

State of Vermont

House of Representatives



Montpelier, Vermont

Concurrent House Resolution

H.C.R. 126

House concurrent resolution commemorating Thomas Davenport, electrical inventor

Offered by: Representatives Jerome of Brandon, Shaw of Pittsford, Achey of Middletown Springs, Anthony of Barre City, Austin of Colchester, Bartholomew of Hartland, Bongartz of Manchester, Bos-Lun of Westminster, Brumsted of Shelburne, Burditt of West Rutland, Campbell of St. Johnsbury, Canfield of Fair Haven, Coffey of Guilford, Cupoli of Rutland City, Dolan of Waitsfield, Fagan of Rutland City, Goldman of Rockingham, Harrison of Chittenden, Helm of Fair Haven, Houghton of Essex, Howard of Rutland City, James of Manchester, Masland of Thetford, McCoy of Poultney, Nicoll of Ludlow, Norris of Shoreham, Notte of Rutland City, Ode of Burlington, Patt of Worcester, Peterson of Clarendon, Pugh of South Burlington, Scheu of Middlebury, Sullivan of Dorset, Terenzini of Rutland Town, Till of Jericho, Walz of Barre City, Webb of Shelburne, White of Bethel, and Yantachka of Charlotte

Whereas, in 1837, Thomas Davenport of Brandon secured the world's first patent for an electric motor, U.S. Patent No.132, and

Whereas, the *New York Herald* proclaimed his invention "The Dawn of a New Civilization," while the *New York Evening-Star* called it "the application of an entire new and immeasurable agent of mechanical power," and

Whereas, Davenport continued to build motors of increased power and efficiency and apply them to new uses, including his invention of the world's first electrically powered printing press, and

Whereas, Davenport invented a pioneering electric vehicle and foresaw a future in which electrically powered transportation would be common, and

Whereas, Davenport believed electric power would transform both industry and daily human existence and dedicated his life to furthering those ends, now therefore be it

Resolved by the Senate and House of Representatives:

That the General Assembly commemorates Thomas Davenport, electrical inventor, and be it further

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