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State of Maine

In the Year of Our Lord One Thousand Nine Hundred and Seventy-Eight

JOINT RESOLUTION IN MEMORY OF
THE HONORABLE

HUBERT HORATIO HUMPHREY, JR.
UNITED STATES SENATOR

AND

FORMER VICE-PRESIDENT OF THE UNITED STATES

Whereas, the Legislature has learned with deep regret of the death of The Honorable Hubert Horatio Humphrey, Jr., of Minnesota, former Vice-President of the United States; and

Whereas, "the happy warrior" was not only a great American, but a humanitarian of huge proportions who lived to enjoy rather than to endure life; and

Whereas, his life's work involved many victories and occasional setbacks which he always accepted with inspiring grace; and

Whereas, the citizens of Maine are truly saddened by the loss of the distinguished and honored public servant; and

Whereas, the Senate and House of Representatives are joined in understanding and prayer with the citizens of this State and Nation; and

Whereas, when the Legislature adjourns this date, it will do so in honor and in lasting tribute to the deceased; now, therefore, be it

Resolved: That we, the members of the 108th Legislature, now assembled, pause to inscribe this token of enduring affection and esteem for his memory and extend our deepest sympathy to his family and our understanding to all others who share this loss; and be it further

Resolved: That a copy of this Joint Resolution, suitably engrossed, be transmitted forthwith by the Secretary of State to his dear wife, Muriel, and their four children in token of our esteem.

House of Representatives

Read and Adopted

January 16, 1978

EDWIN H. PERT,

Clerk

In Senate Chamber

Read and Adopted

In Concurrence

January 16, 1978

MAY M. ROSS,

Secretary

State of Maine

In the Year of Our Lord One Thousand Nine Hundred and Seventy-Eight

JOINT RESOLUTION IN HONOR OF THE UNIVERSITY OF MAINE AT PORTLAND-GORHAM ON THE OCCASION OF ITS CENTENNIAL YEAR

Whereas, it has been said "there are few earthly things more splendid than a university;" and

Whereas, "it is a place where those who hate ignorance may strive to know, where those who perceive truth may strive to make others see;" and

Whereas, "it is a place where seekers and learners alike banded together in search for knowledge, will honor thought in all its finer ways, and will uphold ever the dignity of thought and learning and will exact standards in these things;" and

Whereas, one place fitting of this description was established by act of the Maine Legislature on February 19, 1878 and appropriately titled Western Normal School; and

Whereas, through the years its name has changed to Gorham Normal School, Gorham State Teachers College, Gorham State College, Gorham State College of the University of Maine, University of Maine at Gorham, and more recently to University of Maine at Portland-Gorham; but its purpose has endured, making it one of the State's leading institutions of higher learning; and

Whereas, the university in all its splendor has not only inspired those in attendance with the desire to fit themselves more thoroughly for the profession of teaching and other fields, but has supplied the means of gratifying that end; and

Whereas, now, on the eve of this, the centennial anniversary of its founding, the University of Maine at Portland-Gorham possesses even greater potential for providing increased service to citizens of the region and the State; now, therefore, be it

Resolved: That we, the members of the Senate and House of Representatives of the One Hundred and Eighth Legislature of the State of Maine, now assembled, being mindful of the paramount importance of education in our society, on this the 100th anniversary of the establishment of the University of Maine at Portland-Gorham, take this opportunity to publicly recognize the immeasurable contribution of that institution during the past century, to pay tribute to all those associated with it since its founding and to offer and extend to the University of Maine at Portland-Gorham our best wishes and encouragement for many more years of continued service and progress in the future; and be it further

Resolved: That as a token of tribute and of our support and encouragement that a duly authenticated copy of this Joint Resolution, signed by the Speaker of the House and the President of the Senate be prepared and presented to the Chancellor and the President to commemorate this memorable occasion.

