

# State of Vermont Senate Chamber



Montpelier, Vermont

## Senate Concurrent Resolution

By Senator Doyle,

**S.C.R. 2.** Senate concurrent resolution congratulating the Canadian Club Inc. of Barre on its 75th anniversary.

*Whereas*, in the 1930s, the French Canadian community in Barre saw the need for a social organization to promote and retain the French Canadian culture in Barre, and

*Whereas*, to meet this objective, in 1939 a group of individuals gathered in Barre and created the French Canadian Club, and

*Whereas*, the Club began with 21 French Canadians, and its programs and administrative affairs were conducted in French, and

*Whereas*, the first officers were President Lucien Beaudoin, Vice President Raoul Maurice, Secretary Wilfred Langevin, and Auditor Antonio Pinard, and they had the assistance of Reverends Cray and Maloney, and

*Whereas*, some members sought to affiliate with other French Canadian clubs, but those wishing to remain independent prevailed, and

*Whereas*, in November 1940, the Club moved to larger space in the Blanchard Block that could accommodate social functions for 150 people, and

*Whereas*, on May 10, 1954, the Club was incorporated, and in 1955 it moved to temporary headquarters in the Paramount Theater Building, and

*Whereas*, in 1957 the now Canadian Club purchased the former Vermont Veterans Cooperative Workshop on East Montpelier Road and refurbished the facility as its permanent home, and

*Whereas*, the Club eventually opened its membership rolls to the broader public, beyond French speakers, although this was not an easy transition, and

*Whereas*, although a fire destroyed the building in January 1968, in just nine months a new structure was dedicated, and

*Whereas*, today the Canadian Club offers academic scholarships, social events, and a host of enjoyable activities, and

*Whereas*, the organization now has a membership of 1,200 and commemorated its 75th anniversary on September 27, 2014, *now therefore be it*

***Resolved by the Senate and House of Representatives:***

That the General Assembly congratulates the Canadian Club on its 75th anniversary, *and be it further*

***Resolved:*** That the Secretary of State be directed to send a copy of this resolution to the Canadian Club in Barre.