

State of Vermont House of Representatives



Montpelier, Vermont

Concurrent House Resolution

H.C.R. 172

House concurrent resolution honoring the Joslin Memorial Library in Waitsfield on the occasion of its 100th anniversary

Offered by: Representatives Greshin of Warren and Grad of Moretown

Offered by: Senators Cummings, Doyle, and Pollina

Whereas, literary pursuits have long been a priority for the residents of Waitsfield, and

Whereas, the first documented library in Waitsfield began in August 1866 when the Waitsfield Library Association was established as 100 persons paid an annual \$3.00 membership fee to support a library, and the Association continued until 1883, and

Whereas, 1894 Acts and Resolves No. 38 established a process for the incorporation of libraries, and in 1896, in accordance with No. 38's provisions, the Waitsfield Town Library was incorporated, and

Whereas, this new library's collection began with 275 volumes, and the core of the collection probably came from the defunct Waitsfield Library Association, and

Whereas, the Waitsfield Town Library was initially located in the Eaton Block and then in the home of Lucius and Bertha Savage, and

Whereas, by the second decade of the 20th century, the need for a new and properly designed edifice was apparent, and

Whereas, on Memorial Day 1913, a group of older military veterans, who possibly served in the Civil War, laid the cornerstone for the new Joslin Memorial Library, and

Whereas, the library's name was selected in honor of Joseph Joslin, a founder of the town of Waitsfield, and

Whereas, the financing for the building resulted from the generosity of Joseph Joslin's grandson, George A. Joslin, a wealthy newspaper entrepreneur who made his fortune in Nebraska, and

Whereas, the new library building was dedicated on October 30, 1913, and

Whereas, this impressive, yellow-brick edifice features two Indiana Bedford limestone columns at the entrance and a stained glass skylight, and

Whereas, 2013 marks 100 years since the Joslin Memorial Library was built, and it remains a thriving community resource with visits from approximately 8,000 people a year, a collection of over 10,000 books, more than 1,100 patrons, and an annual circulation of more than 14,000, now therefore be it

Resolved by the Senate and House of Representatives:

That the General Assembly congratulates the Joslin Memorial Library in Waitsfield on its 100th anniversary, and be it further

Resolved: That the Secretary of State be directed to send a copy of this resolution to the Joslin Memorial Library.