

No. R-109. House concurrent resolution congratulating the Holton Home Inc. on its 125th anniversary.

(H.C.R.84)

Offered by: Representatives Stuart of Brattleboro, Burke of Brattleboro, and Toleno of Brattleboro

Offered by: Senators White and Balint

Whereas, on September 19, 1892, *The Vermont Phoenix* published C.F. Thompson's article supporting an old ladies home in Brattleboro and announcing the convening of a public meeting "to consider the subject and if possible, to take some definitive action," and

Whereas, on November 19 of that year, the General Assembly adopted 1892 Acts and Resolves No. 213, incorporating the Brattleboro Home for the Aged and Disabled, and

Whereas, the organization purchased the Esterbrook farmhouse that was dedicated as the home's headquarters on December 29, 1897, and

Whereas, Mrs. Celestia Nash served as the organization's first matron, the forerunner of the current executive director, Cindy Jerome, and

Whereas, in 1903, a large stone Greek revival structure with modern amenities was built to replace the by-then inadequate farmhouse, and

Whereas, a Visiting Committee was established, leading to the formation of Donation Days later renamed Harvest Days, and

Whereas, in 1975, the organization's name was changed to Holton Memorial Home (now Holton Home, Inc.) in honor of its influential first president, the prominent physician and civic leader Dr. Henry D. Holton, and

Whereas, despite the willingness of the home's residents to supplement their original admission fees, threatening bankruptcy in 1979 became unavoidable, but Chapter 11 status was overcome in part in 1982 through a new relationship with the Thompson Trust, and

Whereas, since the 1980s, incremental building modernization and expansion have enabled Holton Home to meet the needs of its more frail residents and offer all residents new activities and support services, and

Whereas, Holton Home was an early participant in the State's Choices for Care program, and it is now a Level III Residential Care Home, and

Whereas, in 2015, Holton Home Inc. and the Bradley House merged, and in 2017, a major expansion and restoration of the Bradley House's historic mansion facility is coinciding with the Holton Home's 125th anniversary, now therefore be it

Resolved by the Senate and House of Representatives:

That the General Assembly congratulates Holton Home, Inc. on its 125th anniversary, and be it further

Resolved: That the Secretary of State be directed to send a copy of this resolution to Holton Home.