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# State of Maine

In the Year of Our Lord Nineteen Hundred and Ninety-One

## JOINT RESOLUTION IN HONOR AND RECOGNITION OF THE LATE DONALD V. CARTER

Whereas, the Legislature has learned with shock and deep regret of the passing of Donald V. Carter, Representative from Winslow; and

Whereas, Representative Carter was a friend to all of us and a Legislator with a singular record of service to this body and to the people of the State of Maine; and

Whereas, Representative Carter began his 25 years of legislative service as a Senator from Kennebec County in the 102nd Legislature, entered the House of Representatives as the Representative from Winslow in the 104th Legislature and has served continuously with us since that time; and

Whereas, among his many accomplishments, Representative Carter served on the Joint Standing Committee on Appropriations and Financial Affairs for 20 years, and provided sustained and committed leadership to that committee since 1982; and

Whereas, Representative Carter was not only known for his encyclopedic knowledge of our State's fiscal matters but was also recognized for his contributions to this Legislature's efforts to provide for public access to Maine's lands and waters, to improve the quality of the Kennebec River and reintroduce its native salmon and sturgeon, and to address the issues of solid waste management and substance abuse; and

Whereas, Don Carter was also known for his 22 years of service on the Winslow Town Council, his service to the Winslow Lions Club, the Veterans of Foreign Wars and the Disabled American Veterans and his leadership of the Independent Insurance Agents Association of Maine and the Friends of Fort Halifax; and

Whereas, Don Carter was known to all of us for his ready smile and gentle wit, and for his calm and gentlemanly presence even in the most intense waning hours of each legislative session, and we will greatly miss those precious qualities; and

Whereas, Donald V. Carter died as he lived, in the service of the State and the people of Maine; now, therefore, be it

**Resolved:** That We, the Members of the 115th Legislature of the State of Maine now assembled in the First Regular Session, take this opportunity to express our sorrow at the passing of Representative Donald V. Carter of Winslow; and be it further

**Resolved:** That our membership pause in a moment of understanding and prayer to inscribe this token of sympathy and condolence to all who share our sorrow at the passing of Representative Carter and respectfully request that when the Legislature adjourns this date it do so in honor and lasting tribute to the memory of him; and be it further

**Resolved:** That suitable copies of this Joint Resolution, duly authenticated by the Secretary of State, be prepared and presented to his widow, Wilma, and to his 4 children as expressions of our esteem.

House of Representatives  
Read and Adopted  
January 3, 1991  
Sent up for Concurrence

EDWIN H. PERT  
Clerk

In Senate Chamber  
Read and Adopted  
January 3, 1991  
In Concurrence

JOY J. O'BRIEN  
Secretary

# State of Maine

In the Year of our Lord Nineteen Hundred and Ninety-One

## JOINT RESOLUTION IN HONOR AND RECOGNITION OF THE LATE PETER A. MCKERNAN

**Whereas**, the Legislature has learned with deep regret of the passing of Peter A. McKernan; and

**Whereas**, Peter McKernan was known to many of us who had the occasion to share the pleasure of his company at activities and events in the State House and around the State; and

**Whereas**, we have enjoyed watching Peter's efforts and excellence in sporting events at Augusta, Kents Hill, Hanover and elsewhere; and

**Whereas**, Peter McKernan's warm smile and easy grace toward his friends were outward expressions of an inner spirit that was an inspiration to his colleagues and teammates at St. Mark's School, Kents Hill School and Dartmouth College, and as his achievements are an example of what can be accomplished by dedication, good citizenship and diligent effort; and

**Whereas**, our hearts go out to Peter's family and friends, as we recognize the deep sorrow that his passing causes them to bear; and

**Whereas**, our thoughts go especially to Governor John R. McKernan, Jr., Peter's father, with whom we have worked for many years as both a colleague and as Chief Executive; and

**Whereas**, we also express our condolences and deepest sympathies to Judith Vigue, Peter's mother; and

**Whereas**, Peter McKernan's goodness and love of life merit the special recognition of this Legislature and of the citizens of this State; now, therefore, be it

