

CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

ADDENDUM

TO THE

HOUSE CALENDAR

**Text of House Concurrent
Resolutions**

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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. 271

Offered by Representatives Bartley of Fairfax, Austin of Colchester, Bishop of Colchester, Critchlow of Colchester, and Pezzo of Colchester

House concurrent resolution congratulating the 2026 Colchester High School State championship debate team

Whereas, successful debaters must thoroughly research the topic, develop a comprehensive command of the facts, strategically and carefully insert a tad of witticism at the appropriate moment, and always respond to the opponent's contradicting arguments, confidently but not antagonistically, and

Whereas, this year's Vermont State debate championship was held on Saturday, March 14, 2026, at Champlain Valley Union High School, and the eager student debaters were assigned the topic, "Should the federal government ban corporations from buying single-family homes?", and

Whereas, the students representing Colchester High School at this culminating event in the school year's debate schedule were the team's able cocaptains, Ariana Riedinger and Naomi Shpaner, who consistently demonstrated why they were selected for these positions, and

Whereas, Colchester's solid performance earlier in the day earned these two polished debaters a berth in the semifinal round against Hanover High School in New Hampshire (which regularly competes against Vermont teams), and the Colchester students' informative and, most importantly, persuasive arguments won the judges' approval for entry into the decisive final round against Montpelier, and

Whereas, the four experienced students' verbal exchanges reflected their agility as public forum debaters, but after careful deliberation, the three judges voted two to one to award Colchester the championship's top honor, and

Whereas, throughout the academic year, Ariana Riedinger and Naomi Shpaner were the leaders of an outstanding team of Colchester debaters, who were Lunar Wager, Isabella Rodriguez, McCartney Holtz, Brin Averett, Josh Bierer, Ethan Thompson, Norah Glass, Isla Stowell, Alyssa Bierer, and Leah Gilmond, and the team's superb faculty advisor, Oliver Kranichfeld, offered

guidance and wisdom that greatly contributed to Colchester's well-deserved State championship victory, *now therefore be it*

Resolved by the Senate and House of Representatives:

That the General Assembly congratulates the 2026 Colchester High School State championship debate team, *and be it further*

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

H.C.R. 272

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 dance team on winning the school's eighth State jazz and 18th overall State dancing championship

Whereas, dance is often considered an exclusively leisure pursuit, bereft of a competitive aspect, but the annual Vermont Principals' Association's State dance championship offers enthusiastic high school hip-hop, jazz, and pom dancers the chance to compete for honors as the best in their respective genres, and

Whereas, the Cougars' history of excellence in jazz and hip-hop dancing is impressive, as, prior to 2026, Mount Mansfield Union High School (MMU) had won 18 championships in either one or both genres, including both titles in 2017 and 2019–2024; hip-hop in 2016, 2018, and 2025; and jazz in 2026, and

Whereas, in 2026, although MMU was the respectable runner-up to Middlebury High School in the hip-hop category, the Cougars excelled in the jazz competition, as the MMU dancers responded to the music's beat and rhythm with the ideal steps and swings to clinch the 2026 championship, proving once again their appreciation for America's own musical art form, and

Whereas, the winning jazz-dancing Cougars were Abrum Alexander, Maddie Brown, Norah Burton, Emilia Carini, Elise Cournoyer, Gabby Cowan, Addie Dowd, Quinn Gilmer, Lily Ide, and Kate LaMantia, Annie Marek, Zoey Marek, Anya Muller, Nadia Muller, Munashe Pfende, Olivia Reyome, Audrey Rogers, Zoe Van Duyn, and

Whereas, the MMU team's coaching staff, consisting of Rose Bedard, Lisa Russin, Edie Watson, Addie Price, and Ella Davis, served as a fantastic group of instructors and mentors, *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 dance team on winning the school's eighth State jazz and 18th overall State dancing championships, *and be it further*

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

H.C.R. 273

Offered by Representatives Graning of Jericho, Berbeco of Winooski, Bishop of Colchester, Bosch of Clarendon, Chapin of East Montpelier, Cooper of Pownal, Duke of Burlington, Goslant of Northfield, Lueders of Lincoln, Luneau of St. Albans City, Marcotte of Coventry, Micklus of Milton, Morrissey of Bennington, Ode of Burlington, Olson of Starksboro, Page of Newport City, Sheldon of Middlebury, Squirrell of Underhill, Sweeney of Shelburne, Torre of Moretown, Waters Evans of Charlotte, and Wells of Brownington

