

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. 262

Offered by Representatives Masland of Thetford, Holcombe of Norwich, and Mrowicki of Putney

Offered by Senator White

House concurrent resolution honoring Vermont singer-songwriter and two-time Grammy Award nominee Noah Berkenkamp Kahan for his amazing contributions to American popular music and for creating and leading the Busyhead Project

Whereas, Strafford native Noah Kahan has emerged as a bright light on the popular American music scene, and

Whereas, born in 1997, his father and mother, respectively, instructed him in guitar playing and writing, and, at eight years of age, Noah Kahan started writing songs and sharing them on social media, developing an audience for his creative oeuvre, and

Whereas, after graduating from Hanover High School in New Hampshire, Noah Kahan focused on his musicianship: his breakthrough single "Hurt Somebody" achieved gold level sales in the United States and sold well internationally; at 20 years of age, he signed a recording contract with Republic Records; he released his debut album *Busyhead* (2019), and later *I Was/I Am* (2021), and *Stick Season* (2022) became a thrilling commercial success, resulting in a Grammy Award nomination for Best New Artist, and

Whereas, in July 2024, Noah Kahan impressively played two sold-out concerts at Fenway Park in Boston, Massachusetts, and, in 2025, the musician's international prestige increased with his appearance at England's famous Glastonbury Festival of Contemporary Performing Arts, and

Whereas, there is a second aspect to Noah Kahan's life—his establishment and dedicated leadership of the Busyhead Project in 2023, a mental health support initiative that his own challenges inspired, and

Whereas, the Busyhead Project offers "resources and information needed to end the stigma around mental health," and since its launch, the Busyhead

Project has raised over four million dollars for grants to more than 160 community mental health organizations worldwide, contributing to its objective to facilitate universal mental health care access, and

Whereas, on April 24, 2024, Noah Kahan’s greatly anticipated fourth album, *The Great Divide*, will debut for his numerous fans’ listening pleasure, *now therefore be it*

Resolved by the Senate and House of Representatives:

That the General Assembly honors Vermont singer-songwriter and two-time Grammy Award nominee Noah Berkenkamp Kahan for his amazing contributions to American popular music and for creating and leading the Busyhead Project, *and be it further*

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

H.C.R. 263

Offered by Representatives Graning of Jericho, Brown of Richmond, Squirrell of Underhill, Stevens of Waterbury, and Wood of Waterbury

Offered by Senators Chittenden, Lyons, and Ram Hinsdale

House concurrent resolution congratulating the 2026 Mount Mansfield Union High School Cougars Division I championship girls’ basketball team

Whereas, prior to 2026, the top-seeded Mount Mansfield Union High School (MMU) Cougars girls’ basketball program had never won an end-of-season championship, and

Whereas, securing a berth against second-seeded Rutland High School was simpler than the unusual championship game maze, which the Cougars successfully navigated on the hardwood floor at the University of Vermont’s Patrick Gymnasium, and

Whereas, despite MMU’s strong first-quarter offensive display, the Rutland team rebounded vigorously during the second and third quarters, leaving the Cougars to contend with a 22-point scoring deficit late in the third quarter, with only 8:46 remaining in the contest, and

Whereas, beginning with a 6–0 run during the third quarter’s closing moments, the Cougars dominated fourth-quarter play, outscoring Rutland 30–6 to achieve a remarkable come-from-behind 62–60 victory and MMU’s first Division I championship, and

Whereas, the amazing Cougar roster featured Emma Brownell, Morgan Campbell, Alyce Dorman, Victoria Farrell, Maya Guilmette, Allie Hamilton, Katie Hamilton, Delilah Locher, Maysa Long, Keeley Long, Margaret Morley, Nora Page, Madelyn Skar, Monae Taylor, and Genevieve Wasser, and

Whereas, Head Coach Mark Pfaff and assistant coaches Bruce Audette, Jen Hempey, Nan Campbell, Meghan O’Sullivan, Jenna Page, and Luke Stone inspired the team to surge ahead despite overwhelming odds, *now therefore be it*

