

No. R-72. House concurrent resolution commemorating the sescentennial anniversary of the town of Milton.

(H.C.R.42)

Offered by: Representatives Turner of Milton, Hubert of Milton, Johnson of South Hero, and Krebs of South Hero

Whereas, the town of Milton was established on June 8, 1763 when Royal New Hampshire Governor Benning Wentworth granted a charter to a group of proprietors for a tract of land in the New Hampshire Grants, the territory that would become the State of Vermont, and

Whereas, the document described Milton's borders as "Begining at the North Easterly Corner of Colchester which is the North Westerly Corner of Essex (which is within six Miles of Onion or French River) (so Called) from thence Runing Northerly the same course of the Line between said Colchester & Essex . . . ," and

Whereas, the first known settlers in Milton were William Irish, Leonard Owen, Amos Mansfield, Absalom Taylor, and Thomas Dewey who arrived in February 1782, and

Whereas, from 1786 through 1788, proprietors' meetings were held at locations outside of Milton, including Manchester, New Hampshire, and

Whereas, in 1788, Aaron Mathews was elected as the first representative from Milton to serve in the General Assembly, and

Whereas, West Milton, along the Lamoille River, was the first section of the town to be settled, and in the spring, when the water level was highest, schooners could sail to West Milton, and forest products were loaded onto these vessels for shipment to England, and

Whereas, in the early 19th century, mills made power from the seven waterfalls in the town, providing an economic base for Milton, and

Whereas, starting in approximately 1840, dairy farming became a major agricultural activity, and butter and cheese were manufactured at the farm where the raw milk was produced, and

Whereas, as the 19th century became the 20th century, raw milk was increasingly sent to creameries, including the Milton Cooperative Dairy Corporation, for processing into fluid milk and shipment to Boston or New York, and this production pattern continued for many decades, and

Whereas, in 2013, Milton is a vibrant community with an active civic life and is an excellent place to live, work, and raise a family, now therefore be it

Resolved by the Senate and House of Representatives:

That the General Assembly commemorates the sescentennial anniversary of the town of Milton, and be it further

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