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State of Maine

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

JOINT RESOLUTION MEMORIALIZING THE CONGRESS OF THE UNITED STATES TO CONSTRUCT A NATIONAL MEMORIAL HONORING WOMEN IN MILITARY SERVICE

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

Whereas, women are an integral and important part of the military; and

Whereas, over 1,600,000 women have served in the nation's armed forces; and

Whereas, there is a need to honor women for their fine performance in and outstanding contributions to the nation's armed forces throughout history; and

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

Resolved: That We, your Memorialists, support the Congress of the United States in its efforts to construct a memorial to the women who have served in the United States Armed Forces and respectfully urge and request that the Congress of the United States provide funding for the project; 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; the Secretary of Defense; the Honorable John R. McKernan, Jr., Governor of the State of Maine; and each member of the Maine Congressional Delegation.

House of Representatives
Read and Adopted
January 30, 1992
Sent up for Concurrence

EDWIN H. PERT
Clerk

In Senate Chamber
Read and Adopted
February 4, 1992
In Concurrence

JOY J. O'BRIEN
Secretary

H.P. 1609

State of Maine

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

JOINT RESOLUTION MEMORIALIZING THE CONGRESS OF THE UNITED STATES TO AMEND THE LAWS GOVERNING COMPENSATION FOR SERVICE-CONNECTED DISABILITIES

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

Whereas, there exists a gross inequity in the federal statutes that denies disabled career military retirees the right to receive Veterans Administration disability compensation concurrently with the receipt of earned retirement pay due on the basis of 20 or more years of service in the Armed Forces of the United States; and

Whereas, the career military retiree is the only government employee who is now required to waive a portion or all of the retiree's earned retirement pay in order to receive Veterans Administration disability compensation due for loss of earning capacity and for pain and suffering as a result of a service-connected disability; and

Whereas, a change in the federal statutes is required to ensure equitable treatment for the many disabled career military retirees who served this country faithfully and with dedication for at least 20 years and now bear the burden of loss of earning capacity and endure pain and suffering as a result of their service-connected disability; and

Whereas, the prevailing idea that military retirement pay is free is false. There is an important contribution to retirement pay that is calculated to reduce military pay by approximately 7% when pay, base and allowance, are computed and approved by Congress; and

Whereas, traditionally, a career military retiree receives a lower salary than the retiree's civilian counterpart; now, therefore, be it

Resolved: That We, your Memorialists, respectfully recommend and urge the Congress of the United States to amend 38 United States Code, Section 3104(a) to permit veterans with service-connected disabilities and who are retired members of the United States Armed Forces to receive Veterans Administration service-connected disability compensation with earned longevity retirement pay without deduction from either; 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
January 30, 1992
Sent up for Concurrence

EDWIN H. PERT
Clerk

In Senate Chamber
Read and Adopted
February 4, 1992
In Concurrence

JOY J. O'BRIEN
Secretary

State of Maine

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

JOINT RESOLUTION COMMEMORATING 1992 AS THE YEAR OF THE NATIVE AMERICAN

Whereas, the first Europeans arriving in the New World found the indigenous people a peaceful, spiritual people living in harmony with their environment; and

Whereas, aboriginal people have roots in Maine since time immemorial; and

Whereas, Maine today is home to over 6,000 Native Americans, the largest Native American population in New England, and is the home of 4 federally recognized tribes, the Penobscot Nation, the Passamaquoddy Tribe, the Houlton Band of Maliseet Indians and the Aroostook Band of Micmac Indians; and

Whereas, the beauty of Maine's Indian heritage is one of the State's greatest assets; and

Whereas, Maine's Native Americans share their culture with the rest of the world through powwows, art, museums, dance, music, dramas, reenactments and storytelling and the contributions, both past and present, made by Maine's aboriginal people benefit all of Maine's people; and

Whereas, the heritage of Maine's indigenous people is represented by the many place names that reflect aboriginal influence; and

Whereas, Maine's Native Americans have shown great strength and endurance and have strived to preserve their culture and tribal traditions through the years and changing times; and

Whereas, Native Americans were truly the first conservationists and their inherent respect and love of nature are a lesson to us all; and

Whereas, a year-long celebration encompassing the entire State is a fitting tribute to Maine's Native Americans; now, therefore, be it

Resolved: That 1992 shall be known as "The Year of the Native American"; and be it further

Resolved: That We, the Members of the One Hundred and Fifteenth Legislature of the State of Maine, now assembled in the Second Regular Session, take this opportunity to call upon all of Maine's people to join in the celebrations planned for the year of 1992; and be it further

Resolved: That suitable copies of this resolution, duly authenticated by the Secretary of State, be transmitted to Governor James Sappier, Governor Robert Newell, Governor Cliv Dore, Chair Clair Sabbatus and Chair Mary Philbrook in honor of the occasion.

