

State of Vermont Senate Chamber



Montpelier, Vermont

Senate Concurrent Resolution

By Senators Campion and Sears,

By Representatives Corcoran of Bennington, Durfee of Shaftsbury, Morrissey of Bennington, Nigro of Bennington, and Whitman of Bennington,

S.C.R. 16. Senate concurrent resolution commemorating the centennial of Robert Frost's poem "Stopping by Woods on a Snowy Evening".

Whereas, for nine years, Vermont's first poet laureate and four-time Pulitzer Prize-winner Robert Frost resided in an eighteenth-century stone-and-clapboard house in Shaftsbury, and

Whereas, Robert Frost wrote one of his most famous poems, "Stopping by Woods on a Snowy Evening", in his Shaftsbury residence, not during a precipitation-filled winter's night, but on a June day in 1922, and

Whereas, the poem concludes with the memorable final stanza "The woods are lovely, dark and deep, But I have promises to keep, And miles to go before I sleep, And miles to go before I sleep," and Frost scholar Jay Parini has described the poem as "about isolation, nature and the will to continue," and

Whereas, Bennington College now manages the poet's former residence as the Robert Frost Stone House Museum under the leadership of its director, Erin McKenny, *now therefore be it*

Resolved by the Senate and House of Representatives:

That the General Assembly commemorates the centennial of Robert Frost's poem "Stopping by Woods on a Snowy Evening," *and be it further*

Resolved: That the Secretary of State be directed to send a copy of this resolution to Erin McKenny at the Robert Frost Stone House Museum.