

State of Vermont

House of Representatives



Montpelier, Vermont

Concurrent House Resolution

H.C.R. 123

House concurrent resolution commemorating the sesquicentennial of the Civil War

Offered by: All Members of the House

Whereas, the Civil War was a defining moment in our nation's history, as the Union was preserved and slavery abolished, and

Whereas, the sesquicentennial of the War will be observed from 2011 to 2015, and

Whereas, Vermont was the first state to outlaw slavery, played an important role in the abolition movement, opposed and legislated against the Fugitive Slave Act, and provided numerous stops on the Underground Railroad, and

Whereas, the bravery of Vermonters on the battlefield is well documented, including the First Vermont Brigade which saw action in nearly every major eastern battle; the Second Vermont Brigade which broke the right flank of Pickett's Charge at Gettysburg; the Battle of Cedar Creek, in which more Vermont units were involved than in any other battle and is memorialized in the largest painting located in the state house; and the Vermont-led attack that broke Confederate lines at Petersburg, and

Whereas, there were 298 Vermont African Americans credited with enlisting in the U.S. Colored Troops, of which 238 (so far) are listed on one of the plaques on the African American Civil War Memorial in Washington, D.C., and

Whereas, the Confederate raid on St. Albans was the northernmost land action of the war, Vermont's most famous bank robbery, and a military incident that nearly caused a major conflict with Great Britain, and

Whereas, Vermont manufacturers produced large quantities of war matériel, and the state's women worked tirelessly to provide the Vermont soldiers with necessary items at the front and in hospitals, and

Whereas, Vermont's Civil War story extends beyond battlefields and includes many locales within our state's borders, and the war is the fundamental event in understanding the evolution of freedom, civil rights, and national unity, and

Whereas, the state's residents and visitors will have many opportunities to explore and celebrate Vermont's rich Civil War heritage through visits to sites associated with the Civil War and events that commemorate its legacy, including a Farmer's Night presentation to be held at the state house on April 6, 2011, now therefore be it

Resolved by the Senate and House of Representatives:

That the General Assembly commemorates the sesquicentennial of the Civil War and Vermont's role in this pivotal conflict in our nation's history, and be it further

Resolved: That the Secretary of State be directed to send a copy of this resolution to the Vermont Historical Society.

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Shapleigh Smith, Jr.
Speaker of the House

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Philip B. Scott".

Philip B. Scott
President of the Senate

Attested to:

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Donald G. Milne".

Donald G. Milne
Clerk, House of Representatives

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Adopted on the Part of the House

Assistant Clerk

SENATE CHAMBER

_____, 2011

Adopted on the Part of the Senate in concurrence

Assistant Secretary