

No. R-177. House concurrent resolution commemorating the sescentennial anniversary of the Town of Sudbury.

(H.C.R.125)

Offered by: Representatives Shaw of Pittsford and Carr of Brandon

Offered by: Senators Flory, French, and Mullin

Whereas, the Town of Sudbury is located in the northeastern corner of Rutland County, and its “fourteen thousand four Hundred & Twenty four Acres” or “near five miles square” size, as described in the charter that New Hampshire’s Royal Governor Benning Wentworth issued to a group of proprietors on August 6, 1763, is perhaps the smallest of any town established under his authority, and

Whereas, the boundaries of Sudbury were described as “Begining at the South West Corner of Neshobe from thence North four deg⁸ West five Miles & Two hundred rods to a Stake & Stones from thence North Eighty five deg⁸ West to the Easterly Side Line of Shoreham from thence South five Miles & Two hundred rods to a Stake & Stones . . . ,” and

Whereas, the proprietors assembled soon after the issuance of the charter at the home of Silas Brown in Sudbury, Massachusetts, and

Whereas, the town may have been named for the Massachusetts town, for Sudbury, England, or for Baron Sudbury, the title of Wentworth’s kinsman Augustus Henry Fitzroy, and

Whereas, in 1772, a military road was constructed from Ft. Warren in Castleton to the Crown Point Road in Sudbury, which itself had been constructed from 1759 to 1760, as was the Ft. Ti Branch road, and

Whereas, the proprietors met in 1775 and drew a range map supposedly showing both the Crown Point and Ft. Ti Branch military roads, and

Whereas, the first recorded Sudbury Town Meeting was held on January 15, 1789, but it may not have been the organizational meeting, although it is documented that John Hall was elected that day as moderator, and

Whereas, an unaffiliated religious group conducted services in 1791 at the Hawkins farm, and

Whereas, the group affiliated with the Congregational Church in 1803, and a Federal style meeting house for worship and public days was opened in 1807 and still stands, and

Whereas, the Town of Sudbury is celebrating the 250th anniversary of its establishment with festivities on the 10th of August, now therefore be it

Resolved by the Senate and House of Representatives:

That the General Assembly commemorates the sescentennial anniversary of the Town of Sudbury, and be it further

Resolved: That the Secretary of State be directed to send a copy of this resolution to the Sudbury Town Clerk and the Sudbury Historical Society.