

State of Vermont

House of Representatives



Montpelier, Vermont

Concurrent House Resolution

H.C.R. 72

Offered by Representative Harvey of Castleton

Offered by Senators Weeks, Collamore, and Williams

House concurrent resolution commemorating May 9, 2025 as the 250th anniversary of Ethan Allen's arrival in Castleton in association with the American War of Independence

Whereas, the Battles of Lexington and Concord, fought on April 19, 1775, initiated the long and deadly conflict between rebellious residents of the American colonies and the government of Great Britain, and

Whereas, as a result of a Committee of War held with the Green Mountain Boys and others in Zadock Remington's tavern in Castleton, their local field commander, Ethan Allen, dispatched Samuel Herrick to lead 30 men to lock down Skenesborough (now Whitehall, New York) and to seize British Lieutenant Philip Skene's fleet of boats in order to transport the Green Mountain Boys across Lake Champlain, and Ethan Allen also directed Gershom Beach to run more than 60 miles to alert men living in towns along Otter Creek and beyond of the need to rush to Hand's Cove in Shoreham on the east shore of Lake Champlain, where they would meet Ethan Allen and more Green Mountain Boys, and

Whereas, this plan was finalized at Castleton and the Green Mountain Boys successfully seized the British-held forts and liberated 78 cannons at Ticonderoga and 111 cannons at Crown Point, and these events were seen as early patriot triumphs in the American War of Independence from Great Britain, and

Whereas, over the next winter, an oxen crew that Bostonian Henry Knox led, moved 29 cannons from Crown Point and 30 from Ticonderoga to Boston, where they were placed on high ground in order to force the British navy to evacuate Boston Harbor, and

Whereas, these epic military operations enhanced the reputation of the Green Mountain Boys and contributed to the securing of American independence from Great Britain and began Vermont's journey towards admission as the nation's 14th state, *now therefore be it*

Resolved by the Senate and House of Representatives:

That the General Assembly commemorates May 9, 2025 as the 250th anniversary of Ethan Allen's arrival in Castleton in association with the American War of Independence, *and be it further*

Resolved: That the Secretary of State be directed to send a copy of this resolution to the Castleton Town Clerk and the Vermont State University Castleton campus.