

No. R-84. Senate concurrent resolution commemorating the 75th anniversary of the Montpelier Recreation Field.

(S.C.R.9)

By Senator Doyle, Cummings, and Pollina,

Whereas, in 1940 the federal Works Progress Administration financed the construction of a municipal baseball stadium in Montpelier that has always been known as the Montpelier Recreation Field, and

Whereas, the stadium was built to accommodate 1,200 spectators in a grandstand and bleachers along the first and third base lines, and

Whereas, the Montpelier Recreation Field's dimensions are 307 feet, 419 feet, and 311 feet respectively down the left, center, and right field lines, and

Whereas, when opened in 1941, the Montpelier Recreation Field became the home of the Montpelier Senators of the Second Northern League, which included both collegiate and former professional players, and

Whereas, later in the 1940s, and until the league's folding in 1952, the stadium hosted the Twin City Trojans, with a roster that included future major league pitcher and Hall of Famer Robin Roberts during the 1946 and 1947 seasons, and

Whereas, summertime competition returned to the Montpelier Recreation Field in 2003 with the establishment of the Vermont Mountaineers of the New England Collegiate Baseball League, and

Whereas, combined with donated materials and labor, the Mountaineers have made in excess of \$500,000.00 in capital improvements to the Montpelier Recreation Field, including a new concession stand, new fencing, handicap access, lighting, press box renovations, parking lot paving, a scoreboard, and field and grandstand improvements, and

Whereas, the Montpelier Recreation Field has been the site for many other community sporting events, including championship interscholastic baseball games, Babe Ruth leagues, area adult baseball leagues, high school championship baseball games, America Legion baseball, Montpelier High School baseball, Montpelier Middle School baseball and soccer, and Montpelier Recreation Department youth soccer, and

Whereas, 2015 marks 75 years since the stadium was constructed, and area residents are anticipating another great season of exciting baseball competition in Vermont's capital city, *now therefore be it*

Resolved by the Senate and House of Representatives:

That the General Assembly commemorates the 75th anniversary of the Montpelier Recreation Field, *and be it further*

Resolved: That the Secretary of State be directed to send a copy of this resolution to the Montpelier City Council, the Montpelier School Board, the Montpelier Recreation Department, and the Vermont Mountaineers.