Resolved by the Senate and House of Representatives:

That the General Assembly congratulates the 2026 Mount Mansfield Union High School Cougars Division I championship girls’ basketball team, *and be it further*

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

H.C.R. 264

Offered by Representatives Hango of Berkshire, Branagan of Georgia, Demar of Enosburgh, Gregoire of Fairfield, Laroche of Franklin, Luneau of St. Albans City, and Walker of Swanton

Offered by Senators Brock and Norris

House concurrent resolution congratulating the 2026 Richford High School Rockets Division IV championship girls’ basketball team

Whereas, from 2022 through 2025, Division IV girls’ basketball championships were the exclusive domain of the West Rutland High School Golden Horde, but, in 2026, the Richford Rockets dethroned the long-standing queens of the court, demonstrating consistent defensive and timely offensive skills, and

Whereas, the championship game, played at the Barre Auditorium, opened as a match between two seemingly evenly matched teams, as the Rockets concluded the first quarter holding a narrow 9–8 lead, but this perception quickly evaporated in the second quarter as the Rockets overwhelmed West Rutland on the scoring board, reaching the halftime break well ahead, 24–11, and

Whereas, success in maintaining a strong lead continued into the second half, as Richford recorded the first 13 points; the Rocket’s top scorer tallied 28 points, including a stunning 13 out of 15 successful free throw shots, and all

these factors contributed to the Franklin County school's convincing 43–23 victory and first Division IV title since 2015, and

Whereas, the focused student athletes who turned the historical page on Division IV girls' basketball were Adi Chagnon, Mia St. Pierre, Brooklynn Letourneau, Katelyn Doe, Clara Vengert, Sophia Derby, Justice Stewart, and Erin Raymond, and

Whereas, Head Coach Andrew Derby, and his great assistant coaches Mike Gervais and Randi Chagnon, built effective strategies for the Rocket's stunning season finale, *now therefore be it*

Resolved by the Senate and House of Representatives:

That the General Assembly congratulates the 2026 Richford High School Rockets Division IV championship girls' basketball team, *and be it further*

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

H.C.R. 265

Offered by Representatives Morgan, M. of Milton and Morgan, L. of Milton

Offered by Senator Brennan

House concurrent resolution congratulating Ryan and Gabrielle Viens on their life-saving rescue support for Grand Isle County Sheriff's Department Sgt. Nicholas Pillsbury

Whereas, on March 4, 2026, the quick and effective response of two off-duty South Hero volunteer firefighters, husband and wife Ryan and Gabrielle Viens, proved crucial to the rescue of Grand Isle County Sheriff's Department Sgt. Nicholas Pillsbury, and

Whereas, as Grand Isle County Sheriff Ray Allen related the story, at approximately 8:15 p.m., Sgt. Nicholas Pillsbury conducted a traffic stop on Route 2 in South Hero based on a stop sign violation, and

Whereas, once Sgt. Nicholas Pillsbury stopped the vehicle, the driver immediately pulled away, executed a U-turn, and drove straight at the law enforcement officer, who was standing at the side of his cruiser, and, upon impact, Sgt. Nicholas Pillsbury was dragged under the vehicle as it headed off the road, and

Whereas, a tree located on the property of Ryan and Gabrielle Viens halted the vehicle's trajectory, and

Whereas, both Ryan and Gabrielle Viens heard the crash and raced to the site, where Ryan Viens prevented the operator from backing the vehicle off the property, and he simultaneously heard Sgt. Nicholas Pillsbury's yells for help from underneath the vehicle, and

Whereas, Ryan Viens dashed off to call for assistance while Gabrielle Viens remained with Sgt. Nicholas Pillsbury, and once the emergency services crew arrived to oversee the extraction operation, both assisted in this time-sensitive effort, and

