

No. R-305. House concurrent resolution commemorating the 50th anniversary of the National Historic Preservation Act.

(H.C.R.231)

Offered by: Representatives Emmons of Springfield, Batchelor of Derby, Browning of Arlington, Davis of Washington, Dickinson of St. Albans Town, Fields of Bennington, Lenes of Shelburne, Macaig of Williston, Myers of Essex, Shaw of Pittsford, and Wood of Waterbury

Whereas, the National Historic Preservation Act (the Act) was enacted to protect and preserve historic buildings, landscapes, and archaeological discoveries; required each state to establish a state historic preservation office; and President Johnson signed the Act into law on October 15, 1966, and

Whereas, the Vermont State Historic Preservation Office (VSHPO) was established in 1969, and the 1975 Acts and Resolves No. 109, Sec. 4 created the Division for Historic Preservation to serve this role, and

Whereas, the Act's Vermont impact includes over 50,000 historic resources documented; 6,100 archaeological and underwater sites surveyed; 30,000 resources designated on the State Register of Historic Places; and 22 state-owned historic sites and archival repositories enhanced with interpretive support, and

Whereas, the VSHPO administers a State tax credit program that has generated 306 projects since 1999 in downtowns and village centers, and also administers the Federal Section 106 Review Process and the Certified Local Government program, and

Whereas, the Act also established the Federal Preservation Tax Incentives Program, the largest federal program supporting historic preservation and, since 1990, 326 projects in Vermont have utilized the program's reinvestment tax credit with over \$156 million in qualified project costs, and

Whereas, the National Register of Historic Places lists 12,300 Vermont places including the Justin S. Morrill Homestead, the President Calvin Coolidge Historic District, Mount Independence, the Robert Frost Farm, Shelburne Farms, the Round Church, Brown Bridge, and the Lake Champlain passenger ship *Ticonderoga*, and

Whereas, the Act's 50th anniversary celebration is occurring under the banner of Preservation50, and the Vermont Division for Historic Preservation, together with its partners, including the Vermont Archaeology Society and the Preservation Trust of Vermont, is coordinating this celebration in our State, now therefore be it

Resolved by the Senate and House of Representatives:

That the General Assembly commemorates the 50th Anniversary of the National Historic Preservation Act, and be it further

Resolved: That the Secretary of State be directed to send copies of this resolution to the Vermont Division for Historic Preservation and the Preservation50 Advisory Committee.