

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. 230

Offered by All Members of the House

House concurrent resolution recognizing April 2026 as National Child Abuse Prevention Month in Vermont and honoring Prevent Child Abuse Vermont for a half century of outstanding community leadership and service

Whereas, the societal scourge of child abuse can threaten children's tranquility and family cohesiveness and harmony, and

Whereas, recognizing the severity of this societal problem, Congress enacted the Child Abuse Prevention and Treatment Act (CAPTA) of 1974, Pub. L. No. 93-247, and

Whereas, key findings in CAPTA are that "child abuse or neglect can result in the death of a child," and that "the problem of child abuse and neglect requires a comprehensive approach," and

Whereas, CAPTA was intended to address these challenges through the creation of a federal Office on Child Abuse and Neglect; grants to states, Native American organizations, and public and private organizations; and improved federal coordination and monitoring, and

Whereas, in Vermont, the nonprofit organization dedicated to child abuse prevention is Prevent Child Abuse Vermont (PCAVT), which, since 1976, has worked to lessen the presence of child abuse in our State, and

Whereas, in 2025, PCAVT served 7,694 adults; 3,451 children; and indirectly supported an additional 86,481 children, and

Whereas, PCAVT has shown that it is possible to reduce the occurrence of child abuse in Vermont by training adults on the perils of child abuse; investing in programs that strengthen families and communities; enabling children to develop positive relationships with caring adults; and creating effective partnerships between schools, health providers, community organizations, businesses, and families, and

Whereas, in 1982, Congress adopted S.J. Res. 149 to designate an annual National Child Abuse Prevention Week and to spotlight the issue and raise

greater awareness, and, since 1983, every American President has issued a National Child Abuse Prevention Month proclamation, and

Whereas, in 2026, PCAVT is observing its 50th anniversary, an occasion meriting legislative recognition for PCAVT's continuing dedication to an important cause, *now therefore be it*

Resolved by the Senate and House of Representatives:

That the General Assembly recognizes April 2026 as National Child Abuse Prevention Month in Vermont and honors Prevent Child Abuse Vermont for a half century of outstanding community leadership and service, *and be it further*

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

H.C.R. 231

Offered by Representative Quimby of Lyndon

House concurrent resolution honoring the outstanding achievements of the federal TRIO programs in Vermont

Whereas, at seven Vermont colleges and through the Vermont Student Assistance Corporation, students who aspire to be their families' first college graduate but lack the requisite funds can avail themselves of these federal educational support programs, and

Whereas, in 1964, in the Economic Opportunity Act, Congress established Upward Bound, the original federal college incentive program for financially disadvantaged students; in the Higher Education Act of 1965, Congress created Talent Search to assist these students applying for newly established federal financial aid support; and in 1968, the 1965 law was amended to include the Special Services for Disadvantaged Students program (now known as Student Support Services), and together these three services became commonly referred to as the federal TRIO programs, and

Whereas, subsequent amendments to the 1965 legislation created the Educational Opportunities Centers and Veterans Upward Bound (1972); the Ronald E. McNair Post-Baccalaureate Achievement Program (1986); and Upward Bound Math-Science (1990), which is a division of Upward Bound, and

Whereas, in 1992, Congress officially renamed and combined these programs as the federal TRIO programs, and they continue to be a special

gateway for financially disadvantaged students to pursue their college dream, and

Whereas, students and administrators representing the federal TRIO programs in Vermont are visiting the State House today, Thursday, April 16, 2026, and their visit serves as an opportunity to recognize the educational and societal roles of the federal TRIO programs, *now therefore be it*

Resolved by the Senate and House of Representatives:

That the General Assembly honors the outstanding achievements of the federal TRIO programs in Vermont, *and be it further*

Resolved: That the Secretary of State be directed to send a copy of this resolution to the Board of Directors of the Vermont Educational Opportunity Programs.

H.C.R. 232

Offered by Representatives Howard of Rutland City, Bosch of Clarendon, Harvey of Castleton, Howland of Rutland Town, Malay of Pittsford, McCoy of Poultney, Pinsonault of Dorset, and Pritchard of Pawlet

Offered by Senators Collamore, Weeks, and Williams

House concurrent resolution congratulating Malik Hines on his being named a National Afterschool Association's 2026 Next Generation of Afterschool Leader

Whereas, the educational and recreational activities offered in after-school programs serve as an important element of the day for many youngsters, and

Whereas, one of Vermont's premier organizations offering after-school services is the Boys and Girls Club of Rutland County, for which Malik Hines of Castleton, who previously worked at the Boys and Girls Club of Burlington, serves as the respected director of operations, and