House concurrent resolution recognizing May 2026 as National Tennis Month in Vermont

Whereas, on May 21, 1881, the United States Tennis Association (USTA), originally known as the United States National Lawn Tennis Association, was founded in New York, NY, to create rules and standards for the emerging game of lawn tennis, and

Whereas, the USTA is the nonprofit, national governing body for tennis in the United States, and leads the promotion and growth of the sport at every level of play, from beginners to professionals at the U.S. Open, and

Whereas, as the largest tennis organization in the world, the USTA has over 550,000 members from every corner of the country, and

Whereas, the USTA proudly partners with local tennis programs to showcase the important health, social, and educational benefits of tennis, and it makes the sport available to everyone, regardless of age, environment, condition, or ability, through its USTA Adaptive Tennis Grants, and

Whereas, according to an annual study from the Physical Activity Council, a partnership of eight of the major governing bodies and trade associations in the U.S. sports and leisure industry, more than 27.3 million Americans played tennis in 2025, an unprecedented 6.2 percent increase in participation over 2024, and the highest number of players since this study began in 2007, and

Whereas, increasing the accessibility of tennis for Vermonters of all ages and abilities has enabled the USTA to contribute to making Vermont communities happier and healthier, and

Whereas, the USTA has designated the month of May as National Tennis Month in order to encourage players, organizations, facilities, retailers, tennis manufacturers, and others to promote local programs and activities at parks and facilities to showcase tennis and spread the word about the sport and its benefits, and to help players and nonplayers alike find courts and playing opportunities in their communities, *now therefore be it*

Resolved by the Senate and House of Representatives:

That the General Assembly recognizes May 2026 as National Tennis Month in Vermont, *and be it further*

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

H.C.R. 274

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 Mount Mansfield Union High School Cougar Bea Molson on winning her second girls' individual State tennis championship

Whereas, in 2022, ninth grader Bea Molson stunned her older competitors when she clinched the girls' individual tennis title, and

Whereas, her State tournament on-court performances in 2023 and 2024, although praiseworthy, unfortunately did not garner the ultimate prize, and

Whereas, during her senior year as a Mount Mansfield High School Cougar, Bea Molson polished her tennis skills and carefully focused on her objective each time she met an opponent on the tennis court, an effort resulting in her winning all her regular season matches and the top playoff seed, and

Whereas, the concentration she displayed on the court in her prior 2025 matches was evident at the State tournament as she proceeded through all the preliminary rounds to secure a final match berth, where she defeated the third-seeded player 6–4, 6–3 to capture a second individual State crown, *now therefore be it*

Resolved by the Senate and House of Representatives

That the General Assembly congratulates Mount Mansfield Union High School Cougar Bea Molson on winning her second girls' individual State tennis championship, *and be it further*

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

H.C.R. 275

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 2025 Mt. Mansfield Union High School Cougars on winning a third consecutive Division II girls' tennis championship

Whereas, girls' tennis at Mt. Mansfield Union High School (MMU) has earned the admiration of the sport's fans, as the Cougars embarked on the 2025 season as the two-time defending Division II champions, and

Whereas, in 2025, with many of the prior seasons' players now seniors, they were hoping to conclude their high school tennis careers as the still-reigning champions, and

Whereas, MMU securing the top seed for the 2025 postseason play was indicative of the team's caliber and potential for achieving the Cougars' aspirations, and

Whereas, after emerging victorious in each of the tournament's pre-championship rounds, the Cougars faced the second-ranked Burr and Burton Academy Bulldogs for the 2025 honors, and

Whereas, the Cougars' superiority on the netted court was brilliantly displayed in their overwhelming 5–2 championship match victory, and

Whereas, Cougars Ava Poehlmann, Bea Molson, Blake Loeffler, Estelle First, Juniper Galvani, Lila Bisset, Liliana Carrick, Maddie Clark, Molly Fitzpatrick, Nefeli Bitou, Nia Tsvetanska, Phoebe Farr, Piper Krull, Rafi Ayrapetian Floyd, Rosa Ricketson, and Sara Butler played in unison to meet their common objective, and

