

No. R-239. House concurrent resolution designating June 18, 2011 as Founders Day in Bennington.

(H.C.R.190)

Offered by: Representatives Morrissey of Bennington, Campion of Bennington, Corcoran of Bennington and Mook of Bennington

Offered by: Senators Hartwell and Sears

Whereas, in 1749, Bennington became the first town that New Hampshire Royal Governor Benning Wentworth chartered in the territory known as the New Hampshire Grants, and

Whereas, 12 year later, on June 18, 1761, the first settlers arrived in Bennington, coming from the Massachusetts towns of Harwich and Amherst, and

Whereas, thereafter, many additional towns were chartered throughout the New Hampshire Grants, and

Whereas, while in Bennington, Ethan Allen planned his attack on Fort Ticonderoga which occurred on May 10, 1775, only three weeks after the military confrontations in Lexington and Concord, and

Whereas, in 1777, the Bennington storehouse was the objective of a British attack in what became known as the Battle of Bennington, despite the battle being fought just over the border in New York, and

Whereas, Bennington was a frequent site of early sessions of the General Assembly, and

Whereas, the citizens of Vermont ratified the United States Constitution at a convention held in Bennington in 1791, and

Whereas, on June 18, 2011, Bennington will be observing the 250th anniversary of the arrival of the first settlers in the town with a grand day of celebration that will also recollect the important historical events that took place in and near Bennington between 1761 and 1791, culminating in Vermont statehood, now therefore be it

Resolved by the Senate and House of Representatives:

That the General Assembly designates June 18, 2011 as Founders Day in Bennington, and be it further

Resolved: That the Secretary of State be directed to send a copy of this resolution to the Founders Day Committee in Bennington.