

# 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.