

CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

ADDENDUM

TO THE

HOUSE CALENDAR

**Text of House Concurrent
Resolutions**

of

March 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. 227

Offered by Representatives Greer of Bennington, Sibia of Dover, Carris Duncan of Whitingham, Charlton of Chester, Eastes of Guilford, Morrissey of Bennington, Morrow of Weston, Nigro of Bennington, Pinsonault of Dorset, and Pritchard of Pawlet

Offered by Senator Bongartz

House concurrent resolution in memory of Alice June Abraham

Whereas, born in Washington, DC, the musically talented Alice Abraham was a member of the DC Youth Orchestra; she graduated from the Canterbury School in Maryland; she majored in music composition at Bennington College, where she composed Kaeru for the Sage City Symphony, a community ensemble in North Bennington; and she earned a master's degree in library and information science from Simmons University in Boston, Massachusetts, having interned at the Library of Congress, and

Whereas, for 21 years (1990–2011), she served as the knowledgeable and respected music librarian at public radio stations WGBH-WCRB in Boston, Massachusetts, where her colleagues elected her as vice president of the local chapter of the Association of Employees of the Educational Foundation/Communications Workers of America union (AEEF/CWA), and

Whereas, from Boston, Alice Abraham embarked on a new career; returning to southern Vermont, she became projects manager at the Collaborative, a nonprofit organization that “promote[s] healthy communities and substance-free youth,” and

Whereas, in her new hometown of Jamaica, Alice Abraham was an enthusiastic community volunteer, serving on the boards of the Jamaica Memorial Library, to which she contributed her professional expertise; the Senior Solutions organization; and the Jamaica Historical Foundation, and

Whereas, the collegial, compassionate, and vibrant life of Alice Abraham tragically ended prematurely on June 28, 2025, at 64 years of age, and her survivors include her wife of 28 years, Christina Healy; her stepsons; and her

extended family, and her death saddened many admiring friends, *now therefore be it*

Resolved by the Senate and House of Representatives:

That the General Assembly extends its sincere condolences to the family of Alice June Abraham, *and be it further*

Resolved: That the Secretary of State be directed to send a copy of this resolution to the family of Alice Abraham and to the Collaborative.

H.C.R. 228

Offered by Representatives Lipsky of Stowe, Brigham of St. Albans Town, Casey of Hubbardton, Demar of Enosburgh, Feltus of Lyndon, Goslant of Northfield, Harvey of Castleton, Laroche of Franklin, Malay of Pittsford, Morgan, L. of Milton, Nelson of Derby, North of Ferrisburgh, O'Brien of Tunbridge, Oliver of Sheldon, Pinsonault of Dorset, and Quimby of Lyndon

House concurrent resolution congratulating Ryan Kilborn on his selection as the recipient of the Vermont Forest Products Association Outstanding Management of Resources award

Whereas, one of the shining stars of the Vermont forestry industry is Ryan Kilborn, who Meadowsend Timberlands has employed as a forest resource manager since 2013, and he also works for independent clients, and

Whereas, a 2005 forestry and wildlife biology graduate of the University of Vermont, he is one of the U.S. Department of Agriculture Natural Resources Conservation Service's technical service providers, a Vermont tree farm inspector, and a licensed herbicide applicator, and

Whereas, Ryan Kilborn serves as a forestry resource manager across northern Vermont, New Hampshire, and New York; has overseen more than 120 timber sales; and when working with his landowner clients, emphasizes creative and forward-looking management goals, balancing economic viability, recreation, conservation, and ecological resilience, and

Whereas, he is adept at the development of high-quality sugar woods, the integration of mountain bike trail systems, and the enhancement of biodiversity and ecosystem services, while always cognizant of the landowner's objectives, and

Whereas, Ryan Kilborn is a dedicated forestry educator, who routinely takes the lead in advising his clients and the broader public regarding the fundamental importance of practicing sustainable forestry, and his membership

in the Forest Stewards Guild reflects that organization's similar forest management perspective, and

Whereas, in recognition of his superb record as a forest resource manager, Ryan Kilborn is the recipient of the Vermont Forest Products Association Outstanding Management of Resources award, and he is the Vermont nominee for a similar honor from the Northeastern Loggers Association (NELA), *now therefore be it*

Resolved by the Senate and House of Representatives:

That the General Assembly congratulates Ryan Kilborn on his selection as the recipient of the Vermont Forest Products Association Outstanding Management of Resources award and wishes him every success in the NELA award's selection process, *and be it further*

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

H.C.R. 229

Offered by Representatives Dodge of Essex and Ode of Burlington

House concurrent resolution in memory of respected legal community leader, linguist, and musician Robert D. Rachlin

Whereas, during his long and active life, Bob Rachlin pursued diverse professional and personal interests with curiosity, discipline, devotion, and intellectual rigor, and

Whereas, whether engaged as an attorney, a role which ranged from the representation of individuals, small businesses, and major corporations before the Vermont Judiciary to working pro bono on behalf of federal terrorism detainees held at Guantanamo, Cuba; serving as a visiting associate professor and trustee at Vermont Law School; performing a piano concerto or sonata in a chamber ensemble or as a soloist; teaching college students a foreign language (he was proficient in six); serving as an adjunct lecturer in the German, Russian, and Hebrew Program at the University of Vermont; or engaged in Jewish studies with the Burlington Chabad community, he brought an enthusiastic passion to all these endeavors, and

Whereas, born in West Hartford, Connecticut, Bob Rachlin graduated from Yale University and the University of Chicago Law School, and

Whereas, in 1959, he moved to St. Johnsbury and established a legal partnership with John Downs, and with the later addition of Allen Martin, the three attorneys grew their law firm, Downs Rachlin Martin (DRM), into one of

Vermont's largest and most respected; he was instrumental in developing the firm's Burlington office and, for over 60 years, was one of the State's leading legal practitioners, and

Whereas, Bob Rachlin's adventurous curiosity motivated him to earn not only a pilot's license, but also the more advanced instrument-landing rating; he also served as a flight instructor and, for many years, owned his own plane, and

Whereas, when welcoming new attorneys to DRM, he would offer tidbits of legal-practicing wisdom, such as higher expectations lead to improved performance, integrity is more important than winning, take the time to communicate clearly and concisely, have fun and don't take yourself too seriously, keep your mouth shut when you are winning, and the sage advice that there is more to life than billing time, and

Whereas, on his death at 89 years of age on December 27, 2025, Bob Rachlin left an enduring legacy, and his survivors include his wife of 45 years, Catherine; his children; grandchildren; and great-grandchildren, and many friends and colleagues will fondly miss him, *now therefore be it*

Resolved by the Senate and House of Representatives:

That the General Assembly extends its sincere condolences to the family of Robert D. Rachlin, *and be it further*

Resolved: That the Secretary of State be directed to send a copy of this resolution to the family of Bob Rachlin and to DRM.