

NO. R-11. SENATE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION COMMEMORATING
THE CENTENNIAL ANNIVERSARY OF THE APPOINTMENT OF
VERMONT'S FIRST STATE FORESTER AND THE ESTABLISHMENT
OF THE FIRST STATE FOREST.

(S.C.R.3)

By Senator Lyons,

By Representatives Klein and Ancel,

Whereas, Vermont's forests are integral to the economy, aesthetic quality,
and environment of the state, and

Whereas, Vermonters have long recognized the contribution that forests
provide to the ecological, social and economic sustainability of the state, and

Whereas, Vermont's forests reduce soil erosion, moderate temperature,
clean the air, conserve water, provide habitat for wildlife, and provide
opportunity for a variety of outdoor recreational activity, and

Whereas, trees in our cities and towns increase property values, enhance
economic vitality of business areas, and beautify our communities, and

Whereas, the forest-based manufacturing industry contributes
approximately 10 percent of Vermont's total manufacturing sales, provides
employment for over 6,000 people, and generates an annual payroll of over
\$200 million, and

Whereas, in 1909, the State Board of agriculture appointed Vermont's first
state forester and acquired its first state forest in Plainfield, and

Whereas, for the past 100 years, Vermonters have become stewards of their
own environment by managing forestland through the assistance of the
Department of Forests, Parks and Recreation, *now therefore be it*

Resolved by the Senate and House of Representatives:

That the General Assembly commemorates the centennial anniversary of the appointment of Vermont's first state forester and the establishment of the first state forest, *and be it further*

Resolved: That the Secretary of State be directed to send a copy of this resolution to the Commissioner of Forests, Parks and Recreation.