Whereas, Head Coach Maggie Fitzgerald and assistant coaches Michael Graning and Edye Graning inspired the Cougars to maximize their efforts, *now therefore be it*

Resolved by the Senate and House of Representatives:

That the General Assembly congratulates the 2025 Mt. Mansfield Union High School Cougars on winning a third consecutive Division II girls' tennis 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. 276

Offered by Representatives Winter of Ludlow and Morgan, M. of Milton

House concurrent resolution honoring the brave Vermont Vietnam War veterans who were exposed to Agent Orange and recognizing the important initiative of the Orange Heart Medal Foundation, Inc. to honor their military service

Whereas, from 1961 to 1971, the United States military sprayed at least 11 million gallons of the defoliant and herbicide Agent Orange across much of Vietnam and parts of Laos and Cambodia, and

Whereas, the spraying of Agent Orange was part of Operation Ranch Hand, which was intended to defoliate areas that enemy forces used as cover and to destroy their subsistence crops, and

Whereas, troops who were exposed to Agent Orange have developed Hodgkin's lymphoma, Parkinson's disease, prostate cancer, respiratory cancer, and other potentially fatal conditions, and, according to the Cleveland Clinic, more than 300,000 Vietnam War veterans, including Vermonters, have died from their exposure to Agent Orange, and

Whereas, the federal Agent Orange Act of 1991 (Pub. L. No. 102-4) established a broad presumption in favor of Veterans Affairs (VA) health care coverage for Vietnam War veterans who were exposed to the chemical and subsequently incurred associated illnesses, but it did not provide any recognition of these veterans, whose life-threatening injuries do not qualify them as Purple Heart or Medal of Honor recipients, and

Whereas, Ken Gamble, a Tennessee-based U.S. Navy Vietnam War veteran who was exposed to Agent Orange and later diagnosed with cancer, and who listened to his VA hospital roommate relate his own Agent Orange experience, persuaded the Tennessee General Assembly, with unanimous votes, to establish the nonprofit Orange Heart Medal Foundation, Inc. (the Foundation), and, with an initial \$25,000 grant, the Foundation developed the Orange Heart Medal, 6,000 of which were initially distributed, and 10,000 of which have been awarded to qualifying Vietnam War veterans, and

Whereas, today, in addition to distributing medals, the Orange Heart Foundation has constructed the Orange Heart Memorial in Springfield, Tennessee, to honor these special Vietnam War veterans, *now therefore be it*

Resolved by the Senate and House of Representatives:

That the General Assembly honors the brave Vermont Vietnam War veterans who were exposed to Agent Orange and recognizes the important initiative of the Orange Heart Medal Foundation, Inc. to honor their military service, *and be it further*

Resolved: That the Secretary of State be directed to send a copy of this resolution to the Orange Heart Medal Foundation, Inc. and to Katie Kleczkowski.

H.C.R. 277

Offered by Representative Coffin of Cavendish

Offered by Senators White, Major, and Clarkson

House concurrent resolution thanking Pieter Van Schaik for his special land donation to the Albert C. Lord State Forest in Cavendish

Whereas, the Albert C. Lord State Forest (the Lord State Forest) in Cavendish consists of 64 acres of “gentle terrain and large white pine trees,” and

Whereas, this small treasure of a State forest is surrounded by private parcels, and access is limited, and

Whereas, despite the access limitations, the Lord State Forest is a wonderful place to engage in hunting, walking, and snowshoeing activities, and

Whereas, the future of the Lord State Forest will experience a fantastic rejuvenation with the generous land gift from Pieter Van Schaik, one of the adjacent landowners, and

Whereas, Pieter Van Schaik is donating more than 125 acres of woodlands valued at \$184,830.00 that will almost triple the size of Lord State Forest and will greatly improve the recreational opportunities for visitors, and

Whereas, the example that Pieter Van Schaik sets is of a Vermonter concerned with the future of our State’s natural resources and public recreation, *now therefore be it*

Resolved by the Senate and House of Representatives:

That the General Assembly thanks Pieter Van Schaik for his special land donation to the Albert C. Lord State Forest in Cavendish, *and be it further*

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

H.C.R. 278

Offered by Representatives Birong of Vergennes and North of Ferrisburgh

Offered by Senators Hardy and Heffernan

House concurrent resolution congratulating the Vergennes Fire Department on its 150th anniversary

