

**No. R-226. House concurrent resolution congratulating the town of Weybridge on its 250th birthday.**

(H.C.R.177)

Offered by: Representative Smith of New Haven

Offered by: Senators Ayer and Giard

Whereas, on November 3, 1761, the town of Weybridge was created as a result of a charter of incorporation that New Hampshire Royal Governor Benning Wentworth granted to Joseph Gilbert and other recipients, and

Whereas, not dissimilar to other towns in the New Hampshire grants formed between 1749 and the mid-1760s, actual settlement was delayed, and

Whereas, it was not until the middle 1770s that the first settler, Thomas Sanford, built a log cabin within the boundaries of Weybridge, and

Whereas, in 1778, the recently established town was nearly destroyed during the Revolutionary War when British Major Christopher Carleton came through the Champlain Valley in a military operation known as Carleton's Raid, taking all the male settlers in Weybridge as prisoners and forcing the women and children of the town to endure great hardship, and

Whereas, by the year 1782, the town of Weybridge was revived and becoming an increasingly prosperous community, and

Whereas, the presence of three waterfalls on the segment of the Otter Creek that flows through Weybridge served as the power source for a number of industrial facilities including a gristmill, a paper mill, a sawmill, and a woolen mill, and

Whereas, during the 19th century, Weybridge was also an agricultural center where thousands of merino sheep were raised and Vermont's own special equine, the Morgan horse, was bred, and

Whereas, the breeding of Morgan horses remains alive today in Weybridge as it is the site of the University of Vermont's Morgan Horse Farm, and

Whereas, for more than 80 years, the Monument Farms Dairy has operated as a family enterprise in Weybridge and is proud of both the quality of its product and being one of the last dairies in Vermont to bottle its own milk, and

Whereas, to mark this special 250th birthday milestone, Weybridge's annual town events, including the Memorial Day parade and the annual weekend of Weybridge festivities on July 9–10—which includes a town picnic, open houses at public buildings, and a church service—will make note of the historic event, and

Whereas, a specific observation of the 250th birthday of Weybridge's municipal incorporation will occur on November 4 with a potluck supper and a town-supplied birthday cake, now therefore be it

Resolved by the Senate and House of Representatives:

That the General Assembly congratulates the town of Weybridge on its 250th birthday, and be it further

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