In Senate Chamber
Read and Adopted
February 4, 1992
Sent down for Concurrence

JOY J. O'BRIEN
Secretary

House of Representatives
Read and Adopted
February 6, 1992
In Concurrence

EDWIN H. PERT
Clerk

State of Maine

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

JOINT RESOLUTION OPPOSING LOW-LEVEL FLIGHTS IN WESTERN AND NORTHERN MAINE

Whereas, the Air National Guard proposes to expand the number of low-level jet training flights in the “Condor” military operations areas in western Maine and in “the Great State of Maine” military operations areas in northern Maine; and

Whereas, the proposal allows jets to fly as low as 300 feet in western Maine, down from the current legal floor of 7,000 feet and the floor in northern Maine drops to as low as 100 feet; and

Whereas, the Air National Guard’s proposal for an increase in the number of low-level jet flights has met with opposition by residents near the flight paths as well as other concerned citizens throughout the State because of problems associated with the low altitude of the jets, the increased volume in jet flights, the increased noise levels that will disturb the serenity of the areas for both residents and tourists and the potential for driving away wildlife; and

Whereas, the citizens of Maine appreciate the serenity of the western and northern Maine wilderness regions and are mindful of its fragile beauty; now, therefore, be it

Resolved: That the people of Maine do not want an increase in the number of low-level jet flights over western and northern Maine and call upon Maine’s Congressional Delegation to urge the Air National Guard to withdraw proposals to expand low-level flights over the “Condor” and “the Great State of Maine” military operations areas; and be it further

Resolved: That suitable copies of this resolution, duly authenticated by the Secretary of State, be transmitted to each Member of the Maine Congressional Delegation.

In Senate Chamber
Read and Adopted
February 6, 1992
Sent down for Concurrence

JOY J. O'BRIEN
Secretary

House of Representatives
Read and Adopted
February 11, 1992
In Concurrence

EDWIN H. PERT
Clerk

S.P. 895

State of Maine

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

JOINT RESOLUTION RECOGNIZING THE HONORABLE VINCENT L. MCKUSICK ON THE OCCASION OF HIS RETIREMENT AS CHIEF JUSTICE OF THE MAINE SUPREME JUDICIAL COURT

Whereas, the successful operation of the courts of our State depends upon the wisdom and integrity of the State's jurists; and

Whereas, these qualities are most strongly embodied in the Honorable Vincent L. McKusick, Chief Justice of the Maine Supreme Judicial Court; and

Whereas, as the leader of the Judicial Department for nearly 15 years, Chief Justice McKusick has modernized the operation of the State's courts, dramatically improved the appellate process, and improved the ability of the court system to dispense equal justice to the citizens of the State; and

Whereas, in addition to his administrative duties, Chief Justice McKusick has authored some 750 opinions and has participated in the decision of more than 4,000 cases during his tenure on the Law Court; and

Whereas, the Chief Justice's retirement comes after a long and especially distinguished legal career, which has included coauthorship of Maine Civil Practice and service as President of the Harvard Law Review, as clerk to Chief Judge Learned Hand and Supreme Court Justice Felix Frankfurter and as a member of one of our State's most distinguished law firms; and

Whereas, Chief Justice McKusick has earned national recognition as an outstanding jurist, as evidenced by his selection as President of the Conference of Chief Justices, as Chair of the Board of Directors of the National Center for State Courts and as leader of delegations of state and federal judges to both the People's Republic of China and to the former Soviet Union; and

Whereas, it is the desire of the members of the Senate and the members of the House of Representatives and the citizens they represent to formally recognize the accomplishments of Chief Justice McKusick on the occasion of his retirement and to express the high esteem and affection in which we hold this outstanding native of Parkman, Maine; now, therefore, be it

Resolved: That We, the Members of the 115th Legislature now assembled in the Second Regular Session, take this opportunity to honor Chief Justice Vincent L. McKusick, to recognize his distinguished service to the people of the State of Maine over many years and to offer our best wishes for many happy years in his third legal career; and be it further

Resolved: That a suitable copy of this resolution, duly authenticated by the Secretary of State, be presented to Chief Justice Vincent L. McKusick as a tangible token of our high esteem.

