

State of Vermont

House of Representatives



Montpelier, Vermont

Concurrent House Resolution

H.C.R. 48

House concurrent resolution congratulating the town of Whiting on its sestercentennial anniversary

Offered by: Representative Stevens of Shoreham

Offered by: Senators Ayer and Bray

Whereas, the town of Whiting was established on August 6, 1763, pursuant to a charter that New Hampshire Royal Governor Benning Wentworth issued to 48 proprietors including five members of the Whiting family—Captain Nathaniel, Eliphalet, Asa, John, and Lewis, and

Whereas, the boundaries of Whiting were described in the charter as “Beginning at the Northwest corner of Leicester, from thence North Eighty five degrees West to the West Line of Bridport to a stake and a stone . . . ,” and

Whereas, the original proprietors held a meeting in Wrentham, Massachusetts on October 6, 1772, and

Whereas, following an onsite survey, Elihue Marshall constructed the first log cabin in Whiting at a location known as Walker Hill, and

Whereas, the first proprietors’ meeting held in Whiting took place on August 13, 1784, when John Willson was selected as the town clerk, and

Whereas, the proprietors agreed to forfeit over 7,000 acres, mostly swamp, to the towns of Leicester and Cornwall to correct an error in the charter’s boundary description, and

Whereas, in 1784, the voters of Whiting elected Samuel Beach as their first State Representative, and

Whereas, the first road built in Whiting was the old proprietors road which extend on a north-south axis through the entire town, and

Whereas, in 1787, the proprietors’ role was concluded, the town was officially organized, and the first town meeting was conducted, and

Whereas, the town of Whiting was located originally in Bennington County, then became part of the newly established Rutland County in 1781, and later at its request was assigned to Addison County, where it has remained despite a subsequent request of the electorate to be reassigned to Rutland County, and

Whereas, by the year 1804, the first school house had been constructed as the local electorate decided to conduct town meetings in this building, and

Whereas, Jeremiah Hall of Whiting invented the first circular saw in the United States, and

Whereas, local sawmills, sheep raising, and dairy farming have each played an important role in Whiting’s economy, and

Whereas, 2013 marks 250 years since the town of Whiting was established, now therefore be it

Resolved by the Senate and House of Representatives:

That the General Assembly congratulates the town of Whiting on its sestercentennial anniversary, and be it further

Resolved: That the Secretary of State be directed to send a copy of this resolution to the Whiting Town Clerk.