

No. R-270. House concurrent resolution congratulating the Stoweflake Mountain Resort & Spa on its golden anniversary.

(H.C.R.201)

Offered by: Representatives Scheuermann of Stowe and Smith of Morristown

Whereas, the Stoweflake Mountain Resort & Spa resulted from the visionary foresight of Stuart and Bea Baraw, and

Whereas, in 1948, the Baraws purchased a few acres of the Gale Farm in Stowe and constructed a small weekend family retreat, and

Whereas, their Stowe getaway became such a popular a destination for many friends and family members that the couple decided to relocate permanently to Stowe and, in 1963, remodeled their Vermont homestead into the 20-guestroom Stoweflake Inn, and

Whereas, during the ensuing years, this modest inn grew to 120 luxury guest units, including individual rooms, suites, and townhouses, and

Whereas, a transformative change to the Stoweflake Inn was the addition of a spa that now covers 50,000 square feet, and the inn was renamed the Stoweflake Mountain Resort & Spa, and

Whereas, the resort also features a conference center, sports facility, and Charlie B's Pub & Restaurant, and

Whereas, the Stoweflake Mountain Resort & Spa has earned the AAA's four diamond rating and has won much praise for its amenities, and

Whereas, among the many published accolades are those from *Forbes Inc.*, which named the Stoweflake Mountain Resort & Spa as one of the "Hottest Hotel Spas" and *New England Travel & Life* magazine's description of Stoweflake as a "Top Resort," and

Whereas, in 1986, the resort inaugurated the Stoweflake Balloon Festival which is now a nationally recognized hot-air balloon event, and

Whereas, the Baraw family remains the proud owner of Stoweflake Mountain Resort & Spa with Stuart and Bea's son, Chuck, serving as president, with Chuck's daughter, Sheri, and his nephew, Scot, as vice presidents, and

Whereas, 2013 marked 50 years since the Stoweflake Inn registered its first guest, and the resort today is an innovative leader in Vermont's hospitality industry, and the Baraw family is looking forward to the resort's exciting second half-century, now therefore be it

Resolved by the Senate and House of Representatives:

That the General Assembly congratulates the Stoweflake Mountain Resort & Spa on its golden anniversary, and be it further

Resolved: That the Secretary of State be directed to send a copy of this resolution to the Stoweflake Mountain Resort & Spa.