

No. R-362. Senate concurrent resolution congratulating Howard Coffin on his Gettysburg Sesquicentennial address.

(S.C.R.51)

By Senators Mazza, Ashe, Ayer, Baruth, Benning, Bray, Campbell, Collins, Cummings, Doyle, Flory, French, Galbraith, Hartwell, Kitchel, Lyons, MacDonald, McAllister, McCormack, Mullin, Nitka, Pollina, Rodgers, Sears, Sirotkin, Snelling, Starr, Westman, White, and Zuckerman,

By Representatives Branagan of Georgia, Clarkson of Woodstock, Consejo of Sheldon, Cross of Winooski, Devereux of Mount Holly, Greshin of Warren, Jerman of Essex, Kitzmiller of Montpelier, Klein of East Montpelier, Lanpher of Vergennes, Malcolm of Pawlet, Marek of Newfane, Partridge of Windham, Peltz of Woodbury, Poirier of Barre City, Potter of Clarendon, Taylor of Barre City, Waite-Simpson of Essex, and Yantachka of Charlotte,

Whereas, Vermont played an outsize role in the Union victory at Gettysburg, the turning point of the Civil War, and

Whereas, tens of thousands of people attended the events commemorating the sesquicentennial of the Battle of Gettysburg, which took place from June 29 through July 7, 2013 at the Gettysburg National Military Park Visitor Center, and

Whereas, one of the events was the June 30 address Vermont Civil War historian Howard Coffin delivered entitled *The Vermont Assault on Pickett's Charge*, and

Whereas, he spoke about the attack Brigadier General George Stannard's Second Vermont Brigade initiated on July 3, 1863, the third and final day of the battle, and

Whereas, in the address, based on his book *Nine Months to Gettysburg: Stannard's Brigade and the Repulse of Pickett's Charge*, Howard Coffin described the Vermont attack on the southern flank of Pickett's Charge, and

Whereas, Howard Coffin stated that the Vermont attack was the decisive blow delivered by Union forces in defeating Pickett's Charge, probably the most important assault of the war, and

Whereas, he described the attack in detail, concluding that "if the Battle of Waterloo was won on the playing fields of Eton, the Battle of Gettysburg was won on the village greens of Vermont," and

Whereas, Howard Coffin's address was transmitted live on C-SPAN 3's *American History TV* series, giving widespread recognition to the role Vermont played at Gettysburg, from which the Confederate Army never recovered, *now therefore be it*

Resolved by the Senate and House of Representatives:

That the General Assembly congratulates Howard Coffin on his address commemorating the sesquicentennial of the Battle of Gettysburg and the Vermonters who died on its hallowed ground, *and be it further*

Resolved: That the Secretary of State be directed to send a copy of this resolution to Howard Coffin in Montpelier.