

**No. R-318. House concurrent resolution commemorating the 400th anniversary of the Mayflower's arrival in the New World.**

(H.C.R.261)

Offered by: Representative O'Brien of Tunbridge

Offered by: Senators Hooker, Benning, Collamore, Lyons, Mazza, McNeil, Rodgers, and Sears

Whereas, on September 6, 1620, a group of English subjects, including Puritan separatists, departed from Plymouth, England, on a small ship, the *Mayflower*, bound for Virginia, where it had permission to settle, and

Whereas, the harsh weather the *Mayflower* encountered altered its course, and on November 9, 1620, the ship arrived at Cape Cod, and the group chose an area it named Plymouth to establish a settlement, and

Whereas, the *Mayflower* passengers created a document known as the Mayflower Compact, which formed a basis for a civil government, and

Whereas, in 1927, 22 Vermont descendants of *Mayflower* passengers established the Vermont Society of Mayflower Descendants, and

Whereas, the year 2020 marks the 400th anniversary of the *Mayflower*'s historic and treacherous voyage across the Atlantic Ocean, now therefore be it

Resolved by the Senate and House of Representatives:

That the General Assembly commemorates the 400th anniversary of the *Mayflower*'s arrival in the New World, and be it further

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