

State of Vermont

House of Representatives



Montpelier, Vermont

Concurrent House Resolution

H.C.R. 120

House concurrent resolution commemorating the sestercentennial of the Town of Stowe

Offered by: Representative Scheuermann of Stowe

Offered by: Senator Westman

Whereas, on June 8, 1763, Royal New Hampshire Governor Benning Wentworth granted the Stow town charter to a group of proprietors, and the boundaries for this “Six Miles square” tract of land were described as “Begining at the North Easterly corner of Mansfield, from thence Runing Southerly by said Mansfield, six Miles to the North Westerly corner of Waterbury,” and

Whereas, not until April 16, 1794 was a settlement established, when Oliver Luce arrived from Hartland, Vermont, and

Whereas, in 1797, the first Town Meeting was held at the home of Lowden Case, and

Whereas, in 1818, the original Town Hall was constructed, and

Whereas, in 1838, the letter “e” was added to the spelling of the town’s name, and

Whereas, the town’s boundaries were enlarged in 1840 to add most of the town of Mansfield, and in 1855, part of Sterling was annexed, and

Whereas, starting in 1855, Stowe served as a stop on the Underground Railroad, and

Whereas, Mt. Mansfield’s becoming synonymous with the town of Stowe started in 1856 when the Toll Road was built to the Half-way House, a trail suitable for horses was constructed from there to the summit, and by 1870, the Toll Road was extended to the summit, and

Whereas, the Summit House, built under the nose of Mt. Mansfield, welcomed its first guest in 1858, and the “Big Hotel” known officially as the Mount Mansfield Hotel opened its doors in 1863, and

Whereas, in 1896, the Village of Stowe was incorporated, and in 1911, it established the Village of Stowe Electric Light & Power System, and

Whereas, in 1913, local Swedish families introduced Nordic skiing; in 1933, the Civilian Conservation Corps cut the first ski trails; 1940 marked the opening of the first ski lift and facilitated the start of commercial skiing; and a decade later, the Mt. Mansfield Company was established, and

Whereas, the town of Stowe is proudly celebrating its 250th anniversary throughout 2013, now therefore be it

Resolved by the Senate and House of Representatives:

That the General Assembly commemorates the sestercentennial of the Town of Stowe, and be it further

Resolved: That the Secretary of State be directed to send a copy of this resolution to the Town of Stowe Selectboard and the Stowe Historical Society.