

State of Vermont House of Representatives



Montpelier, Vermont

Concurrent House Resolution

H.C.R. 136

House concurrent resolution commemorating the centennial anniversary of the Lothrop School

Offered by: Representatives Shaw of Pittsford and Carr of Brandon

Offered by: Senators Flory, French, and Mullin

Whereas, by the year 1911, all the classrooms in the Pittsford school district were full, necessitating the assignment of 17 seventh-grade students to a temporary classroom established at the Otter Creek Inn, and

Whereas, in response, the voters of Pittsford at the March 7, 1911 Town Meeting approved the motion of Rev. C. H. Smith that “the town erect an eight room brick school building according to the recommendation of the school house committee, to accommodate High, Grammar, Village and Mills Intermediate Schools,” and

Whereas, the Pittsford electorate, upon a motion of A. D. Tiffany, established a building committee to oversee this construction project, of which Ernest Hitchcock was designated chair, and

Whereas, upon motion of Albert Brouseau, the voters decided to name the school the Lothrop School in honor of the financial generosity of Henry E. Lothrop, and

Whereas, 96-year-old William Barton Shaw laid the cornerstone on August 15, 1911, the 150th anniversary of the granting of the Pittsford town charter, and

Whereas, the building committee hired Henry L. Rourke as the architect, and P. E. Mooney built the foundation, and

Whereas, the new building, which some residents considered far too grand, featured electric lights, slate blackboards, window screens, and an Italian marble entrance, which the Vermont Marble Company contributed for \$2.00, and

Whereas, the town accepted the finished building, costing \$47,794.29, in August 1912, and classes first met in their new home in September 1912, but at first only high school classes were assigned to the Lothrop School, and

Whereas, by approximately 1920, all 12 grades were assigned to the new building, and this configuration continued until Otter Valley Union High School opened in 1961, when Lothrop became an elementary school, and

Whereas, that same year, four new classrooms were added, more rooms were added in 1985, and further renovations occurred in 2008, and

Whereas, a celebration of the school’s 100th anniversary will occur on May 31, 2013, now therefore be it

Resolved by the Senate and House of Representatives:

That the General Assembly commemorates the centennial anniversary of the Lothrop School, and be it further

Resolved: That the Secretary of State be directed to send a copy of this resolution to the Lothrop School.