

State of Vermont

House of Representatives



Montpelier, Vermont

Concurrent House Resolution

H.C.R. 35

House concurrent resolution commemorating the 240th anniversary of the Battle of Hubbardton

Offered by: Representatives Devereux of Mount Holly, Canfield of Fair Haven, and Helm of Fair Haven

Offered by: Senators Collamore, Flory, and Mullin

Whereas, on July 5, 1777, during the Revolutionary War, American troops evacuated Fort Ticonderoga, located on Lake Champlain's western shore, on observing British cannons mounted on high ground overlooking the fort, and

Whereas, General Arthur St. Clair led the American forces west towards Castleton, stopping along the way in Hubbardton to allow the American rear guard to arrive, and

Whereas, on July 6, 1777, British General Simon Fraser discovered that the Americans had abandoned Fort Ticonderoga and left in pursuit with a force composed of grenadiers, light infantry, components of the 24th Regiment, loyalists, and American Indian scouts, and

Whereas, although the American rear guard had yet to arrive at Hubbardton, General St. Clair decided to proceed towards Castleton leaving Seth Warner, commanding the Green Mountain Boys, and Colonel Nathan Hale, leading the 2nd New Hampshire Regiment, to wait for the balance of the American troops, and

Whereas, when the American rear guard arrived late on July 6, 1777, Warner decided to keep his men overnight at Hubbardton, establishing defensive positions and sending patrols to watch the road heading west towards Fort Ticonderoga, and

Whereas, the first British troops arrived in Hubbardton near dawn on July 7, 1777, surprising some of the Americans, but they soon repositioned themselves and fired mightily at the exhausted British, and

Whereas, although the Americans did weaken their enemies' left flank, British grenadiers ultimately repelled the Americans with both sides sustaining significant casualties, including the fatal wounding of the American Colonel Ebenezer Francis, whom the British buried with their forces as a sign of respect, ~~and~~ now therefore be it

~~Whereas the Battle of Hubbardton was the only Revolutionary War military engagement fought in Vermont, as the Battle of Bennington, despite its name, occurred in nearby New York, and the British were defeated.~~

Resolved by the Senate and House of Representatives:

That the General Assembly commemorates the 240th anniversary of the Battle of Hubbardton, and be it further

Resolved: That the Secretary of State be directed to send a copy of this resolution to the Vermont Historical Society, the Vermont Division for Historic Preservation, and the Hubbardton Town Clerk.