**Resolved:** That We, the Members of the One Hundred and Fifteenth Legislature of the State of Maine now assembled in the First Regular Session, take this opportunity to express our sorrow at the passing of Peter A. McKernan; and be it further

**Resolved:** That our membership pause in a moment of understanding and prayer to inscribe this token of sympathy and condolence to all who share our sorrow at the passing of Peter McKernan and respectfully request that when the Legislature adjourns this date it do so in honor and lasting tribute to the memory of Peter; and be it further

**Resolved:** That suitable copies of this Joint Resolution be prepared and presented to Peter McKernan's mother, father and family as expressions of our esteem.

*In Senate Chamber*  
Read and Adopted  
January 30, 1991  
Sent down for Concurrence

JOY J. O'BRIEN  
Secretary

*House of Representatives*  
Read and Adopted  
February 5, 1991  
In Concurrence

EDWIN H. PERT  
Clerk

# State of Maine

In the Year of Our Lord Nineteen Hundred and Ninety-One

## JOINT RESOLUTION SUPPORTING THE MEN AND WOMEN OF OUR ARMED FORCES

**Whereas**, the President of the United States, with the authorization of the Congress of the United States, has ordered military action against Iraq in an effort to force Iraqi armed forces from occupied Kuwait; and

**Whereas**, 415,000 men and women of the United States Armed Forces are now involved in armed conflict; and

**Whereas**, 158,000 members of the Reserves and National Guard, including many men and women from Maine, have been called to active duty since August 22, 1990 and may become involved in armed conflict; and

**Whereas**, the members of the Legislature and the people of Maine have the greatest pride in the men and women of the United States Armed Forces and support them in their efforts; now, therefore, be it

**Resolved**: That We, the Members of the One Hundred and Fifteenth Legislature of the State of Maine now assembled in the First Regular Session support the swift resolution of this conflict, with a minimum of damage and loss of life; and be it further

**Resolved**: That we unequivocally support the men and women of our Armed Forces who are carrying out their missions with professional excellence, dedicated patriotism and exemplary bravery; and be it further

**Resolved**: That suitable copies of this resolution, duly authenticated by the Secretary of State, be transmitted to the Honorable George H. W. Bush, President of the United States; to the President of the Senate and the Speaker of the House of Representatives of the Congress of the United States; to the Secretary of Defense; to the Honorable John R. McKernan, Jr., Governor of the State of Maine; and to Major General Ernest C. Park.

House of Representatives  
Read and Adopted  
February 13, 1991  
Sent up for Concurrence

EDWIN H. PERT  
Clerk

In Senate Chamber  
Read and Adopted  
February 28, 1991  
In Concurrence

JOY J. O'BRIEN  
Secretary

# State of Maine

In the Year of Our Lord Nineteen Hundred and Ninety-One

## JOINT RESOLUTION SUPPORTING THE UNITED STATES ARMED SERVICES IN THE PERSIAN GULF

**Whereas**, the President of the United States, with authorization of Congress, has ordered military action against Iraq in an effort to force Iraqi armed forces from occupied Kuwait; and

**Whereas**, 415,000 men and women of the United States Armed Forces are now involved in armed conflict; and

**Whereas**, 158,000 members of the Reserves and National Guard, including many men and women from Maine, have been called to active duty since August 22, 1990 and may become involved in armed conflict; and

**Whereas**, the members of this Legislature and the people of Maine have the greatest pride in the men and women of the United States Armed Forces and support them in their efforts; now, therefore, be it

**Resolved**: That We, the Members of the One Hundred and Fifteenth Legislature of the State of Maine now assembled in the First Regular Session unequivocally support the men and women of our Armed Forces who are carrying out their missions with professional excellence, dedicated patriotism and exemplary bravery; and be it further

**Resolved**: That we support the President, as Commander in Chief, in the Persian Gulf hostilities; and be it further

**Resolved**: That suitable copies of this resolution, duly authenticated by the Secretary of State, be transmitted to the Honorable George H. W. Bush, President of the United States, to the President of the Senate and the Speaker of the House of Representatives of the Congress of the United States, to the Secretary of Defense, to the Honorable John R. McKernan, Jr., Governor of the State of Maine, and to Major General Ernest C. Park.

