

**No. R-21. Senate concurrent resolution congratulating the town of Berlin on its sestercentennial (250th) anniversary.**

(S.C.R.5)

By Senators Doyle, Cummings, and Pollina,

By Representatives Donahue of Northfield and Lewis of Berlin,

*Whereas*, on June 8, 1763, Governor Wentworth granted a group of proprietors from Fishkill and Poughkeepsie, New York, a charter for a six-mile-square segment of the territory for the new town of Berlin, and

*Whereas*, the charter provided geographic boundaries for the town of Berlin “Beginning at the North Easterly Corner of Moretown at the southerly side of Onion or French River, from thence Easterly up said River & bounding on the same so far as to make six Miles on a streight Line allowing the same to be Perpendicular with the Easterly Line of said Moretown . . . ,” and

*Whereas*, the first proprietors’ (grantees) meeting did not convene for over two decades until May 17, 1785 in Arlington, at which the agenda included items “to promote a speedy settlement of sd Town . . . to chuse a Moderator, & other necessary Officers . . . to layout a first Division in sd Town . . .” and for other related matters, and

*Whereas*, among those in attendance at this organizational meeting of the proprietors was Thomas Chittenden, the first governor of Vermont, and

*Whereas*, proprietors’ meetings continued at different locations, and the last recorded meeting took place at the home of Jacob Fowler in Berlin on June 15, 1787, and

*Whereas*, the first Berlin town meeting was convened on March 31, 1791 at the home of Aaron Strong and at which James Sawyer was appointed moderator, David Nye, town clerk, and James Sawyer, Zachariah Perrin, and Eleazer Hubbard were appointed as the members of the first Berlin selectboard, and

*Whereas*, during the past 250 years, the town of Berlin has become an important commercial and medical services hub for central Vermont, *now therefore be it*

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

That the General Assembly congratulates the town of Berlin on its sestercentennial (250th) anniversary, *and be it further*

***Resolved:*** That the Secretary of State be directed to send a copy of this resolution to the Berlin Town Clerk.