

# State of Vermont

## House of Representatives



Montpelier, Vermont

### Concurrent House Resolution

H.C.R. 58

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

Offered by: Representatives Brennan of Colchester, Bouchard of Colchester, Condon of Colchester, and Spengler of Colchester

Offered by: Senator Mazza

Whereas, on June 7, 1763, New Hampshire's Royal Governor Benning Wentworth granted to a group of proprietors a charter for a six-square-mile tract of territory "Beginning at the Northerly or North Easterly side of French or Onion River (so called) at the mouth of said River thence Running up by said River until it comes to a place that is six Miles upon a streight Line from the Mouth of said River (bounding on the same) thence Running upon a Line Perpendicular to the aforesaid Six Mile Line," and

Whereas, the proprietors first assembled on March 23, 1774 in Litchfield, Connecticut, electing Col. Thomas Chittenden, later Vermont's first Governor, as moderator, and for clerk, treasurer, and surveyor, the proprietors selected Ira Allen, who became Vermont's first State Treasurer, and

Whereas, the boundaries of Colchester were altered in Act 193 of 1868 when "so much of the town of Colchester as lies north and west of the Lamoille River shall be and the same is hereby annexed to Milton," and again in 1922 when pursuant to Act 314 of 1921, the voters of Winooski approved the creation of a separate city, but the town retained its 27 miles of shoreline on Lake Champlain, the longest of any Vermont municipality, and

Whereas, shortly after Confederate forces fired on Fort Sumter in 1861, Captain William D. Munson organized the Colchester Light Artillery, a fact that highlights Colchester's proud record of its residents' military service, and

Whereas, the town of Colchester hosts Fanny Allen Hospital, named after the daughter of Ethan Allen and which the Religious Hospitallers founded in 1894; St Michael's College, the Society of Saint Edmund's only college which it founded in 1904; and the Vermont National Guard's Camp Johnson, and

Whereas, the town of Colchester, a community with an historic agrarian background, now complemented with a vibrant mix of biotechnology, educational, retail, and tourism enterprises, will joyously celebrate its 250th anniversary (Charter Day) on June 8, 2013 with an event at Bayside Park to which the Governor will be invited, now therefore be it

Resolved by the Senate and House of Representatives:

That the General Assembly congratulates the town of Colchester 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 Colchester town clerk.