In Senate Chamber  
Read and Adopted  
February 21, 1991  
Sent down for Concurrence

JOY J. O'BRIEN  
Secretary

House of Representatives  
Read and Adopted  
February 25, 1991  
In Concurrence

EDWIN H. PERT  
Clerk

S.P. 249



# State of Maine

In the Year of Our Lord Nineteen Hundred and Ninety-One

## JOINT RESOLUTION HONORING DAVID S. SILSBY ON HIS RETIREMENT FROM STATE SERVICE

**Whereas**, David Shorey Silsby will retire on February 28, 1991 after more than a quarter century of service to the people of Maine and to this Legislature; and

**Whereas**, David Silsby has given this institution the benefit of his wisdom, grace and unfailing courtesy in 23 years of dedicated service as Revisor of Statutes and Director of Legislative Research and in 3 years of exceptional work as Director of the State House and Capitol Park Commission and as a member of the Supreme Judicial Court Plan and Design Commission and the Special Committee on the New Capitol Area Master Plan; and

**Whereas**, he has been a friend and trusted colleague through all the tempests and calms of legislative life and we have always enjoyed the pleasure of his company here in his beloved State House; and

**Whereas**, he most recently provided us with his expertise and advice as a member of the Special Committee on the New Capitol Area Master Plan and the initial recommendations of that committee are due in no small part to David's vision of this historic edifice and the surrounding Capitol Area as a civic and cultural center for Maine's citizens; and

**Whereas**, David's work has created a new awareness of one of the crowning jewels of this State's emerald necklace, Capitol Park, and he has led us to recognize the potential of this park and the importance of rehabilitating and maintaining this inheritance; now, therefore, be it

**Resolved**: That We, the Members of the One Hundred and Fifteenth Legislature, now assembled in the First Regular Session, pause in our deliberations to recognize David Silsby on the occasion of his retirement from State Government; and be it further

**Resolved**: That suitable copies of this resolution, duly authenticated by the Secretary of State, be transmitted to David S. Silsby as a token of our appreciation and respect and in recognition of his singular efforts and contributions to this Legislature, to the laws of the State of Maine and to the preservation and enhancement of the State House and its environs.

In Senate Chamber  
Read and Adopted  
February 27, 1991  
Sent down for Concurrence

JOY J. O'BRIEN  
Secretary

House of Representatives  
Read and Adopted  
February 27, 1991  
In Concurrence

EDWIN H. PERT  
Clerk

# State of Maine

In the Year of Our Lord Nineteen Hundred and Ninety-One

## JOINT RESOLUTION COMMEMORATING THE 100TH ANNIVERSARY OF THE INCORPORATION OF THE CITY OF WESTBROOK

**Whereas**, one of the enduring threads in the fabric of our State's history is comprised of the communities that have labored to transform Maine's great natural resources into products for our nation and the world; and

**Whereas**, the City of Westbrook is a sterling example of one of those abiding centers of commerce and productive energy, having continually produced useful energy and products since 1748; and

**Whereas**, the first settlement at the site of Westbrook was the village of Saccarappa, founded in 1748 by Joseph Conant within the Town of Old Falmouth; and

**Whereas**, in February 1814 the village was separated and incorporated as the Town of Stroudwater, and the name of the community was then changed to Westbrook in 1814 in honor of Colonel Thomas Westbrook, the King's Mast agent who founded Stroudwater; and

**Whereas**, Westbrook was granted a charter in 1889 and was incorporated as a city on March 23, 1891; and

**Whereas**, this vigorous community has been engaged in an ambitious celebration of its incorporation; now, therefore, be it

**Resolved**: That We, the Members of the One Hundred and Fifteenth Legislature, now assembled in the First Regular Session, take this occasion to recognize the centennial anniversary of the incorporation of the City of Westbrook, and to commend the inhabitants and officials of this town for the success that they have achieved together for a century, and to extend to each our sincere hopes and best wishes for continued achievement over the next 100 years; and be it further

**Resolved**: That suitable copies of this resolution, duly authenticated by the Secretary of State, be transmitted to the citizens and officials of this proud community in honor of the occasion.