House of Representatives

Read and Adopted

February 9, 1978

Sent up for Concurrence

EDWIN H. PERT,
Clerk

In Senate Chamber

Read and Adopted

in Concurrence

February 10, 1978

MAY M. ROSS,
Secretary

Attest JOHN L. MARTIN
Speaker of the House

Attest JOSEPH SEWALL
President of the Senate

State of Maine

In the Year of Our Lord One Thousand Nine Hundred and Seventy-Eight

JOINT RESOLUTION
JOINING THE
UNIVERSITY OF MAINE AT
FORT KENT IN
THE CELEBRATION OF ITS CENTENNIAL

Whereas, one of the treasures of our State, as well as our Nation, is its many and diverse cultures, all of which reflect the rich historical experience and deep-felt expressions of our varied citizenry; and

Whereas, these cultures perhaps find their most profuse flowering in institutions of higher learning where scholars and teachers develop their traditions and hand down their learning to future generations; and

Whereas, the State of Maine is blessed in its northern part with citizens of Acadian descent whose history embodies a unique and precious form of French culture flavored by long experience in North America; and

Whereas, by "An Act to Provide for the Training of Teachers in Madawaska Territory," approved on February 21, 1878, the Legislature of this State, recognizing Maine's good fortune in having a strong Acadian tradition within its borders, provided for an institution of higher learning to serve the citizens of the Madawaska Territory; and

Whereas, the trustees of the school, aware of the unique advantages of the Town of Fort Kent, subsequently funded this institution in the midst of handsomely forested hills on the scenic Fish River; and

Whereas, during the 100 years since its founding, and under the names of Madawaska Training School, Fort Kent Normal School, Fort Kent State Teachers College, Fort Kent State College, and finally the University of Maine at Fort Kent, this institution has continued to grow and to flourish; and

Whereas, the University of Maine at Fort Kent now is firmly established as one of the brightest stars in the constellation of the University of Maine, offering a blend of the rich Acadian tradition and 5 superlative degree programs to a multifaceted student body from both Maine and our entire country; now, therefore, be it

Resolved: That we, the members of the 108th Legislature assembled in second regular session, hereby publicly declare our recognition of the irreplaceable benefit which the University of Maine at Fort Kent, together with all of those men and women who have served it, has conferred upon our Acadian tradition and upon our State during the past century, and further hereby express our encouragement and wishes that it may continue far into the future the success which it has had during the past 100 years; and be it further

Resolved: That a duly authenticated copy of this Joint Resolution, signed by the Speaker of the House and the President of the Senate, be prepared and presented to the Chancellor and the President as an expression of our feeling on this historic occasion.

House of Representatives

Read and Adopted

February 17, 1978

Sent up for Concurrence

EDWIN H. PERT,

Clerk

In Senate Chamber

Read and Adopted

in Concurrence

February 17, 1978

MAY M. ROSS,

Secretary

Attest JOHN L. MARTIN

Speaker of the House

Attest JOSEPH SEWALL

President of the Senate

State of Maine

In the Year of Our Lord One Thousand Nine Hundred and Seventy-Eight

JOINT RESOLUTION IN HONOR OF STATEHOOD DAY

Whereas, one hundred and fifty-eight years ago, Maine's people achieved success in their long struggle to be separated from Massachusetts and to be admitted into the Union as a State; and

Whereas, Maine, since her admission on March 15, 1820, has, in her history and rich tradition, more than justified the motto "Dirigo," that is, "I lead;" and

Whereas, Maine today, as in days gone by, exemplifies the spirit of adventure and pioneering; now, therefore, be it

Resolved: That we, the members of the 108th Legislature assembled in Augusta at the Second Regular Session, do hereby rededicate ourselves, on behalf of our citizens, to the ideals embodied in Statehood Day, and urge all of Maine's citizens to celebrate this day with appropriate ceremony and observation; and be it further

Resolved: That upon adoption of this resolve in concurrence, suitable copies shall be made available for the public.

House of Representatives

Read and Adopted

March 15, 1978

Sent up for Concurrence

EDWIN H. PERT,

Clerk

In Senate Chamber

Read and Adopted

in Concurrence

March 15, 1978

MAY M. ROSS,

Secretary

State of Maine

In the Year of Our Lord One Thousand Nine Hundred and Seventy-Eight

JOINT RESOLUTION MEMORIALIZING THE PRESIDENT,
THE ADMINISTRATOR OF VETERANS AFFAIRS FOR THE UNITED STATES,
THE MAINE CONGRESSIONAL DELEGATION, THE GOVERNOR, AND
THE DIRECTOR OF THE MAINE BUREAU OF VETERANS SERVICES
CONCERNING THE CURRENT HARDSHIPS FACED BY MAINE VETERANS

