

CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

ADDENDUM

TO THE

HOUSE CALENDAR

**Text of House Concurrent
Resolutions**

of

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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. 252

Offered by Representatives Kornheiser of Brattleboro, Burke of Brattleboro, and Goodnow of Brattleboro

Offered by Senators Harrison and Hashim

House concurrent resolution honoring Mary Houghton of Brattleboro as an extraordinary advocate for sustainable and affordable housing

Whereas, for nearly 40 years, Mary Houghton has envisioned, initiated, and promoted affordable housing in Vermont's communities, and

Whereas, her affordable housing passion can be traced back to 1987, when she began a 20-year tenure as the director of finance at the still-experimental and fledgling Burlington Community Land Trust (BCLT), with its mission to facilitate permanently affordable housing for both renting and ownership through community ownership of the underlying land, and

Whereas, Mary Houghton's leadership at BCLT has been characterized as "foundational to the organization's early growth and enduring success," and "transforming it into one of the most respected community land trusts in the country," and, in 2002, the Ford Foundation awarded the organization and its leaders, Houghton and her co-director, Brenda Torpy, the Leadership for a Changing World award, and

Whereas, her standard schedule of being the first to arrive, last to leave, and frequently working weekends, exemplified her dedication and passion for the mission of BCLT, and resulted in her designation as a co-director, and

Whereas, a critical outcome of her work was the successful merger of BCLT and the Lake Champlain Housing Development Corporation into the larger and greater-resourced Champlain Housing Trust, and

Whereas, Mary Houghton brought her affordable housing expertise to southern Vermont, where for nine years she served as both the finance director and deputy director of the Brattleboro Housing Authority, and

Whereas, more recently, as a volunteer, she has served on the boards of the Windham & Windsor Housing Trust, Brattleboro’s Tri-Park Cooperative Housing Corporation, and the Vermont State Housing Authority, and

Whereas, in 2019, the Vermont Housing and Conservation Board presented Mary Houghton with its George Nutting Community Catalyst Award, and

Whereas, aside from her exemplary affordable housing efforts, Mary Houghton has served on the board of the Public Safety Project, a municipal community improvement effort in the Old North End of Burlington, and, since 2019, on the Legislative Apportionment Board, *now therefore be it*

Resolved by the Senate and House of Representatives:

That the General Assembly honors Mary Houghton of Brattleboro as an extraordinary advocate for sustainable and affordable housing, *and be it further*

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

H.C.R. 253

Offered by All Members of the House

Offered by All Members of the Senate

House concurrent resolution congratulating the 2025 Green Mountain Council Class of Eagle Scouts

Whereas, earning the rank of Eagle is a special honor that, nationally, only four to six percent of young members enrolled in Scouting America is privileged to earn, and

Whereas, an Eagle Scout is an individual who exhibits a strong commitment to service and perseveres to reach this challenging goal, and

Whereas, the following Scouts who proudly achieved the rank of Eagle during 2025 were Corey Caulfield, Niko Chernyshov, Adam Coburn, Elliot Cohen, Emerson Cohen, Amelia Currier, Caleb Demingware, Michael Denis, Theron Desroches, Sean Early, Liam Egbert, Grey Fearon, August Frazier, Cooper Freeman, Jackson Gagne, Samuel Gilliam, Logan Grimm, Charley Gunkel, Alexander Johnson, Leena Jomaa, Aureliano Joyce, Bryant Keith-Turner, Tyler Keyes, Quinnlan Kittson, Travis Knapp, Sampson Lake, Coleton Lapham, Jacob Law, Daniel Lemieux, Simon Leroux, Finn Liland, Gabriel Limlaw, Alden Looft, Brody McGuire, Ethan Metayer, Jeremiah Mosher, James Mount, Alexander Palazzo, Duncan Shaver, Jackson Tellstone, Sarah

Tolgyesi, Maxwell Wagner, Jacob Warrell, Benjamin Wellborn, Logan Wells, and Jackson Yager, and

Whereas, each of these new Eagle rank honorees exemplifies the best attributes of the Scouting Movement, *now therefore be it*

Resolved by the Senate and House of Representatives:

That the General Assembly congratulates the 2025 Green Mountain Council Class of Eagle Scouts, *and be it further*

