

**No. R-256. House concurrent resolution congratulating the Vermont Veterans' Home as it commemorates its 125th anniversary.**

(H.C.R.176)

Offered by: Representatives Morrissey of Bennington, Corcoran of Bennington, Krawczyk of Bennington and Mook of Bennington

Offered by: Senators Hartwell and Sears

Whereas, on November 24, 1884, the governor signed Act 180, a law that incorporated "The Trustees of the Soldiers' Home in Vermont" (the Soldiers' Home) and designated the institution's initial trustees, and

Whereas, Act 180 authorized the trustees to maintain "in this State a home for deserving soldiers and sailors, and such members of their families as said trustees may deem proper," and

Whereas, the trustees selected the land and buildings of the Trenor W. Park Home as the ideal location, and the property was conveyed to the trustees by means of a quitclaim deed on January 15, 1887, and

Whereas, the Soldiers Home accepted its first resident, a Civil War infantry veteran named George E. Wood of Randolph, who had served in Company E of the 2nd Regiment, and

Whereas, on November 12, 1954, the Soldiers' Home's board of trustees convened a special meeting and amended its bylaws to provide for the admission of wives and widows of veterans, and

Whereas, in accordance with Act 53 of 1971, the name of "The Trustees of the Soldiers' Home in Vermont" was officially changed to "The Veterans' Home in Vermont" (Vermont Veterans' Home), and

Whereas, the Vermont Veterans' Home's chapel was dedicated in May of 1990 and officially named "The Four Chaplains All Faith Memorial Chapel" in memory and honor of the four U.S. military chaplains who on the night of February 2, 1943, when a German submarine attacked the U.S.T.A. Dorchester on which they were serving, gave up their life jackets in order that others could live, and

Whereas, the Vermont Veterans' Home's bylaws were further amended in 1999 to authorize the admission of Gold Star parents, and

Whereas, pursuant to Act 121 of 2004, the Vermont Veterans' Home was officially designated as "a body corporate and politic and a public instrumentality of the state," and

Whereas, 2009 marks the 125th anniversary of the Vermont Veterans' Home, which remains a welcoming place for Vermont's veterans, now therefore be it

Resolved by the Senate and House of Representatives:

That the General Assembly congratulates the Vermont Veterans' Home as it commemorates its 125th anniversary, and be it further

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