We, your Memorialists, the Senate and House of Representatives of the State of Maine in the One Hundred and Eighth Legislative Session assembled, most respectfully present and petition the President of the United States, the Administrator of Veterans Affairs for the United States, the Maine Congressional Delegation, the Governor of the State of Maine and the Director of the Maine Bureau of Veterans Services as follows:

Whereas, many veterans in Maine, especially disabled Vietnam-era veterans, face continuing hardships and discrimination in employment; and

Whereas, many veterans attempting to attend institutions of higher education, including the University of Maine or the vocational-technical institutes, face great hardships when financial aid promised by the United States Veterans Administration is delayed for weeks; and

Whereas, these delays severely affect their abilities to sustain basic necessities, such as food, housing, transportation and school supplies; and

Whereas, continuing public attitudes about the Vietnam War and the veterans of that war often result in employment discrimination; and

Whereas, there is a lack of communication between many Vietnam-era veterans and the United States Veterans Administration; and

Whereas, the foregoing and other factors produce severe demoralization and a sense of frustration on the part of many Maine citizens who are Vietnam-era veterans; now, therefore, be it

Resolved: That we, your Memorialists, respectfully urge that these difficulties and hardships should not be allowed to continue; and be it further

Resolved: That we respectfully urge and encourage the President of the United States and the Administrator of Veterans Affairs for the United States to make additional efforts to effectively serve Maine Vietnam veterans; and be it further

Resolved: That we respectfully request each member of the Maine Congressional Delegation to support these federal efforts; and be it further

Resolved: That we encourage the Governor and the Maine Bureau of Veterans Services to make every effort to alleviate any delay in administering the benefit programs for Vietnam-era veterans; and be it further

Resolved: That we further encourage the Governor and the Maine Bureau of Veterans Services to provide active assistance in discouraging discrimination in employment and educational opportunities for Vietnam-era veterans; and be it further

Resolved: That we recognize that there is a need for a strong advocate for individual veterans; and be it further

Resolved: That suitable copies of this resolution be transmitted immediately to the Honorable Jimmy Carter, President of the United States, to Max Cleland, Administrator of Veterans Affairs for the United States, to each member of the Maine Congressional Delegation, to the Honorable James B. Longley, Governor of the State of Maine and to the Honorable Robert R. Washburn, Director of the Bureau of Veterans Services.

House of Representatives

Read and Adopted

March 23, 1978

Sent up for Concurrence

EDWIN H. PERT,

Clerk

In Senate Chamber

Read and Adopted

in Concurrence

March 24, 1978

MAY M. ROSS,

Secretary

State of Maine

In the Year of Our Lord One Thousand Nine Hundred and Seventy-Eight

JOINT RESOLUTION CONCERNING ENFORCEMENT OF PUBLIC LAW 1977, CHAPTER 676

Whereas, the Maine State Legislature, has enacted Public Law 1977, Chapter 676, which establishes a condition of reciprocity between the State of Maine and any state, district, province or country which prohibits, in any way, the transportation of wood, pulpwood or logs from that state, district, province or country to this State; and

Whereas, the Legislature has reasonable cause to believe that the Canadian Province of Quebec, through law has imposed restrictions on the transportation of wood, pulpwood or logs upon Maine truck owners and operators; and

Whereas, these restrictions are causing undue financial deprivation to hundreds of Maine truckers and their families and are perpetrating an unfair and discriminatory practice against these Maine truckers; and

Whereas, the provisions of Public Law 1977, Chapter 676, require that the State of Maine shall impose similar restrictions upon the truck owners and operators from the Province of Quebec; and

Whereas, there has been failure, despite a sufficient period of time, to enforce the clearly stated provisions of chapter 676 against the Canadian Province of Quebec; now, therefore, be it

Resolved: That we the members of the 108th Legislature assembled at the second special session respectfully and urgently request commencement of immediate enforcement of the provisions of Public Law 1977, chapter 676 as it presently pertains to the Canadian Province of Quebec; and be it further

Resolved: That upon passage of this resolution in concurrence, a suitable copy of this resolution be sent to the Honorable James B. Longley, Governor of the State of Maine.

House of Representatives

Read and Adopted

October 18, 1978

Sent Up for Concurrence

EDWIN H. PERT,

Clerk

In Senate Chamber

Read and Adopted

In Concurrence

October 18, 1978

MAY M. ROSS,

Secretary