

**No. R-293. Senate concurrent resolution celebrating the centennial anniversary of Montpelier City Hall.**

(S.C.R.28)

By Senators Doyle, Cummings and Pollina,

By Representatives Hooper and Kitzmiller of Montpelier,

*Whereas*, the cream-colored neo-Renaissance edifice that graces Main Street in Vermont's capital city has served as Montpelier's City Hall for 100 years, and

*Whereas*, starting in 1857, Montpelier municipal government operated from a converted church known as Capital Hall and located on State Street, and

*Whereas*, in the final years of the 19th century, a Main Street building known variously as the armory, the "Golden Fleece," and finally as Community Hall became Montpelier's new governmental headquarters, and

*Whereas*, this State Street facility soon proved inadequate for the now city of Montpelier's expanding administrative requirements, and deliberations were started to design and build a new structure intended specifically for use as a city hall, and

*Whereas*, at town meeting in March 1907, the voters authorized the establishment of a city hall building committee and the issuance of \$125,000.00 in bonds to finance construction and related costs, and

*Whereas*, George G. Adams, an architect from Lawrence, Massachusetts, was hired, and

*Whereas*, the city purchased a site known as the Haymarket Square and two adjacent lots, and

*Whereas*, the amount of \$25,000.00 in additional bond authorization was approved at town meeting in 1909, and W.E. Jackson of Montpelier was hired as the contractor, and

*Whereas*, construction began later that year, and on August 31, 1909, the cornerstone was laid, and

*Whereas*, even before the building was officially opened, the flooring in the large upstairs auditorium became a matter of controversy as a maple floor was installed to accommodate the 1911 inaugural of Governor John Mead and replaced weeks later with the terrazzo floor originally envisioned, and

*Whereas*, despite delays and cost overruns, the dignified and magnificent new city hall, with its distinctive clock tower, was formally presented to the citizenry in a ceremony held on May 26, 1911, *now therefore be it*

***Resolved by the Senate and House of Representatives:***

That the General Assembly celebrates the centennial anniversary of Montpelier City Hall, *and be it further*

***Resolved:*** That the Secretary of State be directed to send a copy of this resolution to Montpelier City Manager William Fraser.