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

H.C.R. 254

Offered by Representatives Luneau of St. Albans City, Bartley of Fairfax, Branagan of Georgia, Brigham of St. Albans Town, Demar of Enosburgh, Dickinson of St. Albans Town, Gregoire of Fairfield, Hango of Berkshire, Laroche of Franklin, Oliver of Sheldon, and Walker of Swanton

House concurrent resolution congratulating the 2026 Bellows Free Academy-St. Albans Bobwhites Division I championship boys' basketball team

Whereas, for 39 years, the Bellows Free Academy (BFA)-St. Albans boys' basketball team had longed for championship glory that seemed eternally elusive, and

Whereas, the opening of the 2025–2026 season offered another chance to achieve this long-sought-after goal, and although the Bobwhites garnered a sixth seed for playoff competition, not the most encouraging indicator of success, BFA-St. Albans persevered and earned a championship game berth against the top-ranked Rice Memorial High School Green Knights, and

Whereas, before a large crowd at the University of Vermont's Patrick Gymnasium, the Bobwhites won the opening tip, and despite initially trailing, BFA-St. Albans quickly displayed its basketball savvy, surging ahead to an 18–12 lead at the end of the first quarter, continuing forward to a 30–20 halftime advantage, maintaining the momentum 41–34 at the third quarter's conclusion, and despite a Green Knight's fourth-quarter drive, winning the game 54–48, and writing a bright new page in the school's athletics history, and

Whereas, this amazing Bobwhites team consisted of Lucas Robert, Tripp Rabtoy, Isaac Branon, Max Sweeney, Max Alberico, Michael Lavallee, Sullivan Stebbins, Levi Walters, Ryan Lockerby, Anthony Fontaine, Ryan Munger, and Kobe Simpson, and

Whereas, Head Coach Tristan Menard and assistant coaches Shawn Earl and Sean Sweeney were extremely proud of the Bobwhites, *now therefore be it*

Resolved by the Senate and House of Representatives:

That the General Assembly congratulates the 2026 Bellows Free Academy-St. Albans Bobwhites Division I championship boys' basketball team, *and be it further*

Resolved: That the Secretary of State be directed to send a copy of this resolution to BFA-St. Albans.

H.C.R. 255

Offered by Representatives Luneau of St. Albans City, Bartley of Fairfax, Branagan of Georgia, Brigham of St. Albans Town, Demar of Enosburgh, Dickinson of St. Albans Town, Greer of Bennington, Gregoire of Fairfield, Laroche of Franklin, Oliver of Sheldon, and Walker of Swanton

House concurrent resolution congratulating the 2026 Bellows Free Academy-St. Albans Comets Division I girls' championship ice hockey team

Whereas, the talented and collaborative Comets played skillfully all season, garnered the top playoff seed, and was undefeated during its regular season prior to the championship contest against third-seeded Essex, and

Whereas, having reached the decisive game in 2024 and 2025, and last year also against Essex, the 2026 Comets were determined to win this year's championship, and

Whereas, at the University of Vermont's Gutterson Fieldhouse, the winning path was started at the 11:46 mark of the first period, when, on a power play, Bellows Free Academy (BFA)-St. Albans scored its opening goal, and with great offensive and defensive play, never lost the lead, concluding the contest with a 3-1 victory, the Division I crown, and an 18-game undefeated streak, and

Whereas, the thrilled Comets (20-1-2) who skated strongly to the championship were Lily Desautels, Haylie Lanfear, Chatham Brouillette, Emma Caster, Lillian Ferraro, Kaylyn Hughes, Jillian Smith, Braelyn Fitzgerald, Isabella Stuart, Rylee LaRocque, Marion Pearson-Stanley, Marley Johnson, Hailey Aylward, Marah McGinn, Gabby Fraties, Aiyana Lamos, Makayla Couture, Reina Spaulding, Kali Cushing, Dahlia Steele, Anna Hibbard, Isabelle Mulheron, and Jenessa Yates, and

Whereas, Head Coach Luke Cioffi and assistant coaches Jeff Rouleau, Chelsea Forsyth, Erin Shepard, Ben Lovelette, and Kriti Viens guided and inspired the team, *now therefore be it*

Resolved by the Senate and House of Representatives:

That the General Assembly congratulates the 2026 Bellows Free Academy-St. Albans Comets Division I girls' championship ice hockey team, *and be it further*

Resolved: That the Secretary of State be directed to send a copy of this resolution to BFA-St. Albans.