Whereas, the staff, volunteers, and youngsters associated with this Rutland organization all recognize that Malik Hines is an enthusiastic and talented individual whose role is critical to the institution's smooth management, and

Whereas, annually, the National Afterschool Association "celebrates outstanding early-career professionals [30 years of age and younger] who are making a meaningful impact in the out-of-school time field through leadership, dedication, and a passion for helping youth succeed," and

Whereas, the selection panel had the challenging task of narrowing the pool of more than 140 outstanding nominees to just 30 individuals to be admitted

into the 2026 Next Generation of Afterschool Leaders cohort, and Malik Hines was delighted to be one of these individuals, and

Whereas, these superb young after-school leaders were honored last month at the annual convention of the National Afterschool Association held in Washington, DC, and

Whereas, the Boys and Girls Club of Rutland County is incredibly proud that Malik Hines is a recipient of this extraordinary and much-deserved national recognition, *now therefore be it*

Resolved by the Senate and House of Representatives:

That the General Assembly congratulates Malik Hines on his being named a National Afterschool Association's 2026 Next Generation of Afterschool Leader, *and be it further*

Resolved: That the Secretary of State be directed to send a copy of this resolution to Malik Hines and the Boys and Girls Club of Rutland County.

H.C.R. 233

Offered by Representatives Cole of Hartford, Austin of Colchester, Bishop of Colchester, Bos-Lun of Westminster, Burke of Brattleboro, Coffin of Cavendish, Dolan of Essex Junction, Duke of Burlington, Goslant of Northfield, Graning of Jericho, Greer of Bennington, Gregoire of Fairfield, Hango of Berkshire, Headrick of Burlington, Howard of Rutland City, Keyser of Rutland City, Lalley of Shelburne, LaMont of Morristown, Lipsky of Stowe, Long of Newfane, Luneau of St. Albans City, Masland of Thetford, McCann of Montpelier, McGill of Bridport, Morris of Springfield, Morrissey of Bennington, Mrowicki of Putney, Ode of Burlington, Olson of Starksboro, Pezzo of Colchester, Pouech of Hinesburg, Rachelson of Burlington, Squirrel of Underhill, Stone of Burlington, Sweeney of Shelburne, Taylor of Milton, Torre of Moretown, Wells of Brownington, and White of Waitsfield

House concurrent resolution honoring the 2026 nominees for the Boys & Girls Clubs of America's Vermont Youth of the Year award

Whereas, the Boys & Girls Clubs of America (BGCA) provides youth with the skills to become responsible and successful adults and community leaders, and

Whereas, since 1947, BGCA has conducted a national competition to honor one exceptional club member as the National Youth of the Year (NYOY), BGCA's highest honor, "who serves as both an exemplary ambassador for Boys & Girls Club youth, and as a strong voice for all of our nation's youth," and

Whereas, the journey on the path to selection as the NYOY includes local, state, regional, and national rounds, in which many outstanding youths, who embody “the values of leadership and service, academic excellence and healthy lifestyles,” are local nominees, and

Whereas, potential NYOYs who have participated in the organization’s year-round leadership program are role models for other club members and serve as representatives to the community at large, and

Whereas, the Vermont Youth of the Year, our State’s nominee for the regional NYOY competition, is being named today, April 2, 2026, in Montpelier, and the three contenders for this state-level award are Abdille, Luke, and Tyler, representing, respectively, BGCA’s Burlington, Brattleboro, and Rutland local clubs, and

Whereas, each of these three outstanding youths are present today to be legislatively honored, *now therefore be it*

Resolved by the Senate and House of Representatives:

That the General Assembly honors the 2026 nominees for the Boys & Girls Clubs of America’s Vermont Youth of the Year award, *and be it further*

Resolved: That the Secretary of State be directed to send a copy of this resolution to each of the three youths recognized in this resolution.

H.C.R. 234

Offered by Representative Noyes of Wolcott

House concurrent resolution designating April 9, 2026, as Alzheimer’s Awareness Day at the State House

Whereas, “dementia is a general term for loss of memory, language, problem-solving and other thinking abilities that [is] severe enough to interfere with daily life,” and Alzheimer’s, the most common form of dementia, is a progressive disease, and

Whereas, in 2025, over 12,000 Vermonters were living with Alzheimer’s and 20,000 caregivers provided 29 million hours of unpaid care, valued at \$773 million, and

Whereas, dementia caregivers report higher rates of emotional, physical, and financial stress than do caregivers of individuals with other types of illnesses, and

Whereas, more than one in five caregivers in Vermont are providing care to an individual with Alzheimer’s or another form of dementia, and