Whereas, there is no doubt Sgt. Nicholas Pillsbury's rescue would not have occurred as rapidly, and possibly not at all, had Ryan and Gabrielle Viens not immediately responded to the crash, as Sgt. Nicholas Pillsbury was not visible to the rescuers nor continuously conscious, and

Whereas, in recognition of Ryan and Gabrielle Viens's superb responsiveness throughout this public-safety emergency, Grand Isle County Sheriff Ray Allen has recommended they be awarded the State Lifesaver of the Year Award, *now therefore be it*

Resolved by the Senate and House of Representatives:

That the General Assembly congratulates Ryan and Gabrielle Viens on their life-saving rescue support for Grand Isle County Sheriff's Department Sgt. Nicholas Pillsbury, *and be it further*

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

H.C.R. 266

Offered by Representatives McCann of Montpelier, Arsenault of Williston, Austin of Colchester, Berbeco of Winooski, Bishop of Colchester, Bluemle of Burlington, Branagan of Georgia, Brown of Richmond, Burke of Brattleboro, Burkhardt of South Burlington, Coffin of Cavendish, Cole of Hartford, Conlon of Cornwall, Cooper of Pownal, Dolan of Essex Junction, Duke of Burlington, Eastes of Guilford, Goldman of Rockingham, Goodnow of Brattleboro, Goslant of Northfield, Graning of Jericho, Hango of Berkshire, Harple of Glover, Holcombe of Norwich, Houghton of Essex Junction, Howard of Rutland City, Hunter of Manchester, James of Manchester, Krasnow of South Burlington, LaLonde of South Burlington, Long of Newfane, Marcotte of Coventry, Masland of Thetford, McCoy of Poultney, McGill of Bridport, Minier of South Burlington, Morgan, M. of Milton, Morris of Springfield, Morrissey of Bennington, Nugent of South Burlington, Ode of Burlington, Olson of Starksboro, Pinsonault of Dorset, Rachelson of Burlington, Sibia of Dover, Stone of Burlington, Sweeney of Shelburne, Tomlinson of Winooski,

Torre of Moretown, Wells of Brownington, Wood of Waterbury, and Yacovone of Morristown

House concurrent resolution congratulating Linda Alvarez on being named the 2026 Vermont Teacher of the Year and commending the two distinguished finalists

Whereas, every year since 1964, the Vermont Agency of Education and its predecessor, the Department of Education, has honored one outstanding public school teacher in the State as the Teacher of the Year, who is recognized at the University of Vermont's Outstanding Teacher Day and represents Vermont at the National Teacher of the Year program in Washington, DC, and

Whereas, in 2026, the deserving recipient of this commendation is Linda Alvarez, an instructor for four years in business and entrepreneurship at the Windham Regional Career Center in Brattleboro, and she is especially delighted to be the first Vermont career technical education teacher to receive this award, and

Whereas, Linda Alvarez graduated with a history major and an education minor from the University of Florida; holds an MBA in management, marketing, and communications from Fitchburg State University in Massachusetts; and is completing a certificate in school management and leadership at Harvard University, and

Whereas, Secretary of Education Zoe Saunders has described Linda Alvarez as a teacher with a "commitment to equity, innovation, and excellence [who] prepares students not only for careers and college, but for meaningful lives beyond the classroom," and

Whereas, Windham Regional Career Center Director Nancy Wiese described Linda Alvarez as "a visionary who equips ... [students] not only with skills but also with confidence and purpose to face the future," and

Whereas, Linda Alvarez provides her students with hands-on real-world experience that benefits them whether they attend college or proceed directly from high school graduation into the workforce, and

Whereas, beyond her classroom duties, Linda Alvarez advises her school's Future Business Leaders of America chapter, serves on the Windham Southeast Supervisory Union Special Education Parent Advisory Council, and is an adjunct professor at the Community College of Vermont, and

Whereas, special recognition is extended to this year's two distinguished finalists, Jason Raymond from the Burlington Technical Center and Erin Randall of South Burlington High School, *now therefore be it*

Resolved by the Senate and House of Representatives:

That the General Assembly congratulates Linda Alvarez on being named the 2026 Vermont Teacher of the Year and commends the two distinguished finalists, *and be it further*

Resolved: That the Secretary of State be directed to send a copy of this resolution to Linda Alvarez, Jason Raymond, and Erin Randall.

