

No. R-217. House concurrent resolution congratulating St. Johnsbury Academy on its 175th anniversary.

(H.C.R.178)

Offered by: Representatives Beck of St. Johnsbury, Willhoit of St. Johnsbury, Ainsworth of Royalton, Cupoli of Rutland City, Deen of Westminster, Donovan of Burlington, Feltus of Lyndon, Frenier of Chelsea, Harrison of Chittenden, Hebert of Vernon, Juskiewicz of Cambridge, Lawrence of Lyndon, Lucke of Hartford, Martel of Waterford, Masland of Thetford, McCoy of Poultney, Miller of Shaftsbury, Olsen of Londonderry, Potter of Clarendon, Quimby of Concord, Scheuermann of Stowe, Sharpe of Bristol, Shaw of Pittsford, Van Wyck of Ferrisburgh, and Young of Glover

Offered by: Senators Kitchel, Benning, and Branagan

Whereas, one of Vermont's premier secondary schools is St. Johnsbury Academy (the Academy), "a diverse, comprehensive, and independent educational community," and

Whereas, Erastus, Thaddeus, and Joseph Fairbanks established the Academy in 1842 to provide "intellectual, moral, and religious training," and

Whereas, in 1873, the Academy's leadership determined that a broader student population should be offered the school's exemplary educational opportunities, and technical training courses were added to the curriculum, and

Whereas, coinciding with the curriculum revision, the General Assembly enacted 1874 Acts and Resolves No. 124 "An act to Incorporate The St. Johnsbury Academy," and the named incorporators included five Fairbanks family members, William W. Thayer, and Homer T. Fuller, and

Whereas, in 2017, the Academy is home to an academic portfolio of more than 40 visual and performing arts classes, 25 Advanced Placement courses, eight technical programs, seven engineering and robotics offerings, and four foreign language options, including Japanese, and the students can choose from among 48 interscholastic teams and over 40 organized clubs and activities, and

Whereas, 70 percent of the faculty holds advanced degrees, and

Whereas, the Academy's 43-acre, 30-building campus includes extensive academic and physical education facilities; the spacious Charles Hosmer Morse Center for the Arts, with its modern theater and specially designed art, dance, and music studios; and the multi-sport fieldhouse complex that offers public memberships, and

Whereas, the Colwell Center for Global Understanding supports internationally themed lectures and student cultural and academic exchanges, and

Whereas, the Academy's many prominent alumni include individuals who served as governors and U.S. Senators, as well as President Calvin Coolidge, and

Whereas, in 2017, St. Johnsbury Academy is proudly commemorating the school's 175th anniversary, now therefore be it

Resolved by the Senate and House of Representatives:

That the General Assembly congratulates St. Johnsbury Academy on its 175th anniversary, and be it further

Resolved: That the Secretary of State be directed to send a copy of this resolution to St. Johnsbury Academy.