House of Representatives

Read and Adopted

May 6, 1991

Sent up for Concurrence

EDWIN H. PERT

Clerk

In Senate Chamber

Read and Adopted

May 7, 1991

In Concurrence

JOY J. O'BRIEN

Secretary

H.P. 1227

# State of Maine

In the Year of Our Lord Nineteen Hundred and Ninety-One

## JOINT RESOLUTION MEMORIALIZING THE GOVERNMENT OF THE UNITED STATES TO MAINTAIN LORING AIR FORCE BASE

We, your Memorialists, the Members of the One Hundred and Fifteenth Legislature of the State of Maine, now assembled in the First Regular Session, most respectfully present and petition the President of the United States, the Congress of the United States and the Military Base Closure and Realignment Commission, as follows:

Whereas, Loring Air Force Base has played an important role in the strategic defense of the United States for more than forty years and, by virtue of its geographic location, is uniquely qualified to continue that role; and

Whereas, the State of Maine, and in particular the northern portion of the State, has long demonstrated its enthusiastic and continuing support for the United States military; and

Whereas, the economy of northern Maine is strongly related to Loring Air Force Base and would face extreme difficulty in recovering from the effects of the closure of this base; and

Whereas, the study that underlay the decision by the Secretary of Defense to propose the closing of Loring significantly underestimated the economic effects of the loss of such a major facility on the State and on Aroostook County; and

Whereas, the proposal to close Loring Air Force Base is not in the best interests of the security of the United States or of the people of Maine; now, therefore, be it

Resolved: That We hereby indicate our strong opposition to the proposed closure of Loring Air Force Base; and be it further

Resolved: That We support the vigorous efforts of the Governor of Maine, members of our Congressional delegation and the people of Aroostook County to overturn this decision at the federal level; and be it further

Resolved: That We, your Memorialists, respectfully recommend and urge the Congress of the United States to maintain an active Air Force presence at Loring Air Force Base; and be it further

Resolved: That suitable copies of this Memorial, duly authenticated by the Secretary of State, be transmitted to the Honorable George H. W. Bush, President of the United States; to the Honorable Richard Cheney, Secretary of Defense; to the Honorable James Courter, Chair of the Military Base Closure and Realignment Commission; to the President of the Senate and the Speaker of the House of Representatives of the Congress of the United States; and to each Member of the Maine Congressional Delegation.

House of Representatives

Read and Adopted

May 8, 1991

Sent up for Concurrence

EDWIN H. PERT

Clerk

In Senate Chamber

Read and Adopted

May 8, 1991

In Concurrence

JOY J. O'BRIEN

Secretary

# State of Maine

In the Year of Our Lord Nineteen Hundred and Ninety-One

## JOINT RESOLUTION EXPRESSING THE LEGISLATURE'S OPPOSITION TO FEDERAL LEGISLATION REQUIRING SUSPENSION OF LICENSES FOR INDIVIDUALS CONVICTED OF VIOLATIONS OF THE FEDERAL CONTROLLED SUBSTANCES ACT

**Whereas**, the Federal Government has enacted legislation to withhold federal aid to highways in this State unless the Legislature and the Governor consider and act upon state legislation related to the suspension or revocation of the driver's license of any person convicted of drug offenses; and

**Whereas**, the Joint Standing Committee on Legal Affairs has considered proposed legislation consistent with the federal requirement and has voted to recommend that the legislation ought not to pass; and

**Whereas**, the reasons for the negative recommendation include a belief that the granting or withholding of driving privileges is and always has been a prerogative of the states to decide for themselves, not the Federal Government; and

**Whereas**, the federal law provides that a state may avoid loss of federal highway funds if the legislature enacts a resolution expressing its opposition to such legislation and the governor conveys the governor's disapproval and the legislature's resolution to the United States Secretary of Transportation; now, therefore, be it

