

State of Vermont Senate Chamber



Montpelier, Vermont

Senate Concurrent Resolution

Offered by Senators Harrison and Hashim,

Offered by Representatives Burke of Brattleboro, Goodnow of Brattleboro, and Kornheiser of Brattleboro

S.C.R. 1. Senate concurrent resolution congratulating Brattleboro Memorial Hospital on its 120th anniversary.

Whereas, the unusual origin of the Brattleboro Memorial Hospital can be traced to the 1843 marriage of Thomas Thompson, a wealthy Bostonian, to Elizabeth Rowel, a domestic servant; their considerable financial legacy; the dearth of sewing women in 1900 Brattleboro as their primary intended beneficiaries; and the associated trust's provision that surplus funds be "applied to kindred charitable purposes in town (Brattleboro)" that resulted in a Massachusetts probate court's holding that \$100,000.00 of these funds could be used for the establishment of a local hospital, and

Whereas, in 1904, the trustee purchased the George Hall estate, known as the Hemlocks, and in that same year, the General Assembly adopted 1904 Acts and Resolves No. 277, An Act to incorporate the Hemlocks Hospital of Brattleboro, which then opened in the estate's buildings as the Brattleboro Memorial Hospital, featuring both a 37-bed hospital and a training program for nurses, and

Whereas, in response to the growing needs of the community, major campus improvements were a medical office building (1970), the Gannett Building for patient care (1993), the Richards Building for outpatient services (2008), and the Ronald Read Pavilion for surgical services (2022), and these components now comprise a superb community health care facility, licensed for 61 beds, employing over 600 staff, that the Lown Institute has recognized as the top Vermont hospital for "Social Responsibility, Health Equity, and Community Benefit," and

Whereas, on October 25, 2024, the friends, staff, and leadership of Brattleboro Memorial Hospital joyously celebrated this special health care milestone, *now therefore be it*

Resolved by the Senate and House of Representatives:

That the General Assembly congratulates Brattleboro Memorial Hospital on its 120th anniversary, *and be it further*

Resolved: That the Secretary of State be directed to send a copy of this resolution to Brattleboro Memorial Hospital.