

No. R-403. House concurrent resolution commemorating the centennial of Newport City.

(H.C.R.329)

Offered by: Representatives Marcotte of Coventry and Viens of Newport City

Offered by: Senators Rodgers and Starr

Whereas, in 1802, the General Assembly granted a municipal charter to George Duncan and his associates; the original name of the community was Duncansborough, and in 1816, the General Assembly renamed the municipality Newport, probably in recognition of its status as a new port on Lake Memphremagog, and

Whereas, by the 1870s, a thriving Newport Village developed on the shores of Lake Memphremagog, welcoming American and Canadian tourists arriving via boat and rail and accommodating them in several large hotels, and the 1800's Lady of the Lake steamer is pictured on the Newport City seal, and

Whereas, by the second decade of the 20th century, the more urbanized Newport Village and the adjacent Village of West Derby, in the town of Derby, were urbanized communities in otherwise rural host towns, and

Whereas, in recognition of this demographic divergence, the General Assembly enacted 1917 Acts and Resolves No. 273, "An Act to Incorporate a City of Newport, a Town of Newport and a Town of Derby" that, pending voter approval in the affected towns, established the new city and reconfigured the two original towns' boundaries, and

Whereas, on Town Meeting Day, March, 5, 1918, the newly formed Newport City was organized and all the new borders took effect, and

Whereas, among prominent Newporters have been: federal officials U.S. Senator Winston Prouty and Interstate Commerce Commissioner Charles Prouty; Vermont officials Governors Josiah Grout and George Prouty, Lieutenant Governor David Camp, Secretaries of State Harry Black and Aaron Grout, and Supreme Court Justice Rudolph Daley; New Hampshire Governor Lane Dwinell; real estate developer and philanthropist Antonio Pomerleau; astronaut Duane Graveline; and Boston Bruins founder Charles Adams, for whom the National Hockey League's Adams Division was named, and

Whereas, Newport City will conduct a joyous centennial celebration from June 29 through July 4, 2018, and among the many featured events will be concerts, live shows, dances, an art exhibit, church suppers, a parade, train rides, 18th-century war reenactments, and fireworks, now therefore be it

Resolved by the Senate and House of Representatives:

That the General Assembly commemorates the centennial of Newport City, and be it further

Resolved: That the Secretary of State be directed to send a copy of this resolution to the Newport City Clerk.