**Resolved:** That We, the Members of the One Hundred and Fifteenth Legislature, now assembled in the First Regular Session, express our opposition to the enactment of legislation required by the Federal Government to revoke or suspend the drivers' licenses of individuals convicted of violations of the Controlled Substances Act or any drug offense or to delay the issuance or reinstatement of a driver's license for a person so convicted; and be it further

**Resolved:** That suitable copies of this resolution, duly authenticated by the Secretary of State, be transmitted to the Honorable John R. McKernan, Jr., Governor, for conveyance to the United States Secretary of Transportation.

*In Senate Chamber*  
Read and Adopted  
June 4, 1991  
Sent down for Concurrence

JOY J. O'BRIEN  
Secretary

*House of Representatives*  
Read and Adopted  
June 5, 1991  
In Concurrence

EDWIN H. PERT  
Clerk

S.P. 732

# State of Maine

In the Year of Our Lord Nineteen Hundred and Ninety-One

## JOINT RESOLUTION MEMORIALIZING THE PRESIDENT AND THE CONGRESS OF THE UNITED STATES TO PREVENT DESECRATION OF THE AMERICAN FLAG WHILE UPHOLDING THE BILL OF RIGHTS

We, your Memorialists, the Members of the One Hundred and Fifteenth Legislature of the State of Maine, now assembled in the First Regular Session, most respectfully present and petition the President and the Congress of the United States as follows:

Whereas, the American flag is a symbol of national unity, provides a beacon of hope and liberty for every nation in the world, is a source of tremendous national pride and is cherished as the embodiment of our country's history, traditions and ideals; and

Whereas, our Armed Forces have defended our country's freedoms under the banner of the Stars and Stripes from the Revolutionary War to the present day; and

Whereas, the American flag is also a symbol of the fundamental framework of individual rights laid down in the Constitution and is a symbol of the political heritage of this most noble experiment, our nation; and

Whereas, this is the bicentennial year of the passage of the Bill of Rights and as the individual rights guaranteed by those amendments to our nation's Constitution constitute the very essence of our political heritage of liberty and freedom; and

Whereas, the Bill of Rights has stood unchanged since its adoption on December 15, 1791 and, as a result, has served as the unvarying bulwark that protects individual liberty in this country; and

Whereas, any change to the Bill of Rights may create a dangerous precedent and may open the door to incremental erosion of the basic rights enjoyed by all Americans; now, therefore, be it

**Resolved:** That We, your Memorialists, respectfully recommend and urge the President and the Congress of the United States to take appropriate action to ensure that proper respect and treatment will always be accorded to the American flag and to ensure that desecration of our flag will be prevented while continuing our nation's long and proud history of preserving the integrity of the Bill of Rights to the Constitution of the United States; and be it further

**Resolved:** That suitable copies of this Memorial, duly authenticated by the Secretary of State, be transmitted to the Honorable George H. W. Bush, President of the United States; the President of the Senate and the Speaker of the House of Representatives of the Congress of the United States; and each Member of the Maine Congressional Delegation.

House of Representatives  
Read and Adopted  
June 12, 1991  
Sent up for Concurrence

EDWIN H. PERT  
Clerk

In Senate Chamber  
Read and Adopted  
June 12, 1991  
In Concurrence

JOY J. O'BRIEN  
Secretary

# State of Maine

In the Year of Our Lord Nineteen Hundred and Ninety-One

## JOINT RESOLUTION MEMORIALIZING CONGRESS AND THE PRESIDENT OF THE UNITED STATES TO UPHOLD AND PROTECT THE BILL OF RIGHTS

We, your Memorialists, the Members of the One Hundred and Fifteenth Legislature of the State of Maine, now assembled in the First Regular Session, most respectfully present and petition the President and the Congress of the United States, as follows:

Whereas, this is the bicentennial year of the passage of the Bill of Rights; and

Whereas, the fundamental framework of individual rights as laid down in the Bill of Rights constitutes the very essence of our political heritage of liberty and guarantees our freedom; and

