

State of Vermont House of Representatives



Montpelier, Vermont

Concurrent House Resolution

H.C.R. 276

House concurrent resolution commemorating the 100th anniversary of the Wayside Restaurant in Berlin

Offered by: Representatives Lewis of Berlin, Donahue of Northfield, Hooper of Montpelier, Kitzmiller of Montpelier, LaClair of Barre Town, McFaun of Barre Town, Poirier of Barre City, and Walz of Barre City

Offered by: Senators Brooks, Cummings, and Pollina

Whereas, the Wayside, an eating establishment that offers “Home cooking away from home,” served its first customer in July 1918, and

Whereas, the original proprietor, Effie Ballou, prepared some of the menu at her hillside home and then carried the cooked meals to the small roadside eatery she operated adjacent to the Barre-Montpelier Road, and

Whereas, in 1945, Joseph and Amy Fish assumed ownership, and their son and daughter-in-law, George (Roy) and Vivian, succeeded them in 1954, and

Whereas, in 1966, Eugene and Harriet Galfetti purchased the Wayside and over 33 years constructed seven additions, greatly expanding the premises, and

Whereas, in 1998, a new generation took command at the Wayside when Karen (Galfetti) Zecchinelli and her husband, Brian, succeeded her parents with the goal of maintaining all the Wayside’s wonderful dining traditions, and

Whereas, the Wayside’s outstanding Yankee cookery has been publicized in the *New York Times*, the *Burlington Free Press*, the *Times Argus*, and *Seven Days*, and

Whereas, in 2014, the restaurant was the winner of a Vermont Legacy Award, and Senator Leahy has offered a personal tribute, and

Whereas, the Wayside includes a bakery that offers a variety of pies, breads, and muffins for take-out sale and a creamery that produces 14 flavors of ice cream for consumption after a meal or as a standalone treat, and

Whereas, the Wayside was Montpelier’s first green restaurant and the fifth in the State, and has taken multiple steps to reduce its carbon footprint, such as installing six solar tube panels on its back roof that preheat the dishwasher’s water, and

Whereas, a locally-oriented initiative is working with area farmers and fishermen to offer Vermont fresh food products, and

Whereas, in celebration of its 100th birthday, a book, *It’s Worth the Ride to the Wayside: Celebrating 100 Years with Anniversary Ale, Yankee Cooking and Ice Cream*, and that includes favorite recipes, has been published, and

Whereas, on July 29, 2018, a customer appreciation party, featuring a free ice cream social and a fireworks display, will take place to commemorate a century of delightful family-friendly dining, now therefore be it

Resolved by the Senate and House of Representatives:

That the General Assembly commemorates the 100th anniversary of the Wayside Restaurant in Berlin, and be it further

Resolved: That the Secretary of State be directed to send a copy of this resolution to the Wayside Restaurant in Berlin.