H.C.R. 256

Offered by Representatives Luneau of St. Albans City, Bartley of Fairfax, Branagan of Georgia, Brigham of St. Albans Town, Demar of Enosburgh, Dickinson of St. Albans Town, Gregoire of Fairfield, Hango of Berkshire, Laroche of Franklin, Oliver of Sheldon, and Walker of Swanton

House concurrent resolution congratulating Grant Montgomery on his dual State championship alpine skiing victories

Whereas, the absence of a varsity alpine skiing team at Bellows Free Academy-St. Albans has not deterred junior Grant Montgomery's competitive aspirations, and he arranged to train as an independent with Rice Memorial High School at Cochran's ski area, gaining the benefits of Rice Coach Bob Cochran's guidance and the experience of racing with the Rice team, and

Whereas, this unusual arrangement, in combination with racing alongside coaches from the Smugglers' Notch Ski and Snowboard Club, built a great foundation for Grant Montgomery to establish an enviable record of achievement during the 2025–2026 alpine ski racing season, and

Whereas, Grant Montgomery won nearly every race he entered, and his high expectations for strong performances at the season finale's district, State, and regional meets were exceeded, and

Whereas, at the start of this critical circuit, Grant Montgomery warmed up by capturing first place in both the giant slalom and slalom races at the northern district event at the Middlebury Snowbowl, and

Whereas, after only a few intervening days, Grant Montgomery headed to Burke Mountain Resort for the greater challenge of the two-day State championship, and

Whereas, in day one's giant slalom, he finished the first of the two runs in fourth place, and a strong second run gave him a combined time of 1:53:68, a

narrow but decisive .22 seconds ahead of the second-place finisher, and on day two at Burke, his two outstanding slalom runs scored a combined time of 1:29:24, a comfortable 3.72 seconds ahead of the runner-up, enabling him to clinch both individual titles and complete a double-header victory, and

Whereas, his superb 2026 winter on the slopes earned Grant Montgomery a coveted spot on Vermont's Eastern High School Championship alpine team, and at the Attitash Mountain Resort event in New Hampshire, the Vermonters were pleased with their overall fourth-place finish, and

Whereas, in recognition of his stupendous results at Burke Mountain, the *St. Albans Messenger* named him the newspaper's Athlete of the Week, *now therefore be it*

Resolved by the Senate and House of Representatives:

That the General Assembly congratulates Grant Montgomery on his dual State championship alpine skiing victories, *and be it further*

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

H.C.R. 257

Offered by Representatives Cole of Hartford, Christie of Hartford, and Hoyt of Hartford

Offered by Senators White, Clarkson, and Major

House concurrent resolution congratulating the 2026 Hartford High School Hurricanes girls' ice hockey team on winning a third consecutive Division II championship

Whereas, at the championship game, the defending two-time Division II champions and second-seeded Hartford Hurricanes skated confidently onto the ice at the University of Vermont's Gutterson Fieldhouse against the top-seeded U-32 Raiders, with a bonus contingent in the Hurricanes' arsenal of several hockey-proficient and talented eighth graders, including an impressive goalie who tallied 29 saves, and

Whereas, Hartford, which always commanded the lead, opened the scoring with slightly over two minutes remaining in the first period; an offensive-savvy eighth grader contributed a second point in the second period plus two in the third; and with a late-game score from a Hurricanes teammate, the sole Raider third-period goal proved inconsequential to the Hurricanes' 5-1 victory, and

Whereas, the triumphant Hurricanes, who joyously skated off the ice at the game's conclusion, were Paisley Danaher, Jaylin Haley, Aubree Vail, Johanna Kissell, Chase Stockwell, Vivian Tsouknakis, Sophie Daniels, Alex Perkins, Maria Chaput, Zoe Zanleoni, Gracie Roberts, Ali Morlock, Grace Hayes, and Flynn Moreno, and

Whereas, Head Coach Jason Gramling; Assistant Coach Jay Zanleoni; Goalie Coach Erin Stevens; and student managers Lily Puls, Sophia Timoshenko, and Madison Gramling were delighted, *now therefore be it*

