and Michael Woodfield, and

Whereas, today, March 18, 2026, during National Senior Games Week, representatives of the VSGA and the Vermont Governor's Council on Physical Fitness are present at the State House to inform legislators of the important role that physical fitness plays in the lives of everyone regardless of age, *now therefore be it*

Resolved by the Senate and House of Representatives:

That the General Assembly congratulates the Vermont athletes representing Vermont at the 2025 National Senior Games and designates March 18, 2026, as Vermont Senior Games 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 VSGA and the Vermont Governor's Council on Physical Fitness and Sport.

H.C.R. 225

Offered by Representative Kascenska of Burke

House concurrent resolution honoring East Haven Selectboard Chair Kirwin Flanders for his extraordinary municipal public service career

Whereas, the dedication of Kirwin Flanders to serving his fellow citizens in the Essex County municipality of East Haven is unique, not only in his own community, but across the State of Vermont, and

Whereas, as a young adult, Kirwin Flanders appreciated the importance of civic participation, and his neighbors, in turn, identified him as a promising future leader in East Haven, and

Whereas, his odyssey of municipal leadership commenced in 1974, when the members of the East Haven Selectboard chose Kirwin Flanders to fill a one-year vacancy on their critical town governance panel, and

Whereas, on Town Meeting Day in 1975, Kirwin Flanders stood for election as an East Haven Selectboard candidate for a full term, and the voters of East Haven concurred that he had performed his municipal legislative duties commendably during the one-year interim appointment, and they elected him every three years for a total of 51 years, and

Whereas, at the first convening of the East Haven Selectboard, following the 1975 Town Meeting Day election, it elected Kirwin Flanders to serve as chair, and his competence, dedication, and prudent judgment have sustained his leadership in this position for an amazing 51 years (1975–2026), a record tenure in this role in the Town of East Haven, and certainly among the longest in the history of Vermont municipal government, and

Whereas, the Town of East Haven benefits from his work in other ways as the East Haven representative to the Northeast Kingdom Waste Management District, and in an administrative capacity as the manager of the town's Aqua Haven community water system, and

Whereas, the incredible saga and enduring contributions of Kirwin Flanders on the East Haven Selectboard, as a 52-year member and its chair for 51 years, are now concluding, and to commemorate this significant moment in the town's history, and as a way to congratulate and thank Kirwin Flanders for a job well done, a potluck luncheon is being held in his honor, today, Sunday, March 15, 2026, at the East Haven Community Building, *now therefore be it*

Resolved by the Senate and House of Representatives:

That the General Assembly honors East Haven Selectboard Chair Kirwin Flanders for his extraordinary municipal public service career, *and be it further*

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

H.C.R. 226

Offered by Representatives Cooper of Pownal, Carris Duncan of Whitingham, Duke of Burlington, Graning of Jericho, and Priestley of Bradford

House concurrent resolution remembering, with great sadness, the historic and interconnected 2011 earthquake, tsunami, and nuclear disasters that struck the Tōhoku region of Japan

Whereas, on March 11, 2011, at an underground location off the northeast coast of the Oshika Peninsula in Japan, there occurred a 9.0 magnitude earthquake, which the Japanese government has designated the "Great East Japan Earthquake," and

Whereas, this earthquake, the largest ever recorded in Japan, and the fourth-largest documented earthquake on the planet since this type of data was first collected in 1900, lasted six minutes and precipitated a tsunami that inundated over 200 square miles of coastal Japanese land and triggered waves that, at their maximum height, rose over 100 feet high, the equivalent of a 12-story building, and

Whereas, the official casualty count from these combined disasters numbered 6,242 injuries, including 284 firefighters; 2,553 missing persons; and, tragically, 19,759 deaths, and

Whereas, these two cataclysmic events triggered an equally horrific disaster at the Fukushima Daiichi Nuclear Power Plant, causing three nuclear reactor meltdowns and the discharge of radioactive water, which forced the evacuation of hundreds of thousands of area residents, many for an extended period of time, and

Whereas, the financial cost of these interconnected catastrophes is estimated to have exceeded $300 billion, possibly the costliest natural disaster in modern history, and

Whereas, on March 11, 2026, the people of Japan and the world are pausing to remember these tragic events and their impact on Japan, *now therefore be it*

Resolved by the Senate and House of Representatives:

That the General Assembly remembers, with great sadness, the historic and interconnected 2011 earthquake, tsunami, and nuclear disasters that struck the Tōhoku region of Japan, *and be it further*

Resolved: That the Secretary of State be directed to send a copy of this resolution to Consul General of Japan Seiichiro Takahashi in Boston and to Dr. Masatoshi Kida and Mrs. Reiko Kida in recognition of Mr. and Mrs. Kida's two-plus decades of endeavoring to enhance the friendship, cultural understanding, and warm relationship between the peoples of Japan and Vermont.