

No. R-334. House concurrent resolution congratulating the Town of Londonderry on its revitalization of Pingree Park.

(H.C.R.239)

Offered by: Representative Goodwin of Weston

Offered by: Senators Campbell, McCormack, and Nitka

Whereas, Pingree Park is an 18.4-acre parcel in the heart of Londonderry serving as the town's primary public recreation facility, and

Whereas, in 1981, the park was dedicated to Dr. Elizabeth Pingree, Londonderry's "Doc" for 48 years, and

Whereas, Pingree Park included initially two baseball fields and a tennis court, and

Whereas, in 1993, an Eagle Scout's service project resulted in the addition of a basketball court, and

Whereas, volunteers raised the funds for a swing set and play structure that were added in 2001, and

Whereas, another volunteer raised additional funds for the construction of two skate ramps, and

Whereas, because of heavy local use of the facilities, they had fallen into disrepair and become less attractive, and

Whereas, on May 2, 2013, a group of concerned citizens formed the Londonderry Parks Committee with the dual purposes of rehabilitating the park and expanding its recreational offerings, and

Whereas, the Londonderry Selectboard endorsed the proposal, and on August 5, 2013 appointed five of the committee's members, Kelly Pajala (chair), Debbie O'Leary, Colleen Gometz, Pam Ameden, and Suzie Wyman, as the first members of the new Londonderry Parks Board, and

Whereas, during the first weekend of November 2013, a group of volunteers demolished the old playground equipment, and

Whereas, later in November, the Pingree Park Revitalization Project was awarded a \$22,000.00 grant from the Department of Buildings and General Services conditioned on raising matching funds from the community, and

Whereas, the Londonderry Parks Board continues fundraising efforts toward securing the required \$75,000.00, and hopes to install new playground equipment, make tennis court improvements, add electric power and security systems, build a dog park, and introduce other amenities during 2014, now therefore be it

Resolved by the Senate and House of Representatives:

That the General Assembly congratulates the Town of Londonderry on its revitalization of Pingree Park, and be it further

Resolved: That the Secretary of State be directed to send a copy of this resolution to the Londonderry Parks Board.