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## (Filing No. H-982)

## STATE OF MAINE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES 115TH LEGISLATURE SECOND REGULAR SESSION

12 HOUSE AMENDMENT " H" to H.P. 1676, "JOINT RESOLUTION 14 SUPPORTING CREATION OF THE WOLFE NECK INSTITUTE"

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Amend the resolution by striking out all of the first to 4th paragraphs and inserting in their place the following:

'WHEREAS, the people of the State of Maine possess a 20 heritage of seeking a symbiotic relationship with the environment; and

WHEREAS, the State faces serious threats to the quality of its water, air and land; and

26 WHEREAS, many industries of vital importance to the State, such as tourism, fishing and agriculture, are dependent on good
 28 and wise stewardship to ensure a clean environment; and'

30 Further amend the resolution by inserting after the 6th paragraph the following:

'WHEREAS, the University of Southern Maine has been given an organic beef farm and conference center on Wolfe Neck in Freeport with the specific purpose of promoting sustainable alternative agriculture, which may be done on an environmentally sound basis; and

WHEREAS, this gift provides a unique opportunity to support
research on environmental issues of great significance and concern to the State, the region, the nation and the Earth and to
demonstrate and disseminate knowledge about alternative agriculture and human management of the natural environment; and'

Further amend the resolution in the 7th paragraph in the 2nd and 3rd lines from the end (page 2 in resolution) by striking out the following: "an applied research function available to the regulatory community" and inserting in its place the following: 'practical research functions'

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Further amend the resolution by inserting after the 7th paragraph the following:

'WHEREAS, the institute and a working organic farm will be an asset of immeasurable value to the State in the future as the surrounding lands are developed; and'

Further amend the resolution by inserting after the 8th 10 paragraph the following:

'RESOLVED: That we further endorse the concept of an environmental institute at Wolfe Neck Farm that has as its priorities research and public education for the purpose of an improved environment for the State and its people and industry; and be it further'

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## STATEMENT OF FACT

22 This amendment proposes language to the resolution more in keeping with the purposes for which the gift of Wolfe Neck Farm 24 was made and for which the institute is established.

Filed by Rep. Mitchell of Freeport

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