

**No. R-23. Senate concurrent resolution commemorating the sescentennial anniversary of the town of Waterbury.**

(S.C.R.7)

By Senators Doyle, Cummings, and Pollina,

By Representatives Ellis of Waterbury and Stevens of Waterbury,

*Whereas*, the town of Waterbury was established on June 7, 1763 when New Hampshire Royal Governor Benning Wentworth granted a charter to a group of grantees (proprietors), and

*Whereas*, the boundary description for Waterbury described the new town as “Beginning at the South Easterly corner of Bolton on the Northerly 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 Perpendicular Line, with the Easterly Line of said Bolton,” and

*Whereas*, the Waterbury proprietors convened their initial meeting in New Milford, Connecticut in 1770 and met thereafter in Newark, New Jersey before eventually gathering in Vermont at Sunderland, Arlington, and Bennington, and

*Whereas*, the first town survey was conducted under the supervision of Colonel Partridge Thatcher, who served as moderator at the 1771 meeting and for whom Thatcher Brook would subsequently be named, and

*Whereas*, in 1783, James Marsh became the first settler in the still-undeveloped town of Waterbury, and

*Whereas*, the second recorded settler in Waterbury was Ezra Butler in 1785, who was later ordained as a minister of the gospel, organized the first town meeting in 1790 at which he was elected town clerk, and served as a member of the House of Representatives, a county judge, and ultimately for two terms as governor, and

*Whereas*, Waterbury resident Paul Dillingham, and his son, Waterbury native William Paul Dillingham, each served as 19th-century Governors, and the son served as one of Vermont’s U.S. Senators from 1900 to 1923, and

*Whereas*, for over a century, the Vermont State Hospital was located in Waterbury and in recent decades, the hospital campus had become a major site for state government offices, and

*Whereas*, 2013 marks the 250th anniversary of the legal establishment of the town of Waterbury, *now therefore be it*

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

That the General Assembly commemorates the sestercentennial anniversary of the town of Waterbury, *and be it further*

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