Resolved by the Senate and House of Representatives:

That the General Assembly congratulates the 2026 Hartford High School Hurricanes girls' ice hockey team on winning a third consecutive Division II championship, *and be it further*

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

H.C.R. 258

Offered by Representatives Cole of Hartford, Christie of Hartford, and Hoyt of Hartford

Offered by Senators White, Clarkson, and Major

House concurrent resolution congratulating the 2026 Hartford High School Hurricanes Division II championship girls' basketball team

Whereas, after 14 years bereft of a divisional title and with 2012 Head Coach Steve Landon again at the team's helm, the second-seeded Hurricanes were eager to play the top-seeded Lamoille Union High School Lancers for the Division II championship, and

Whereas, in a defensive-centered contest at the Barre Auditorium, the Hurricanes limited the Lancers to 10 points in each half, and, in the third quarter, when Lamoille narrowed Hartford's lead to 20–17, the Windsor County team initiated a 17–3 scoring run to ensure a solid 37–20 victory, bringing home the 2026 Division II crown, and

Whereas, this outstanding Hartford squad consisted of Lily Argyros, Ruby French, Lucy Crowley, Sylvia Johnson, Charlotte Jasmin, Natalie Clark, Hailey Vanasse, Mackenzie Bennett, Sadie Mullen, and Riley Martin, and

Whereas, Head Coach Steve Landon; assistant coaches Branson Landon, Joey Gillam, Ava Thorburn, and Lacey TanCreti; and team staff member Ed Welch were essential for this great Hurricanes victory, *now therefore be it*

Resolved by the Senate and House of Representatives:

That the General Assembly congratulates the 2026 Hartford High School Hurricanes Division II championship girls' basketball team, *and be it further*

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

H.C.R. 259

Offered by Representatives Branagan of Georgia, Austin of Colchester, Bartley of Fairfax, Bosch of Clarendon, Burkhardt of South Burlington, Burrows of West Windsor, Burt of Cabot, Canfield of Fair Haven, Coffin of Cavendish, Dodge of Essex, Durfee of Shaftsbury, Goslant of Northfield, Greer of Bennington, Gregoire of Fairfield, Hango of Berkshire, Headrick of Burlington, Holcombe of Norwich, Howard of Rutland City, Howland of Rutland Town, Kimbell of Woodstock, Kleppner of Burlington, Lipsky of Stowe, Logan of Burlington, Maguire of Rutland City, Malay of Pittsford, Masland of Thetford, McCoy of Poultney, Morgan, M. of Milton, Morris of Springfield, North of Ferrisburgh, Ode of Burlington, Parsons of Newbury, Pinsonault of Dorset, Pritchard of Pawlet, Quimby of Lyndon, Sweeney of Shelburne, Tagliavia of Corinth, and Winter of Ludlow

Offered by Senators Chittenden, Collamore, Mattos, Norris, Perchlik, and Williams

House concurrent resolution congratulating Terese Black on being named the 2026 Vermont Mother of the Year

Whereas, for approximately nine decades, the American Mothers, Inc. organization has annually honored a mother in each state and territory who “embodies traits highly regarded in mothers and displays the ability to strengthen family relationships through maternal energy,” and

Whereas, the 2026 Vermont Mother of the Year is Terese Black, the mother of two children and a “bonus” stepchild, and

Whereas, Terese Black has been described as “a gifted mother, generous to people from all walks of life, and a loving friend to many in the community,” and

Whereas, her professional career has centered on helping others improve their lives, and, for 18 years, she was a teacher in elementary, junior high, and high school classrooms in Iowa, Chicago, and Vermont, and

Whereas, the career of Terese Black moved in a new direction when she started a 16-year tenure as the director of Rutland Dismas House, a residential

organization that “reconcile[s] former prisoners with society and society with former prisoners,” an important transitional process that assists the residents in rebuilding their lives, and among other current volunteer roles, she now chairs the governing council, and

Whereas, the other community groups with which she has been associated are the Mentor Connector (mentoring a youth for five years), VeggieVanGo, the former Companions in Wholeness, and Bridge to Rutland (hosting a female asylum seeker for 10 months), and