Whereas, over 10 percent of dementia caregivers in Vermont report being in frequent poor physical health, and, nationally, a significant percentage report problems due to the state of their mental health, and

Whereas, Vermont has prioritized support for dementia caregivers through the Dementia Respite Grant program that the Department of Disabilities, Aging, and Independent Living and the Area Agencies on Aging jointly administer, and

Whereas, the Dementia Respite Grant program allows dementia caregivers to have a brief break to take care of their own needs and to reduce caregiver burnout, and, importantly, this initiative aims to keep individuals in their communities and helps to defer the necessity of Medicaid support for as long as possible, and

Whereas, today, April 9, 2026, family members, caregivers, and medical professionals are gathered at the State House to inform the General Assembly of the financial, personal, and societal implications of Alzheimer's disease in Vermont, *now therefore be it*

Resolved by the Senate and House of Representatives:

That the General Assembly designates April 9, 2026, as Alzheimer's Awareness 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 Vermont Chapter of the Alzheimer's Association.

H.C.R. 235

Offered by Representatives North of Ferrisburgh and Birong of Vergennes

Offered by Senators Heffernan and Hardy

House concurrent resolution congratulating Sophia Parker of Addison on her selection as the 80th Miss Vermont

Whereas, over the course of eight decades, many outstanding young Vermont women have been honored to serve as Miss Vermont, and this proud tradition has continued with the selection of Sophia Parker of Addison as Miss Vermont 2025, and

Whereas, her interest in participating in the Miss Vermont competition dates to 2015, when she was crowned Miss Vermont's Teen, and

Whereas, Sophia Parker earned a bachelor's degree in nursing at the now Vermont State University-Castleton campus and is employed as a registered nurse on the staff of BAYADA Home Health Care, and

Whereas, she is applying her nursing skills as a medic, with the rank of sergeant, in the Vermont Army National Guard, and

Whereas, achieving the honor of serving as Miss Vermont remained a personal goal, and, despite her busy schedule, Sophia Parker devoted the requisite effort to this objective and was rewarded on May 4, 2025, when she was named the 80th Miss Vermont, and

Whereas, this honor included a \$7,500 scholarship and a \$5,000 grant to enroll in the Ellis Strategies public speaking and presentation program, and

Whereas, on September 7, 2025, Sophia Parker served as Vermont's outstanding representative at the 2025 Miss America competition in Orlando, Florida, and throughout this past year she has been a dedicated ambassador of the Miss Vermont Scholarship Organization, speaking to young women across the State concerning the scholarship and community service opportunities available through the organization, and

Whereas, Sophia Parker's community service initiative is entitled "Wildlife Rehabilitation and Stewardship of the Natural World," and, with her mother, she cofounded Otter Creek Wildlife Rescue, a nonprofit organization that rescues and rehabilitates Vermont birds and mammals, and she is Vermont's youngest licensed wildlife rehabilitator, and

Whereas, Sophia Parker has served with distinction as Miss Vermont 2025, *now therefore be it*

Resolved by the Senate and House of Representatives:

That the General Assembly congratulates Sophia Parker of Addison on her selection as the 80th Miss Vermont, *and be it further*

Resolved: That the Secretary of State be directed to send a copy of this resolution to Sophia Parker and the Miss Vermont Scholarship Organization, Inc.

H.C.R. 236

Offered by Representative Cooper of Pownal

House concurrent resolution celebrating the importance of the manufacturing industry in the Vermont economy and designating April 2, 2026, as Manufacturing Day at the State House

Whereas, Vermont's manufacturing industry generates an economic impact of \$2.92 billion, and it represents seven percent of Vermont's gross state product and consists of seven percent of the State's workforce, which

translates into 26,900 jobs across diverse industrial sectors of the State's economy, and

Whereas, manufacturing plays a pivotal role in the growth and development of both rural and urban communities throughout Vermont, representing businesses that are renowned globally and at the forefront of innovation across various industries, and

Whereas, Vermont's manufacturers contribute significantly to fostering strategic relationships between the State and neighboring regions, including New England, New York, and Canada, as well as the broader local and global economy, and

Whereas, innovation and the diversification of Vermont's economy are exemplified by industry leaders who prioritize community values in their operations, *now therefore be it*

Resolved by the Senate and House of Representatives:

That the General Assembly celebrates the importance of the manufacturing industry in the Vermont economy and designates April 2, 2026, as Manufacturing 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 Associated Industries of Vermont, the Regional Development Corporations of Vermont, the Vermont Chamber of Commerce, and the Vermont Manufacturing Extension Center.

