

**No. R-227. House concurrent resolution commemorating the 250th anniversary of the incorporation of the town of New Haven.**

(H.C.R.178)

Offered by: Representative Smith of New Haven

Offered by: Senators Ayer and Giard

Whereas, Benning Wentworth, the Royal Governor of New Hampshire, issued a charter for the town of New Haven to 62 grantees on November 2, 1761, and

Whereas, the town was named after the Connecticut town of New Haven that at the time served as a co-capital of the Connecticut colony, and

Whereas, the way of travel to New Haven, aside from Otter Creek, was the Onion River Road which a crew under the leadership of Ira Allen and Remember Baker cut in 1773, and

Whereas, among those in New Haven who played a role in the Revolutionary War were the brave early residents of New Haven who British Major Christopher Carleton had taken captive in the fall of 1778, and the raid was the only instance when a military attack took place in the town, and

Whereas, the first town clerk was Bezaleel Rudd whose service commenced in 1784, even though the first record of a New Haven town meeting dates from March 20, 1787, and

Whereas, 1787 was also the year of the formation of the Congregational Society, New Haven's first religious congregation, and

Whereas, the first regularly operating public school in New Haven opened its doors to students as District 1 on Lanesboro Street in 1794, and

Whereas, the first Rutland & Burlington Railroad train passed through New Haven on December 24, 1849, and

Whereas, New Haven Mills and Brooksville were active industrial centers in the 19th century, but New Haven Village is now the town center, and

Whereas, the town of New Haven will celebrate its 250th anniversary throughout 2011 with a series of events, beginning on April 30 with an art show presenting local artists, both professional and amateur, representing a variety of artistic media, and

Whereas, on July 16, a town fair will take place, featuring a chicken barbeque, historical activities, arts and crafts, and other events, and

Whereas, finally on November 5, an old fashion social event, including a potluck dinner and birthday cake, will be open to all town residents, now therefore be it

Resolved by the Senate and House of Representatives:

That the General Assembly commemorates the 250th anniversary of the incorporation of the town of New Haven, and be it further

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