

State of Vermont House of Representatives



Montpelier, Vermont

Concurrent House Resolution

H.C.R. 314

House concurrent resolution designating Wednesday, September 23, 2020 as Alexander Twilight Day in Vermont

Offered by: Representatives Strong of Albany, Batchelor of Derby, Higley of Lowell, Lefebvre of Newark, Marcotte of Coventry, Page of Newport City, Smith of Derby, and Young of Greensboro

Offered by: Senators Rodgers and Starr

Whereas, in 1823, Alexander Lucius Twilight, a Vermonter by birth, earned a bachelor's degree from Middlebury College, becoming the nation's first African American college graduate, and

Whereas, in 1836, Brownington's voters elected him to represent the town as the nation's first African American state legislator, and

Whereas, as a pioneering educator at the Orleans County Grammar School, he designed and built the four-story granite Athenian Hall dormitory, now known as the Old Stone House, and

Whereas, this visionary civic leader, educator, and minister enriched the lives of Northeast Kingdom residents and left an enduring legacy, and

Whereas, September 23, 2020 marks the 225th anniversary of his birth, now therefore be it

Resolved by the Senate and House of Representatives:

That the General Assembly designates Wednesday, September 23, 2020 as Alexander Twilight Day in Vermont, and be it further

Resolved: That the Secretary of State be directed to send a copy of this resolution to the Old Stone House Museum in Brownington.