

No. R-327. House concurrent resolution congratulating Mount Vernon Lodge No. 8 of Free and Accepted Masons in Morrisville on its bicentennial.

(H.C.R.232)

Offered by: Representatives Smith of Morristown and Peltz of Woodbury

Whereas, the Orange Lodge of Masons first met in Hyde Park on December 16, 1812, pursuant to the authority of the Grand Lodge of the State of Vermont of Free and Accepted Masons, and

Whereas, on October 12, 1813, the Grand Lodge issued a charter to the Orange Lodge as Mount Vernon Lodge No. 36, and its first regular communication, or meeting, was held on December 1st of that year, and

Whereas, from March 14, 1832 until December 16, 1850, anti-Masonic public attitudes caused some lodges to forfeit their charters, but the Mount Vernon Lodge persevered, meeting clandestinely and without recording any minutes, and

Whereas, on February 4, 1852, the redesignated Mount Vernon Lodge No. 8 convened in Morristown, and after several moves, including to Hyde Park, on March 26, 1863, it moved into the new Masonic Hall on the third floor of the Power's Block building in Morrisville, and

Whereas, on March 1, 1869, a fire destroyed the Masonic Hall, but fortunately, the lodge's records, aside from the original charter, were located elsewhere, and

Whereas, a duplicate charter was soon issued, and on June 24, 1870, the Mount Vernon Lodge No. 8's new permanent Masonic Hall was dedicated on the second floor of Town Hall in Morrisville, and

Whereas, an impressive centennial celebration was held in 1913, with Grand Lodge officers and many Masonic affiliated individuals from around the State in attendance, and

Whereas, on December 9, 1930, a new Masonic Lodge was dedicated at 65 Portland Street, which has remained in use to this day, and

Whereas, on June 11, 2008, the Mount Norris Lodge No. 69 in Eden, which was chartered on January 12, 1865, merged with the Mount Vernon Lodge No. 8, and

Whereas, on October 12, 2013, the Grand Master of the Grand Lodge of the State of Vermont of Free and Accepted Masons rededicated the Masonic Lodge on Portland Street, in a beautiful and solemn celebration of Mount Vernon Lodge No. 8's bicentennial, now therefore be it

Resolved by the Senate and House of Representatives:

That the General Assembly congratulates the Mount Vernon Lodge No. 8 of Free and Accepted Masons in Morrisville on its bicentennial, and be it further

Resolved: That the Secretary of State be directed to send a copy of this resolution to the Mount Vernon Lodge No. 8 in Morrisville.