

No. R-164. House concurrent resolution commemorating the 250th anniversary of the U.S. Army and honoring the U.S. Army veterans in residence at the Vermont Veterans' Home.

(H.C.R.140)

Offered by Representatives Morrissey of Bennington, Corcoran of Bennington, Greer of Bennington, and Nigro of Bennington

Offered by Senators Bongartz and Plunkett

Whereas, on June 14, 1775, more than a year before the issuance of the Declaration of Independence, the Second Continental Congress adopted a resolution providing “that six companies of expert riflemen, be immediately raised in Pennsylvania, two in Maryland, and two in Virginia,” thus establishing the Continental Army (the forerunner of the U.S. Army), and

Whereas, on June 15, 1775, the Second Continental Congress unanimously selected George Washington as the new organization’s commander-in-chief, and

Whereas, since its inception, the motto of the U.S. Army has been “This We’ll Defend,” signifying an unwavering commitment to safeguard the nation’s freedom and democracy against all threats, and

Whereas, the Continental Army was disbanded after the Treaty of Paris was signed in 1783, and on September 29, 1789, Congress enacted an *Act to recognize and adapt to the Constitution of the United States the establishment of the Troops*, the statutory foundation for today’s U.S. Army, but June 14, 1775 is observed as the birthday of the U.S. Army, and many commemorative events will occur, including the issuance of commemorative U.S. postage stamps and coins, and

Whereas, the Vermont Veterans’ Home in Bennington was established in 1884 to provide a caring and dignified residence for veterans of the Civil War, and

Whereas, in 2025, there are 35 residents and seven staff members at the Vermont Veterans’ Home who are honorably discharged U.S. Army veterans, and they are observing the 250th anniversary of their military service’s establishment, as is the entire nation, *now therefore be it*

Resolved by the Senate and House of Representatives:

That the General Assembly commemorates the 250th anniversary of the U.S. Army and honors the U.S. Army veterans in residence at the Vermont Veterans’ Home, *and be it further*

Resolved: That the Secretary of State be directed to send a copy of this resolution to the Vermont Veterans’ Home.