H.C.R. 267

Offered by Representatives Graning of Jericho, Brown of Richmond, Squirrel of Underhill, Stevens of Waterbury, and Wood of Waterbury

Offered by Senators Chittenden, Lyons, and Ram Hinsdale

House concurrent resolution congratulating the Mt. Mansfield Union High School Cougars girls' Nordic ski team on winning a second consecutive Division I championship

Whereas, as the winners of the 2025 Division I title, Mt. Mansfield Union High School (MMU) sought to repeat last year's triumph, and

Whereas, the Nordic skiing championship is a two-day event; the day-one freestyle competition was held at the Rikert Outdoor Center in Ripton, and the concluding second day of classic skiing occurred at the Craftsbury Outdoor Center, and, at both locations, individual and relay races were conducted, and

Whereas, as in 2025, the Cougars skiers again eclipsed their competitors, winning the freestyle relay with a time of 28:44.6; and, in the associated individual race, they clinched the top two slots with times of 14:35.1 and 14:43.0; and, while at Craftsbury, MMU was the speediest with the relay time of 30:40.1; and, once again, the top two individual finishers, at 16:31.1 and 16:41.13, proudly wore the Cougars colors, and

Whereas, when all the scores were tallied, MMU far surpassed runner-up St. Johnsbury Academy 51–133 (the lower being the better score in Nordic skiing), and

Whereas, the Nordic trail-loving Cougars were Elizabeth Compo, Katherine Compo, Emma Connell, Corinne Courtemanche, Acadia Enman, Lena Haggerty, Astrid Longstreth, Pearl Page, Fiona Repp, Norah Thompson, Rosemary Thompson, Avery Wood, Macallister Wyatt, and Ryley Morigeau, and

Whereas, throughout the Nordic skiing season, the team's coaches, Wylie Picotte and Al Sartwell, offered expert guidance that provided the skiers a winning advantage on the trails, *now therefore be it*

Resolved by the Senate and House of Representatives:

That the General Assembly congratulates the Mt. Mansfield Union High School Cougars girls' Nordic ski team on winning a second consecutive Division I championship, *and be it further*

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

H.C.R. 268

Offered by Representatives Graning of Jericho, Brown of Richmond, Squirrel of Underhill, Stevens of Waterbury, and Wood of Waterbury

Offered by Senators Chittenden, Lyons, and Ram Hinsdale

House concurrent resolution congratulating the 2026 Mt. Mansfield Union High School Cougars State co-champions girls' snowboarding team

Whereas, the annual State high school snowboarding championship is conducted under the aegis of the Snowboarding Council, consisting of coaches from the participating schools, and

Whereas, this year's decisive high school snowboarding conclave was held on March 4, 2026, at Jay Peak, and

Whereas, the competing snowboarding teams raced in three events: slopestyle, rail jam, and giant slalom; and upon the completion of their skiing on the slopes, the judges tallied the scores, recording a tie between the Cougars of Mt. Mansfield Union High School (MMU) and the Wasps of Woodstock Union High School, resulting in the two teams sharing unusual co-championship honors, and

Whereas, MMU also brought home the individual title, and

Whereas, the first-ever Cougars girls' championship snowboarders, all members of the Cougars first-year ski and ride club, which Snowboarding Coach Derek Howard and MMU Athletic Director Mike Abbott established, were Marlee Anderson, Riley Ayers, Sarah Diglio, Cassidy Thompson, and Sydney Howard, and

Whereas, coaches Derek Howard and Chris Kasper were thrilled with the MMU girls' snowboarders' success on the slopes, *now therefore be it*

