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E. LOUISE LINCOLN, Clerk

Presented by Mr. Stillings of Berwick.

STATE OF MAINE

IN THE YEAR OF OUR LORD NINETEEN HUNDRED SEVENTY-FOUR

RESOLVE, Designating a Certain Man-made Lake in Berwick as "Lake Hatfield."

Lake Hatfield; designated. Resolved: That whereas a man-made reservoir, 0.8 miles across has been formed by damming the east tributary to Keay Brook 4 miles north of Berwick; and

Whereas, this lake situate at 43° 19′ 40″ N, 70° 52′ 50″ W is a physical feature which will be officially named and designated for mapping and other purposes; and

Whereas, it is the desire of Mr. Maurice Hatfield to name the lake "Lake Hatfield" in honor of his late father; and

Whereas, such designation is necessary by the Legislature before acceptance by the U.S. Department of Interior for official mapping purposes; and be it further

Resolved: That the lake situate at 43° 19′ 40″ N, 70° 52′ 50″ W, formed by a dam at the east tributary to Keay Brook 4 miles north of Berwick be named and designated "Lake Hatfield" in honor of the late Murdock Mateson Hatfield of York County, Maine.

STATEMENT OF FACT

Mr. Maurice Hatfield, the builder of a man-made lake in Berwick would like to name the lake in honor of his late father, Murdock Mateson Hatfield

(died 1952) but the Department of Interior will not accept Lake Hatfield for their official register because they claim that it would be named for a living person which they would not allow. They have approved the name "Lake Murdock," but will only approve it as "Lake Hatfield" if the Legislature names it such. Mr. Hatfield has been trying to get the name "Lake Hatfield" approved by the Department of Interior since early 1968.