Whereas, for Terese Black, her Catholic faith has been paramount, and, for many years, she has been associated in various ways with the Sisters of the Presentation in Dubuque, Iowa; is a member of the Sophia Sisters Prayer Group in Rutland and Concerned Catholics of Vermont; has served on the council at Christ the King parish in Rutland; and plays the guitar with a folk group at St. Alphonsus Ligouri in Pittsford, and

Whereas, for all these exemplary roles, Terese Black is an ideal Vermont Mother of the Year, *now therefore be it*

Resolved by the Senate and House of Representatives:

That the General Assembly congratulates Terese Black on being named the 2026 Vermont Mother of the Year, *and be it further*

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

H.C.R. 260

Offered by Representatives Cole of Hartford, Christie of Hartford, and Hoyt of Hartford

Offered by Senators White, Clarkson, and Major

House concurrent resolution congratulating Hartford Hurricanes Captain Charlotte Jasmin on being named the 2026 Vermont girls’ basketball Gatorade Player of the Year

Whereas, to score 1,000 points during a four-year tenure on a high school girls’ basketball team is a laudable achievement, but to double that number is truly spectacular and an occasion to celebrate, and

Whereas, only a small number of high school girls’ basketball players earn this special distinction, and in 2026, Hartford Hurricanes Captain Charlotte Jasmin became only the fifth Vermonter to reach this pinnacle, and her four-year scoring total of 2,025 points also places her at number five among all Vermont high school female basketball players, and

Whereas, Charlotte Jasmin is only the fourth 2,000-point scorer to play for at least one championship team, as the Hurricanes defeated the Lamoille Lancers for the 2026 Division II title, 37–20, and

Whereas, for National Honor Society member Charlotte Jasmin, dominance on the basketball court has hardly distracted her classroom focus, and she has set aside time to volunteer with the Hope Happens Here Foundation, an organization dedicated to destigmatizing mental health issues for student-athletes, and to serve on the Hartford High School Athletic Leadership Council, and

Whereas, these multiple achievements persuaded the panel of judges to honor Charlotte Jasmin as the 2026 Vermont girls' basketball Gatorade Player of the Year, *now therefore be it*

Resolved by the Senate and House of Representatives:

That the General Assembly congratulates Hartford Hurricanes Captain Charlotte Jasmin on being named the 2026 Vermont girls' basketball Gatorade Player of the Year, *and be it further*

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

H.C.R. 261

Offered by Representative Noyes of Wolcott

House concurrent resolution recognizing May 2026 as Older Americans Month and designating May 6, 2026, as Age Strong Vermont Day

Whereas, the life experience, knowledge, and contributions of older Vermonters are invaluable societal assets, making Vermont a state with considerable historical knowledge and professional experience, and

Whereas, May is celebrated nationally every year as Older Americans Month, a time to recognize older adults' invaluable contributions, to highlight aging trends, and to reaffirm Vermont's commitment to serving older adults, and

Whereas, according to the U.S. Census' American Community Survey, as of 2024, 22.8 percent of Vermont's population is 65 years of age or older, and

Whereas, this demographic reality presents opportunities to capitalize on the diverse experiences, expertise, and skills of older Vermonters, and

Whereas, since the enactment of the Older Vermonters Act (2020 Acts and Resolves No. 156), State government, the nonprofit sector, and the private

sector have partnered to establish Age Strong VT, Vermont's first multisector plan on aging, which was released in January 2024, and

Whereas, Age Strong VT focuses on the State's changing age demographics through an examination of affordable aging; healthy aging for all; social connection; infrastructure for the future, including housing, transportation, and community design; elder justice; family caregiver support; and strengthening overall systems of support, and

Whereas, the Departments of Disabilities, Aging, and Independent Living and of Health are jointly overseeing an Age Strong VT implementation process that is now in its third year and that involves other State offices, local communities, and other organizations, including the General Assembly, and

Whereas, the designation of a specific day during Older Americans Month to celebrate the Age Strong VT initiative will serve to emphasize the project's societal importance, *now therefore be it*

Resolved by the Senate and House of Representatives:

That the General Assembly recognizes May 2026 as Older Americans Month and designates May 6, 2026, as Age Strong Vermont Day, *and be it further*

Resolved: That the Secretary of State be directed to send a copy of this resolution to the Commissioner of Disabilities, Aging, and Independent Living, and to the Commissioner of Health.