Whereas, the history of firefighting in Vergennes originated with a set of private sub municipal hook-and-ladder and hose companies dating from at least 1847, when the General Assembly approved the charter of the Vergennes Hook and Ladder Company, and

Whereas, at the start of 1876, the Vergennes Hook and Ladder Company, along with four other companies, the Volunteer Hose Company No. 2, the Stevens Hose Company No.1, the Otter Creek Hook and Ladder Company No. 1, and the Independent Hose Company, maintained five operating locations at city hall, the Stevens House, two at the Shade Roller Factory, and one at Cota's Factory, and

Whereas, on January 3, 1876, the Court of Common Council for the city of Vergennes (the Council) began a new era in local firefighting, enacting an ordinance establishing a citywide Vergennes Fire Department (VFD), and

Whereas, this transformation of firefighting in Vergennes constituted a major institutional and cultural change, and marked the city's progress and modernization, and

Whereas, on April 9, 1878, the Council reaffirmed its commitment to the VFD, adopting "An Ordinance for the Prevention and Extinguishment of Fires," which set a \$6.00 annual salary for each firefighter, and

Whereas, over the last century and a half, the VFD has continuously updated its equipment, support systems, and headquarters, and it extinguished historic blazes in 1890, 1929, 1958, and 1969, and

Whereas, although the private company's firefighting role has long ceased, in 2002, the Stevens Hose Company was reestablished as a nonprofit organization with a mission of "banding together for the purpose of supporting

the fires service as voted on by ... [the members of the VFD],” and it has financed additional equipment, for which the City of Vergennes has not budgeted, and, currently, it is in the process of fundraising to restore the historic 1925 Boyer pumper, *now therefore be it*

Resolved by the Senate and House of Representatives:

That the General Assembly congratulates the Vergennes Fire Department on its 150th anniversary, *and be it further*

Resolved: That the Secretary of State be directed to send a copy of this resolution to Vergennes Fire Department Chief David DiBiase.

H.C.R. 279

Offered by All Members of the House

Offered by All Members of the Senate

House concurrent resolution honoring General Assembly Head Doorkeeper Michael C. Wiater and his wife, Sergeant at Arms Administrative Assistant Donna Wiater, for their dedicated State public service and extending future best wishes

Whereas, Mike Wiater was born in Springfield, Massachusetts; attended the public schools in nearby Chicopee, Massachusetts; and, in 1973, he entered the U.S. Army, serving in the 1st Infantry Division prior to his 1976 honorable discharge, and

Whereas, following military service, Mike Wiater pursued higher education opportunities at the University of Kansas in Manhattan, Kansas; Springfield Technical Community College in Springfield, Massachusetts; and the former Hawthorne College in Antrim, New Hampshire, and

Whereas, for a quarter of a century, Mike Wiater patrolled the highways, investigated crimes, and protected Vermonters as a member of the Vermont State Police, rising to the rank of sergeant, and

Whereas, in 2006, Mike Wiater embarked on a new career as a General Assembly doorkeeper, donning the green jacket that symbolizes his role to facilitate the orderly flow of activities in the State House during the legislative session, and

Whereas, his interrelated duties involve controlling chamber access when the House or Senate convene; coordinating the distribution of the still-important pink message slips to members; and supervising the 8th-grade legislative pages, including teaching them a class on the role and procedures of

the General Assembly; and in recognition of his superb job performance, in 2017, Mike Wiater was designated head doorkeeper, and

Whereas, since 2020, his wife, Donna Wiater, has admirably served as an administrative assistant in the Office of the Sergeant at Arms, supporting the office in many ways to ensure it operates with maximum efficiency, and

Whereas, Mike and Donna Wiater have served as extraordinary public servants, their presence on the State House staff has been invaluable and a delight, and, in 2026, they are concluding their respective tenures under the golden dome, *now therefore be it*

Resolved by the Senate and House of Representatives:

That the General Assembly honors General Assembly Head Doorkeeper Michael C. Wiater and his wife, Sergeant at Arms Administrative Assistant Donna Wiater, for their dedicated State public service and extends future best wishes, *and be it further*

Resolved: That the Secretary of State be directed to send a copy of this resolution to Mike and Donna Wiater.