Whereas, the Bill of Rights has stood unchanged since its adoption on December 15, 1791 and, as a result, has served as the unvarying bulwark that protects individual liberty in this country; and

Whereas, any amendment to the Constitution on any single issue of the moment that diminishes to any degree the Bill of Rights will create a dangerous precedent and may open the door to incremental erosion of the basic rights enjoyed by all Americans; now, therefore, be it

Resolved: That We, your Memorialists, respectfully recommend and urge the Congress of the United States to reject any proposed amendment that may now or in the future diminish the strength of the Bill of Rights; and be it further

Resolved: That We urge the Congress of the United States to secure and preserve the Bill of Rights in its historic and current form; and be it further

Resolved: That suitable copies of this Memorial, duly authenticated by the Secretary of State, be transmitted to the Honorable George H. W. Bush, President of the United States, to the President of the Senate and the Speaker of the House of Representatives of the Congress of the United States and to each Member of the Maine Congressional Delegation.

House of Representatives  
Read and Adopted  
June 12, 1991  
Sent up for Concurrence

EDWIN H. PERT  
Clerk

In Senate Chamber  
Read and Adopted  
June 12, 1991  
In Concurrence

JOY J. O'BRIEN  
Secretary

H.P. 1362

# State of Maine

In the Year of Our Lord Nineteen Hundred and Ninety-One

## JOINT RESOLUTION RECOGNIZING THE 175TH ANNIVERSARY OF THE TOWN OF GUILFORD

**Whereas**, in the generation after the American Revolution, an ancient and unbroken wilderness in the District of Maine extended north of the Waldo Patent to the Citadel of Quebec; and

**Whereas**, in the year 1796, 5 years after the ratification of the United States Constitution brought the promise of democracy to a world worn weary in the service of tyrants, 92,160 acres of the wilderness on the north shore of the Piscataquis River were granted by the Commonwealth of Massachusetts for the endowment and support of Bowdoin College; and

**Whereas**, in the year 1804, Elder Robert Low, Deacon Robert Herring and Michael Webber of New Gloucester purchased tracts from Bowdoin College in Township 6, Range 7 and traveled north that summer to survey their metes and bounds; and

**Whereas**, the eldest sons of Low and Herring, with axes, hope and the spirit of cooperation, opened the first clearing that summer, just west of the spot where Low's bridge would soon stand, as its successor stands today; and

**Whereas**, in 1805, Low and Herring planted the first crop and built the first cabins, to make ready the homes in which their families would settle the next year; and

**Whereas**, by the end of the decade, with 10 families in residence and a sawmill erected, a town meeting was held and self government begun; and

**Whereas**, in 1812, the settlement of "Lowstown" was organized as Plantation 6, Range 7; and

**Whereas**, in the year 1816, the settlers petitioned the General Court of Massachusetts to be incorporated as the Town of Fluvanna; and

**Whereas**, on February 8, 1816, the Town of Guilford was incorporated by an Act of the General Court; and

**Whereas**, the year 1991 is the 175th anniversary of the incorporation of the Town of Guilford; now, therefore, be it

**Resolved**: That We, the Members of the 115th Legislature of the State of Maine now assembled in the First Regular Session, express our congratulations and best wishes to the people of our 215th town; and be it further

**Resolved**: That suitable copies of this resolution, duly authenticated by the Secretary of State, be transmitted to the Honorable Robert Littlefield, Town Manager of Guilford, to each member of the Town Council, to the Guilford Historical Society and to the Guilford Public Library as an expression of our warmest regards on this historic occasion.

