

No. R-186. House concurrent resolution honoring the town of Plymouth on its 250th anniversary.

(H.C.R.146)

Offered by: Representative Devereux of Mount Holly

Offered by: Senators Campbell, McCormack and Nitka

Whereas, on July 6, 1761, New Hampshire Governor Benning Wentworth issued a charter for a new town of “Six and one third Miles square, . . .

Beginning at the South West Corner of Reading from thence North Sixty five Degrees,” and continuing on as described in the document back to the starting point, and it was named Salt Ash (Saltash), the same as a market town situated near the English town of Plymouth, and

Whereas, on February 22, 1797, the general assembly enacted “An act altering the name of the township of Saltash to that of Plymouth,” and

Whereas, the first known settler in Plymouth was John Mudge, and the deed conveying land to him is the oldest document in the land records of the town, and

Whereas, two primary settlements emerged in Plymouth, one being Plymouth Kingdom, whose leadership included Congregational Church Deacon Daniel Clark, who lived to the age of 101, and

Whereas, for much of the 19th century, Plymouth Kingdom was a predominately farming community and included the church, a brick parsonage, a schoolhouse, two blacksmith shops, an inn, and a number of residences, and

Whereas, in the 1830s, an iron ore mine was operated near Plymouth Kingdom on Weaver Hill, and nearby along Buffalo Brook, gold was discovered in the early 1850s, and

Whereas, the other settlement was Plymouth Notch, the birthplace in 1872 of President Calvin Coolidge, and in his home at 2:47 a.m. on August 3, 1923, following news of the death of President Warren Harding, Colonel John Coolidge, administered the presidential oath of office to his son, and

Whereas, the Plymouth Cheese Factory, which Colonel John Coolidge, along with others, established in 1890, continues to operate, and

Whereas, the village of Plymouth Notch is listed on the National Register of Historic Places, has been designated as a National Historic Landmark and as Plymouth Notch Historic District, and is a Vermont state historic site, and

Whereas, in 2011, the idyllic town of Plymouth, home to Camp Plymouth and Coolidge state parks, is observing its 250th anniversary, now therefore be it

Resolved by the Senate and House of Representatives:

That the General Assembly honors the town of Plymouth on its 250th anniversary, and be it further

Resolved: That the Secretary of State be directed to send a copy of this resolution to the Plymouth town clerk and the Plymouth Historical Society.