

**No. R-222. House concurrent resolution commemorating the centennial anniversary of Powers Park in Lyndonville.**

(H.C.R.168)

Offered by: Representatives Lawrence of Lyndon and Feltus of Lyndon

Offered by: Senators Benning and Kitchel

Whereas, in 1915, the Boston and Maine Railroad owned a parcel of land in Lyndonville known as Railroad Grove that had been popular for picnics, concerts, and camp meetings, and

Whereas, Washington Irving Powers died that year and willed \$13,000 to the village for the purchase of Railroad Grove, and

Whereas, Theia Powers Watson, a daughter of Washington Irving Powers, assisted the village in the purchase of Railroad Grove, and the decision was made to rename the 25-acre parcel as Powers Park, and

Whereas, the Village Improvement Society, a nonprofit 501(3)(c) organization, serves as the steward of Powers Park, the society's only role, and it makes the park available to the families of Lyndonville and surrounding communities, and

Whereas, through its consistently good work, the Village Improvement Society has expanded the uses of Powers Park through the addition of two tennis courts, a picnic pavilion, swimming pools and a bath house, a playground, and a basketball court, and

Whereas, the Powers Park Summer Program serves over 400 children from 12 towns, offers swimming and tennis lessons, arts and crafts activities, a library program, and an afternoon sports and games schedule, and

Whereas, 2015 marks 100 years of Powers Park's existence as a public recreation area that continues to provide much pleasure to area residents, now therefore be it

Resolved by the Senate and House of Representatives:

That the General Assembly commemorates the centennial anniversary of Powers Park in Lyndonville, and be it further

Resolved: That the Secretary of State be directed to send a copy of this resolution to the Village Improvement Society in Lyndonville.