

**No. R-81. House concurrent resolution commemorating the birth of Maxten Smith at the Whiting Elementary School.**

(H.C.R.55)

Offered by: Representative Stevens of Shoreham, Helm of Fair Haven, Canfield of Fair Haven and Taylor of Barre City

Whereas, the majority of births in Vermont occur at a local hospital with a growing number taking place in the newborn's parents' home, and

Whereas, certainly an unanticipated locale for the arrival of a new Vermonter was a second-grade classroom in the town of Whiting, and

Whereas, on Friday, January 21, 2011, Tim and Corey Smith of Castleton, believing that sufficient time was available to drive from their Rutland County home to their child's intended birth site at Porter Hospital in Middlebury, began the exciting journey with no scheduled intermediate stops on the itinerary, and

Whereas, when the Smiths arrived in Whiting, the mother-to-be realized that the time needed to complete the trip to Middlebury was longer than her baby was prepared to wait for that first memorable voicing of arrival, and

Whereas, the couple decided their default destination was the immediately proximate Whiting Elementary School, and

Whereas, once inside, the couple was quickly directed to the second-grade classroom of Tim Smith's cousin Lacey Smith, and although no doubt extremely surprised, she happily welcomed her relatives as the students were quickly ushered out the door, and

Whereas, as a second-grade teacher at the Fair Haven Grade School, Corey Smith must have felt comforted to be in a location with which she could personally identify, and

Whereas, water was boiled and towels were gathered, but the minimal time available meant that paramedics were still dashing to the school when Maxten Smith, weighing in at 8½ pounds, arrived on the scene, and

Whereas, the delighted students dutifully informed a newspaper reporter that Maxten was the first baby born at their school, and they have prepared a series of commemorative drawings that Lacey Smith is binding as a special memento for Maxten of his first day in the second grade, and

Whereas, the class has received a picture of baby Maxten and is looking forward to his planned return visit in the spring, now therefore be it

Resolved by the Senate and House of Representatives:

That the General Assembly commemorates the birth of Maxten Smith at the Whiting Elementary School, and be it further

Resolved: That the Secretary of State be directed to send a copy of this resolution to Tim and Corey Smith in Castleton and to Lacey Smith's second-grade class at the Whiting Elementary School.