

No. R-215. House concurrent resolution commemorating the centennial anniversary of the Fair Haven Grade School.

(H.C.R.176)

Offered by: Representatives Canfield of Fair Haven, Helm of Fair Haven, and Potter of Clarendon

Offered by: Senators Collamore, Flory, and Mullin

Whereas, for the past century, students in grades kindergarten through eight have learned their ABCs and far more at the Fair Haven Grade School located east of the beautiful town park, and

Whereas, the saga of the school's construction began with the moving of a private residence—supposedly it was rolled on logs—to a new site on North Main Street where it still stands, and

Whereas, with the site cleared, the building was completed early the next year, and in April of 1917, the school's doors opened for the first time, welcoming students to their new scholastic home and marking a great occasion for the students, teachers, parents, and the entire town of Fair Haven, and

Whereas, the Fair Haven Grade School proved worthy of its intended purpose, but changing situations demanded modifications to the building, and

Whereas, in 1974, other smaller schools in Fair Haven were closed, and the building was expanded to reflect this development, and

Whereas, in the 1980s, the student population in Fair Haven grew, and the decision was made to build a new three-story wing that opened in 1989 to accommodate more youngsters, and

Whereas, recognizing the importance of energy efficiency in the 21st century, in 2007, renovations to address these concerns were implemented, while maintaining the building's overall appearance, and

Whereas, this current academic year marked the addition of pre-kindergarten instruction to the school's curriculum, and

Whereas, the Fair Haven Grade School is more than a center for educating children, as it serves as a community hub for many activities, and

Whereas, the Fair Haven Grade School has earned State recognition as an historic building that has preserved its architectural integrity and original charm, and

Whereas, in recognition of the Fair Haven Grade School's reaching its historic 100-year milestone, celebratory events are being held during the first week of May 2017, now therefore be it

Resolved by the Senate and House of Representatives:

That the General Assembly commemorates the centennial anniversary of the Fair Haven Grade School, and be it further

Resolved: That the Secretary of State be directed to send a copy of this resolution to the Fair Haven Grade School.