

No. R-27. Senate concurrent resolution commemorating the sescentennial anniversary of the Town of Duxbury.

(S.C.R.11)

By Senators Doyle, Cummings, and Pollina,

By Representatives Grad of Moretown, Greshin of Warren, Ellis of Waterbury, and Stevens of Waterbury,

Whereas, during the 1760s, New Hampshire Royal Governor Benning Wentworth issued charters for many new townships in the territory then known as the New Hampshire grants, and now the State of Vermont, and

Whereas, one of the towns created in accordance with a New Hampshire charter was Duxbury whose boundary description started “Beginning at the North Easterly Corner of New Huntington on the Souther Side of Onion or French River from thence running Easterly up Said River & bounding on the Same so far on a Strait Line as to make it Six Miles from the Said Corner of New Huntington,” and

Whereas, as was standard in Wentworth-granted charters, the Governor reserved for himself a tract of land of 500 acres, and

Whereas, the charter further provided that “all white and other Pine Trees within the said Township, fit for Masting Our Royal Navy (British), be carefully preserved for that Use,” and

Whereas, this charter provision was never implemented as the first settlers in Duxbury, Walter Avery and Stephen Tilde, did not arrive until 1786 after the conclusion of the American Revolution, and

Whereas, in March 1792, nearly 30 years after the granting of its charter, the Town of Duxbury held its organizational town meeting at the home of Walter Avery, and elected Benjamin Davis as its first legislative representative, and

Whereas, the largely wooded terrain played a central economic role in 19th-century Duxbury as seven water-powered sawmills were in operation by 1858, and

Whereas, although Duxbury is small, the town had as many as nine school districts to accommodate the travel limitations of the premotorized-vehicle transportation era, and

Whereas, Duxbury’s icon is Camels Hump, the mountain that features Vermont’s most distinctive profile, and which was depicted on the State’s first commemorative quarter, and

Whereas, in 2013, the Town of Duxbury will mark the 250th anniversary of its charter being granted, *now therefore be it*

Resolved by the Senate and House of Representatives:

That the General Assembly commemorates the sestercentennial anniversary of the Town of Duxbury, *and be it further*

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