In Senate Chamber  
Read and Adopted  
June 19, 1991  
Sent down for Concurrence

JOY J. O'BRIEN  
Secretary

House of Representatives  
Read and Adopted  
June 26, 1991  
In Concurrence

EDWIN H. PERT  
Clerk

# State of Maine

In the Year of Our Lord Nineteen Hundred and Ninety-One

## JOINT RESOLUTION COMMEMORATING THE 150th ANNIVERSARY OF THE TOWN OF MEDDYBEMPS

**Whereas**, our State is known nationwide for the special quality and human scale of the small communities on the edges of our woodlands and lakes; and

**Whereas**, Meddybemps, a town of 125 residents, which is located in one of the rugged and beautiful regions of Washington County, is a sterling example of these special communities; and

**Whereas**, the town derives its name from the lovely Meddybemps Lake, which it abuts, whose name is derived from a Native American word for "plenty of alewives"; and

**Whereas**, the first English settlers in the area came to build sawmills around 1812; and

**Whereas**, the area prospered and its population grew during the first part of the nineteenth century; and

**Whereas**, the Town of Meddybemps was set off from the surrounding towns of Cooper, Charlotte and Baring, and was incorporated on February 20, 1841 by Private and Special Law 1841, chapter 103; and

**Whereas**, since the town's incorporation it has served as a nurturing home for generations of its families and as a serene retreat for its visitors from elsewhere in the State and from the rest of the nation; now, therefore, be it

**Resolved**: That We, the Members of the One Hundred and Fifteenth Legislature, now assembled in the First Regular Session, take this occasion to recognize the 150th anniversary of the Town of Meddybemps, and to commend the inhabitants and officials of this town for the success they have achieved together over the past century and a half, and to extend to each our sincere hopes and best wishes for continued achievement over the next 150 years; and be it further

**Resolved**: That suitable copies of this resolution, duly authenticated by the Secretary of State, be transmitted to the citizens and officials of this proud community in honor of the occasion.

In Senate Chamber  
Read and Adopted  
June 26, 1991  
Sent down for Concurrence

JOY J. O'BRIEN  
Secretary

House of Representatives  
Read and Adopted  
June 26, 1991  
In Concurrence

EDWIN H. PERT  
Clerk



# State of Maine

In the Year of Our Lord Nineteen Hundred and Ninety-One

## JOINT RESOLUTION COMMEMORATING THE 175TH ANNIVERSARY OF THE TOWN OF GREENWOOD

**Whereas**, the Town of Greenwood, with its 770 residents, exemplifies the character that makes Oxford County and the State of Maine special; and

**Whereas**, the town has long reflected the rich cultural heritage of Maine, being populated over the years by English, Scottish, Finnish and Irish immigrants; and

**Whereas**, the town, formerly Number Four Plantation, was originally comprised of 3 separate land grants made in 1795, 1797 and 1805; and

**Whereas**, the first road through the town was built in 1798-1799 from North Norway, over Patch Mountain to Bethel; and

**Whereas**, the area's first settlers were William and Martha Yeats, who first cleared their land on Patch Mountain in 1800; and

**Whereas**, the residents of the area first assembled on May 8, 1813, to form a plantation government and petitioned the General Court of Massachusetts in 1815 to be incorporated as a township; and

**Whereas**, the town was incorporated on February 2, 1816, creating the Township of Greenwood, the 213th town in Maine; and

**Whereas**, the center of commerce in the town has shifted over the years from Patch Mountain to Greenwood City to Locke Mills, creating a diversified population and rich history; and

**Whereas**, Greenwood is recognized worldwide for the minerals and gemstones that have been found in its soils and is recognized within the State for its timber, wood turning, agriculture and skiing and other recreational industries; now, therefore, be it

**Resolved**: That We, the Members of the One Hundred and Fifteenth Legislature, now assembled in the First Regular Session, take this occasion to recognize the 175th anniversary of the Town of Greenwood, and to commend the inhabitants and officials of this town for the success they have achieved together for 175 years, and to extend to each our sincere hopes and best wishes for continued achievement over the next 175 years; and be it further

**Resolved**: That suitable copies of this resolution, duly authenticated by the Secretary of State, be transmitted to the citizens and officials of this proud community in honor of the occasion.

*House of Representatives*  
Read and Adopted  
July 3, 1991  
Sent up for Concurrence

EDWIN H. PERT  
Clerk

*In Senate Chamber*  
Read and Adopted  
July 5, 1991  
In Concurrence

JOY J. O'BRIEN  
Secretary