H.C.R. 280

Offered by Representatives James of Manchester, Hunter of Manchester, Morrow of Weston, and Pinsonault of Dorset

Offered by Senators Bongartz and Plunkett

House concurrent resolution congratulating Northshire Bookstore on 50 years of outstanding literary merchandising and promotion

Whereas, in 1976, Ed and Barbara Morrow (the Morrrows) decided to “provide bookselling excellence in a safe, inclusive environment that welcomes everyone on Main Street in Manchester Center,” and they opened Northshire Bookstore (Northshire), and

Whereas, in 1985, they relocated Northshire across Main Street to the landmark Colburn House, a former inn and restaurant, and

Whereas, by 2003, Northshire’s increasing popularity as a favorite destination for book buying and associated activities was apparent, and under the leadership of the Morrrows’ son, Chris, 10,000 square feet of new space was added to the Colburn House, providing a more spacious home, and

Whereas, in 2006, *Publisher’s Weekly*, a national publication reporting on all matters related to the book industry, honored the innovative Northshire as the organization’s Bookseller of the Year (now known as Bookstore of the

Year), a highly coveted industry award, and, in 2013, the Morrow family opened a second location in Saratoga Springs, New York, and

Whereas, in 2021, the highly successful 45 years of Morrow-family ownership concluded, and Clark and Lu French enthusiastically purchased Northshire, with a commitment to continue its great tradition as a premiere destination for book lovers, but, sadly, Lu French died in 2022, and

Whereas, happily, an interested local family, consisting of sisters Cathleen Ihasz, Nicole Ihasz, and Ashley Ihasz-Austin, and Ashley's husband, Scott, purchased the bookstore, which greets tens of thousands of visitors annually and offers a special and much-appreciated shopping experience, and

Whereas, Northshire has developed a dedicated and loyal staff of bookselling professionals, and many employees remain for decades, and

Whereas, annually, over 200 events occur at or under the store's sponsorship, including author talks; story times; children's author appearances at local schools; regional and international reader and writer retreats; curated personal shopping services; and, most especially, the annual Northshire Book Festival: A Weekend in Booktopia, and Northshire also supports the community through donations and other partnerships, *now therefore be it*

Resolved by the Senate and House of Representatives

That the General Assembly congratulates Northshire Bookstore on 50 years of outstanding literary merchandising and promotion, *and be it further*

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

H.C.R. 281

Offered by All Members of the House

House concurrent resolution in memory of former Representative and Moretown and Brandon Selectboard member Stephen Andrew Carr

Whereas, Rutland native Steve Carr was raised in Brandon, a member of the first class to attend the new Otter Valley Union High School, and earned a bachelor's degree from the former Castleton State College, and

Whereas, after his college graduation, Steve Carr joined the staff of the former Chittenden Bank, proved adept at his duties, and earned positions as a senior vice president at the bank's Montpelier and Waitsfield branches, and

Whereas, in 1981, he became senior vice president and senior loan officer at the former First Brandon National Bank, and, in 1997, he opened an independent financial consulting business, and

Whereas, during his Washington County residency, Steve Carr served on the selectboard in Moretown and, later, in Brandon, and

Whereas, his western Vermont community involvement included serving on the boards of Porter Hospital and BROCC Community Action, and as president of the local Visiting Nurses Association and the Brandon Industrial Corporation, and his 1982 commencement of writing the *Brandon Workbook* launched a nearly 40-year economic development odyssey, which evolved into the Segment 6 Project that received federal funding in 2005, came to fruition following the devastating impact in Brandon of Tropical Storm Irene, and was ultimately completed in 2020, and

Whereas, as a passionate golfer, Steve Carr was a pivotal leader and volunteer developer of the Neshobe Golf Club, and, culturally, he was associated with the Stephen A. Douglas Birthplace and the Friends of Otter Valley Music, and

Whereas, in 2012, the voters of the Rutland-6 House District elected Steve Carr to the first of three consecutive terms to the House of Representatives, where he served on the Committee on Commerce and Economic Development (2013–2016) and ably chaired the Committee on Energy and Technology (2017–2018); and the Carr family’s presence returned to the State House in 2024, when his granddaughter, James Ashley Carr, was honored to serve as a legislative page, and

Whereas, Steve Carr was a well-liked and respected member of the peoples’ house who served his community with distinction and honor, and his death on April 12, 2026, at 76 years of age, saddened his many friends, and especially his wife of 47 years, Jane Ellen; their children; and grandchildren, *now therefore be it*

