

No. R-90. House concurrent resolution commemorating the sescentennial anniversary of the Town of Underhill.

(H.C.R.60)

Offered by: Representatives Frank of Underhill and Till of Jericho

Whereas, Underhill is one of the towns which traces its origin to the era of the New Hampshire Grants predating the establishment of Vermont, and

Whereas, as is true of all the New Hampshire Grant towns, Underhill's founding document is a charter that Royal Governor Benning Wentworth issued to a group of proprietors, in this instance, on June 8, 1763, and

Whereas, the town's original 23,040 acres were described in the charter as "Begining at the North Easterly Corner of Westford from thence Runing Southerly by the Easterly Line of said Westford six Miles to the North West Corner of Jerico, from thence Easterly by the Northerly Line of said Jerico about six Miles to the North Easterly corner thereof," and

Whereas, the geographic metes and bounds of Underhill were altered considerably when the General Assembly enacted 1839 Act and Resolves Miscellaneous No. 35, annexing approximately 12 square miles to the town's original territory from the dissolved town of Mansfield, including western slopes of Mt. Mansfield extending to the mountain's chin, Vermont's highest point, as well as all of Dewy, Clark, and Mayo mountains, and

Whereas, despite the issuance of its charter in 1763, the town of Underhill was not officially organized until its voters gathered for their first town meeting on March 9, 1795 at which they elected William Barney as Town Clerk, and

Whereas, the first school in Underhill was a log structure built in 1787 on the Hill Road, and in 1804, Underhill's first church was built on the same road on the height of land near the Poker Hill Cemetery, and

Whereas, the extensive forests that still cover much of the accurately named town of Underhill attracted many loggers and mills processing the felled trees, and

Whereas, in 1946, Governor Mortimer Proctor donated the Harvey Farm to the University of Vermont, and it became the site of the Proctor Maple Research Center which has conducted research centered on the sugar maple tree (*Acer saccharum* Marsh.) and its products—sap and syrup, advancing the Vermont maple industry's productivity and scientific knowledge, and

Whereas, for 250 years, the forests have been one of the significant elements in the economic well-being of the town of Underhill, now therefore be it

Resolved by the Senate and House of Representatives:

That the General Assembly commemorates the sescentennial anniversary of the town of Underhill, and be it further

Resolved: That the Secretary of State be directed to send a copy of this resolution to the Underhill Town Clerk.