H.C.R. 237

Offered by All Members of the House

House concurrent resolution congratulating the Vermont-associated 2026 Winter Olympics medal winners

Whereas, the 2026 Milan-Cortina Winter Olympics included a spectacular display of the athletic prowess of 24 Vermont-resident or Vermont-educated competitors, and six of them captured seven of the 33 U.S. medals, confirming the premier role Vermont continues to play in incubating U.S. Olympic skiers, and

Whereas, Ryan Cochran-Siegle of Starksboro, who attended the University of Vermont (UVM), repeated his 2022 silver medaling in the alpine super-G, and completed the course merely 0.13 seconds behind the gold medalist, Franjo von Allmen of Switzerland, and he won his 2026 silver medal 54 years to the day that his mother, Barbara Ann Cochran, won the women's slalom gold medal at the 1972 Winter Olympics in Sapporo, Japan, and

Whereas, the world’s top-ranked and most-decorated women’s cross-country skier and founding member of the prestigious SMS T2 cross-country skiing team Jessie Diggins, competing in her final Olympics, added to her Olympic triumphs (2018–gold–sprint, 2022–silver–freestyle, and 2022–bronze–freestyle sprint) when she captured the bronze in the 10k skate, and

Whereas, second-time Olympian, Stratton Mountain School alumnus, and big air skier Mac Forehand, in an astounding display of skiing bravado and ingenuity, completed the first-ever “2160-degree nose-butter triple cork,” secured the silver medal in the big air competition, and exercised exemplary sportsmanship, when, by an extremely narrow margin, Norwegian Tormod Frostad was awarded the gold medal, and

Whereas, former Landgrove and now Richmond resident, Stratton Mountain School alum, UVM mechanical engineering graduate, two-time individual NCAA cross-country skiing champion, and member of the prestigious SMS T2 cross-country skiing team Ben Ogden skied in his second Olympics, and his performance 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, ending the 50-year American hiatus in men’s cross-country skiing Olympic medaling, which Vermonter Bill Koch last achieved in 1976, and, as an added thrill, Ben Ogden earned a second silver medal, teaming with Gus Schumacher on the U.S. men’s cross-country sprint freestyle team to win the first American medal in this event, and

Whereas, UVM alum and current Waitsfield resident Paula Moltzan was the first Junior World Championships women’s slalom gold medalist, was the first UVM Catamount freshman to win the NCAA women’s slalom title, and was twice named an NCAA First Team All-American; more recently, she performed superbly in World Cup slalom and giant slalom competitions; and, at the 2026 Winter Olympics, she earned her first Olympic medal, a bronze, skiing the slalom segment of the new women’s team combined event, in partnership with her downhill teammate, Jackie Wiles, delighting students at the Green Mountain Valley School with whom she trains at Sugarbush, and

Whereas, Burke Academy alum Mikaela Shiffrin, the most decorated alpine skier in the sport’s history and prior Olympian (2014–gold–slalom, 2018–gold–giant slalom, and 2018–silver–women’s alpine combined), dominated the slalom to win the gold medal, marking a new milestone in her remarkable career on the slopes, and

Whereas, each of these Vermont-associated medalists magnificently represented our nation at the 2026 Milan-Cortina Winter Olympics, *now therefore be it*

Resolved by the Senate and House of Representatives:

That the General Assembly congratulates the Vermont-associated 2026 Winter Olympics medal winners, *and be it further*

Resolved: That the Secretary of State be directed to send a copy of this resolution to each of the Olympians honored in this resolution.

H.C.R. 238

Offered by All Members of the House

House concurrent resolution congratulating the Vermont Association for the Blind and Visually Impaired on a century of advocating for and facilitating the realization of outstanding support services

Whereas, in 1926, Helen Keller, the ardent advocate for individuals with visual impairment, toured Vermont and encouraged the State's governmental leadership to provide public financing for services assisting Vermonters who were blind or visually impaired, and

Whereas, she proved an effective advocate, as her speaking engagement in Burlington sparked considerable interest, and, in May 1926, her efforts resulted in the establishment of the nonprofit organization the Vermont Association for the Blind, now known as the Vermont Association for the Blind and Visually Impaired (VABVI), and

Whereas, upon being formed, VABVI partnered with the State to develop a statewide program to facilitate vital support services for impacted individuals, and

Whereas, for the past century, this partnership has improved the lives of countless Vermonters of all ages who are either blind or visually impaired, and

Whereas, in 2026, VABVI is an integral organization in the system of support for the visually impaired, and this work is now especially important as the number of persons in need of these vital services is anticipated to double by the year 2030, *now therefore be it*

Resolved by the Senate and House of Representatives:

That the General Assembly congratulates the Vermont Association for the Blind and Visually Impaired on a century of advocating for and facilitating the realization of outstanding support services, *and be it further*

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