

No. R-24. Senate concurrent resolution commemorating the 150th anniversary of the original chartering of Goddard College.

(S.C.R.8)

By Senators Doyle, Cummings, and Pollina,

By Representative Ancel of Calais,

Whereas, the origins of Goddard College can be traced to the enactment of Act 86 of 1863 which served as the incorporation charter of the Green Mountain Central Institute, a Universalist seminary, and

Whereas, the board of trustees of this newly established academic institution was authorized to “confer on female pupils . . . who shall have completed the regular course of study prescribed in said Institute, all such literary honors and degrees as are usually conferred by the best female colleges, academies and seminaries,” and

Whereas, the school was subsequently renamed Goddard Seminary in recognition of Thomas A. Goddard and his family who were major benefactors of the school during its early years, and

Whereas, in 1935, the arrival of Royce Pitkin as president of Goddard Seminary heralded a major change in the school’s academic purposes and offerings, and

Whereas, he reorganized the school as a junior college and admitted male students, and

Whereas, in 1938, Royce Pitkin made even bolder changes at the institution as it implemented an educational outlook based on the teaching philosophy of John Dewey and William H. Kilpatrick, the campus was moved to the estate of Willard S. Martin in Plainfield, and the current name was adopted, and

Whereas, in the years following World War II, Goddard College began a four-year residency program leading to baccalaureate degrees, and

Whereas, in 1963, Goddard College became the first college in the United States to offer low-level residency or adult degree programs, and

Whereas, in time, the college ended its four-year residency programs and focused exclusively on the low-level option for both undergraduate and graduate degrees that enables students to design a curriculum suited to their individual needs, and

Whereas, Goddard College is marking the 150th year of this unique educational institution that has evolved to meet the academic needs of contemporary society, *now therefore be it*

Resolved by the Senate and House of Representatives:

That the General Assembly commemorates the 150th anniversary of the original chartering of Goddard College, *and be it further*

Resolved: That the Secretary of State be directed to send a copy of this resolution to Goddard College President Dr. Barbara Vacarr.