

No. R-47. House concurrent resolution commemorating the 225th anniversary of the Town of Mount Holly.

(H.C.R.26)

Offered by: Representatives Devereux of Mount Holly and Potter of Clarendon

Offered by: Senators Clarkson, McCormack, Nitka, Collamore, and Flory

Whereas, in order to raise funds to support Vermont's military preparations during the Revolutionary War, on February 23, 1781, the General Assembly sold to Abraham Jackson Esq. and 30 associates "a certain tract or gore of land, lying and being situated on the east side of Wallingford, containing by estimation nine thousand seven hundred acres... To be annexed to and incorporated with the town of Wallingford," and

Whereas, the sale raised two hundred seventy pounds, and

Whereas, the tract of land sold became known as Jackson's Gore, and

Whereas, the first settlers in Jackson's Gore, including Abraham Jackson, arrived in 1782, and

Whereas, on October 18, 1792, residents of Jackson's Gore and the western part of adjacent Ludlow that "Impassable Mountains" cut off from the eastern section of that town filed a petition with the General Assembly for the chartering of a new town, and

Whereas, on October 31, 1792, a legislative charter incorporating "the separate town of Mount Holley" was passed into law, and

Whereas, the new Town of Mount Holley (which subsequently dropped the "e" from the spelling of Holly) included the original Jackson Gore, 11,739 acres from the town of Ludlow, and 3,888 acres from the town of Wallingford for a total of 25,796 acres, and

Whereas, at the first Mount Holly town meeting on November 19, 1792, the citizens of the town voted to incorporate and elected Abraham Jackson as moderator; Stephen Clark as town clerk; Jackson, Clark, and Silas Proctor as selectmen; and Jackson as the town's first State representative, and at a second town meeting held on March 4, 1793, all of the original officials were reelected, plus the voters chose a lister, poundkeeper, treasurer, and other officials, and

Whereas, Mount Holly's 1870 efforts to annex a section of the Town of Weston were unsuccessful, but the boundaries with Ludlow were modified in 1994 Acts and Resolves No. 123, and

Whereas, 2017 marks the Town of Mount Holly's 225th anniversary, now therefore be it

Resolved by the Senate and House of Representatives:

That the General Assembly commemorates the 225th anniversary of the Town of Mount Holly, and be it further

Resolved: That the Secretary of State be directed to send a copy of this resolution to the Mount Holly town clerk and the Mount Holly Historical Society.