

No. R-52. Senate concurrent resolution congratulating Lotus Lake Camp on its 60th anniversary.

(S.C.R.15)

By Senators Doyle, Cummings, and Pollina,

By Representatives Davis of Washington and Winters of Williamstown,

Whereas, by 1952, there were numerous overnight summer camps for youngsters in Vermont, but there were few, if any, day camps from which children returned home at the end of each day, and

Whereas, the site of this now extremely popular central Vermont day camp is the 300-acre former Lotus Lake Farm which the Martin family had owned since the early 1880s, and

Whereas, Proctor Martin believed that the farm, and its lake known as Cutter Pond, would serve as an ideal setting for teaching children swimming and useful and fun outdoor skills, and

Whereas, in collaboration with his wife, Helen, and brothers, Raymond and Hildreth, Proctor Martin opened Lotus Lake Camp in the summer of 1952 with five campers, and

Whereas, Proctor Martin remained the leader of Lotus Lake Camp until his death in 1968, and

Whereas, Lotus Lake camp is now under the expert direction of Proctor Martin's daughter, Dorothy, and son-in-law, John Milne, daughter, Becky Watson, and her daughter, Beth Allen, and other grandchildren and great-grandchildren have assumed roles in the camp's operation, ensuring that it has remained a family enterprise and commitment into a fourth generation, and

Whereas, in 2012, in celebration of its 60th anniversary as a welcoming and exciting annual summer destination for approximately 160 youngsters, Lotus Lake Camp held two days of commemorative activities on July 6 and 7, 2012, at which camp alumni had the opportunity to renew old acquaintances and recollect fond memories of their summers both recent and long ago, and

Whereas, as it enters its seventh decade, Lotus Lake Camp continues to provide enjoyable recreational and instructional opportunities for children in central Vermont who eagerly anticipate each summer day's activities, *now therefore be it*

Resolved by the Senate and House of Representatives:

That the General Assembly congratulates Lotus Lake Camp on its 60th anniversary, *and be it further*

Resolved: That the Secretary of State be directed to send a copy of this resolution to Dorothy Milne at Lotus Lake Camp in Williamstown.