

No. R-441. House concurrent resolution commemorating the 150th anniversary of the St. Albans Raid.

(H.C.R.328)

Offered by: Representatives Devereux of Mount Holly, Branagan of Georgia, Dickinson of St. Albans Town, Jerman of Essex, Keenan of St. Albans City, Marek of Newfane, McCarthy of St. Albans City, Beyor of Highgate, Connor of Fairfield, Consejo of Sheldon, Mitchell of Fairfax, Pearce of Richford, Savage of Swanton, and Weed of Enosburgh

Offered by: Senators Collins and McAllister

Whereas, in mid-October 1864, Confederate soldiers in civilian clothes quietly arrived in St. Albans, taking rooms in hotels, and

Whereas, their leader, Bennett Young, had planned a raid on the Vermont town with the permission of the highest authorities in the Confederate Government at Richmond, and

Whereas, on October 19, the raiders emerged armed on Main Street and proceeded to rob the town's three banks, and

Whereas, the Confederates absconded with \$208,000.00 and headed north on stolen horses for the international border, and

Whereas, the raiders rode out of town in a hail of gunfire, with one of their number severely wounded and a spectator killed, and

Whereas, a posse was unable to prevent the raiders from reaching the international border, and

Whereas, the St. Albans Raid was the northernmost land action of the Civil War, and

Whereas, the 150th anniversary of the raid will be commemorated in St. Albans in September 2014, now therefore be it

Resolved by the Senate and House of Representatives:

That the General Assembly commemorates the 150th anniversary of the St. Albans Raid, ever mindful that while this Confederate victory was taking place on Vermont soil, also on October 19, 1864, Union forces scored a far more important victory at Cedar Creek in Virginia, and be it further

Resolved: That the General Assembly notes proudly that Vermonters were key to the Cedar Creek triumph which was a major victory in the great war to abolish slavery and preserve the Union, despite the spirited and now legendary St. Albans Raid, and be it further

Resolved: That the Secretary of State be directed to send a copy of this resolution to the St. Albans Historical Society.