Resolved by the Senate and House of Representatives:

That the General Assembly congratulates the 2026 Mt. Mansfield Union High School Cougars State co-champions girls' snowboarding team, *and be it further*

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

H.C.R. 269

Offered by Representatives Coffin of Cavendish and Kimbell of Woodstock

Offered by Senator Major

House concurrent resolution congratulating Brody Allen of Reading on completing the NRA Marksmanship Qualification Program and earning the Distinguished Smallbore Rifleman Award

Whereas, annually, starting in December and continuing into April, the Precision Valley Fish and Game Association (PVFGA) in Perkinsville conducts training sessions under the auspices of the National Rifle Association (NRA) Marksmanship Qualification Program, in which participants can achieve marksmanship proficiency awards, and

Whereas, the recognition levels start with Pro-Marksman and advance upwards to Marksman; Marksman First Class; Sharpshooter; Expert; and, ultimately, the most advanced designation, Distinguished Expert, and

Whereas, as the enrollee proceeds up the ranks, the accuracy and sophistication required becomes increasingly rigorous, with only prone shooting and a lower threshold score required for the Pro-Marksman, Marksman, and Marksman First Class designations, and

Whereas, to qualify for the Distinguished Expert designation, the by-now highly competent marksman has typically earned all the prior designations and must successfully complete two shooting regimens, one entailing prone and sitting shooting, scoring a minimum of 18 points, and a second kneeling and off-hand shooting, aiming at a five-bullseye target, directing two shots at each of the five bulls, and tallying a minimum of 16 points, and

Whereas, Brody Allen of Reading began this challenging NRA program in 2018, and on April 4, 2026, at the monthly meeting of the PVFGA, this accomplished young man of only 17 years of age was awarded the coveted Distinguished Expert designation, honoring him for his completion of this challenging marksmanship program, *now therefore be it*

Resolved by the Senate and House of Representatives:

That the General Assembly congratulates Brody Allen of Reading on completing the NRA Marksmanship Qualification Program and earning the Distinguished Smallbore Rifleman Award, *and be it further*

Resolved: That the Secretary of State be directed to send a copy of this resolution to Brody Allen and PVFGA.

H.C.R. 270

Offered by Representative Lipsky of Stowe

Offered by Senators Westman, Cummings, Perchlik, and Watson

House concurrent resolution congratulating the 2026 Stowe High School Division II championship boys' Nordic ski team

Whereas, three words, Stowe High School, are the best description of the 2026 Vermont Principals' Association's boys' Nordic skiing championship tournament, conducted this past winter over two days at the Rikert Outdoor Center in Ripton, for the freestyle or skate competition, and concluding with a day of classic racing at the Craftsbury Outdoor Center, and

Whereas, although the skiers competed for separate Division I and Division II honors, the boys from Stowe High School skied as if only one title was at stake, amazingly clinching first place among all skiers at both locations in the individual and relay races, a truly unusual feat of athletic prowess and skill, and

Whereas, in the Division II overall boys' scoring (reflecting that in Nordic skiing the lower score represents the superior performance) Stowe's 71 points far outdistanced second-place Peoples Academy, which tallied 145 points, and

Whereas, the deservedly proud Stowe boys' Nordic skiers were Heath Colbert-Lourie, Nico DeLena, Chris Graupe, Hawkley Mitchell, Dean Roy, Travis Roy, James Rozendaal, Paul Slesar, Henry Sterner, Soren Wilkens, and Charles Zimmerman, and

Whereas, first-year Head Coach Ethan Self began his new role in grand style and with great promise for the future, and

Whereas, an added bonus for four of the Stowe boys was their selection as members of the Vermont team at the 2026 NENSA Eastern High School Championships, skied at Gore Mountain Nordic Center in North Creek, New York, *now therefore be it*

Resolved by the Senate and House of Representatives:

That the General Assembly congratulates the 2026 Stowe High School Division II championship boys' Nordic ski team, *and be it further*

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