Resolved by the Senate and House of Representatives:

That the General Assembly extends its sincere sympathies to the family of former Representative and Moretown and Brandon Selectboard member Stephen Andrew Carr, *and be it further*

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

H.C.R. 282

Offered by All Members of the House

Offered by All Members of the Senate

House concurrent resolution honoring General Assembly Doorkeeper Dennis Miles for his superb dedication to serving the General Assembly and all Vermonters

Whereas, as an educator, athletics coach and referee, and community leader, Dennis Miles has contributed significantly to his native Vermont community, and

Whereas, born in Windsor County, Dennis Miles graduated from the former Chester High School and the former Castleton State College and earned a master's degree at Norwich University, and

Whereas, for an impressive 41 years, Dennis Miles was a faculty member in the Northfield School District, primarily as a physical education instructor, and

Whereas, his involvement in youth sports extended well beyond in-school classes and to a variety of roles, including coaching basketball and hockey teams in Northfield, umpiring high school baseball contests, and running the length of the soccer pitch as a high school and collegiate referee, and

Whereas, the conclusion of his career as an educator opened the door, literally, to a new vocation as one of the proud, green-jacketed General Assembly doorkeepers, a role he took on at the beginning of the 2014 legislative session, and

Whereas, for the past dozen years, Dennis Miles has been a familiar face in the State House, monitoring the entryways of the House and Senate to ensure good order during daily sessions; working with the 8th-grade legislative pages as they scurry around the building and on the floor of each chamber; and, drawing on his experiences as an educator, teaching his young charges the fundamentals of Vermont's legislative branch, and

Whereas, Dennis Miles has decided that 2026 will be his final session under the golden dome, *now therefore be it*

Resolved by the Senate and House of Representatives:

That the General Assembly honors General Assembly Doorkeeper Dennis Miles for his superb dedication to serving the General Assembly and all Vermonters, *and be it further*

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

H.C.R. 283

Offered by Representatives Soucy of Barre Town, Goslant of Northfield, and Keyser of Rutland City

Offered by Senators Lyons and Major

House concurrent resolution recognizing May 6, 2026, as Vermont Golf Day

Whereas, the predecessor of the game of golf may be traceable to ancient Rome, and the sport as structured today was first formalized in 15th-century Scotland, and Vermont played a distinguished role in American golf history as home to the Dorset Field Club, founded in 1886 and recognized as the oldest continuously operating golf course in the United States, and

Whereas, golf promotes physical health and well-being for participants of all ages, with 18 holes covering several miles, and

Whereas, the Radius Sports Group, in partnership with the Vermont Golf Alliance, documented that, in 2026, Vermont derived great economic benefits from golfing activity, generating a financial output of \$671.4 million and \$397.2 million in direct financial activity, and

Whereas, 68 golf courses call Vermont home, 83 percent are open to the public, and 37 percent of public facilities offer a round for under \$40.00, and

Whereas, in 2024, 1.1 million rounds of golf were played in Vermont, and the sport is the source of 5,376 jobs in the State, contributes \$212.1 million in wages, and returns over \$66.8 million in State and local taxes, and

Whereas, Vermont's golf courses attracted more than 190,000 golf-related trips in 2024, generating \$121.9 million in direct tourism dollars, and

Whereas, Vermont's golf courses provide approximately 10,880 acres of green space and function as green infrastructure, filtering stormwater, supporting water quality, and reducing demand for public stormwater infrastructure; 85 percent of courses have implemented two or more energy conservation practices, and nearly half operate lithium-battery golf carts, and

Whereas, in 2024, the State's golf facilities hosted more than 700 charitable events, raising an estimated \$12.4 million for Vermont nonprofits, and

Whereas, on May 4–6, 2026, golfing officials are gathering in Washington, DC, to observe National Golf Day, and Vermont should similarly commemorate this great sport, *now therefore be it*

Resolved by the Senate and House of Representatives:

That the General Assembly recognizes May 6, 2026, as Vermont Golf Day,
and be it further

Resolved: That the Secretary of State be directed to send a copy of this resolution to the Vermont Golf Alliance, the Vermont Golf Association, the New England Section of the PGA of America, the Vermont Golf Course Superintendents Association, and the New England Golf Course Owners Association.