House of Representatives
Read and Adopted
February 27, 1992
Sent up for Concurrence

EDWIN H. PERT
Clerk

In Senate Chamber
Read and Adopted
February 27, 1992
In Concurrence

JOY J. O'BRIEN
Secretary

State of Maine

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

JOINT RESOLUTION COMMEMORATING THE 200TH ANNIVERSARY OF THE TOWN OF HEBRON

Whereas, New England's small towns and villages are recognized across our nation as the model for our country's democratic institutions and have deservedly come to serve as the preeminent symbol of the virtues of direct citizen involvement in government, thrift, simple beauty and quiet but deep-rooted values; and

Whereas, the Town of Hebron typifies the valued attributes of the small communities of Maine and is also recognized as one of the most beautiful towns in Maine, with a scenic landscape dominated by vistas of Streaked Mountain, Mount Washington and the Presidential Range of the White Mountains; and

Whereas, the area that now comprises the Town of Hebron was granted to Alexander Shepard, Jr. of Newton, Massachusetts in 1777, in return for Shepard's preparation of one of the early maps of the District of Maine; and

Whereas, the area was first settled in 1779 by John Greenwood, who also later moderated the meeting at which incorporation as a town was sought; and

Whereas, the citizens of the area then known as Shepardsfield Plantation petitioned the General Court of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts to be incorporated on January 11, 1792 and the General Court granted the petition on March 6, 1792; and

Whereas, the town has been the proud host of Hebron Academy since its founding in 1804, an institution that is renowned for the excellent education it provides to young men and women from around the world and for its distinguished buildings designed by the famed Maine architect, John Calvin Stevens; now, therefore, be it

Resolved: That We, the Members of the One Hundred and Fifteenth Legislature, now assembled in the Second Regular Session, take this occasion to recognize the bicentennial anniversary of the Town of Hebron, to commend the inhabitants and officials of this town for the success that they have achieved together for two centuries and to extend to each our sincere hopes and best wishes for continued achievement over the next 200 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
March 2, 1992
Sent up for Concurrence

EDWIN H. PERT
Clerk

In Senate Chamber
Read and Adopted
March 2, 1992
In Concurrence

JOY J. O'BRIEN
Secretary

State of Maine

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

JOINT RESOLUTION MEMORIALIZING THE PRESIDENT AND THE CONGRESS OF THE UNITED STATES TO REINVEST IN HOMETOWN AMERICA

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

Whereas, the movement toward democratization in Eastern Europe and the reconstruction of the Soviet Union into the Commonwealth of Independent States has been truly historic and promises to open a new chapter between East and West as the current climate in international relations is conducive to cooperation and continuing the relaxation of tensions; and

Whereas, traditional defense postures, strategies and commitments should be reevaluated in light of the change of events; and

Whereas, power in today's world is increasingly measured in terms of a balance of economic, humanitarian and military power and as during the 1980's, the United States was transformed from the world's largest creditor nation into the world's largest debtor nation; and

Whereas, the policies of the 1980's relied upon a massive peacetime military buildup and a consequent federal disinvestment in important domestic programs concerning housing, economic and community development, the environment, education, transportation and the basic social and physical infrastructure of our society; and

Whereas, local elected officials and state governments have consistently urged Congress and the Administration to set its fiscal house in order while balancing its budgetary priorities to address the crucial domestic needs of this nation and achieve significant reductions in debt and deficit spending and reasonable military spending without compromising our national military security; now, therefore, be it

Resolved: That We, your Memorialists, endorse economic diversification and conversion legislation and long-term national strategy that includes a comprehensive plan preparing defense-related industries, bases and laboratories to diversify and convert to civilian production with a minimum loss of jobs; provides economic adjustment assistance to workers and businesses in the defense industry; and provides grants to local and state governments to aid communities that would be severely impacted by cuts in defense expenditures; and be it further

Resolved: That We, your Memorialists, respectfully recommend and urge the President and the Congress of the United States to reorder their budgetary priorities in a way that addresses the key urban and rural problems facing our nation, including a commitment to quality education, environmental protection, winning the war on drugs, economic health and opportunity, affordable health care and housing, infrastructure repair and maintenance and viable public transportation systems; 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
March 9, 1992
Sent up for Concurrence

EDWIN H. PERT
Clerk

In Senate Chamber
Read and Adopted
March 10, 1992
In Concurrence

JOY J. O'BRIEN
Secretary

State of Maine

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

JOINT RESOLUTION COMMEMORATING YOM HASHOAH, THE “DAYS OF REMEMBRANCE” OF THOSE WHO SUFFERED AS VICTIMS OF THE HOLOCAUST

Whereas, 47 years ago, 6,000,000 Jews were murdered in the Nazi Holocaust as part of a systematic program of genocide and millions of other people suffered as victims of Nazism; and

Whereas, the people of the State of Maine should always remember the atrocities committed by the Nazis so that such horrors are never repeated; and

Whereas, the people of the State of Maine should continually rededicate themselves to the principle of equal justice for all people, remain eternally vigilant against all tyranny and recognize that bigotry provides a breeding ground for tyranny to flourish; and

Whereas, April 30, 1992, has been designated internationally as a Day of Remembrance of Victims of the Nazi Holocaust, known as Yom Hashoah; and

Whereas, the national community pursuant to an Act of Congress will be commemorating the week of April 26th to May 3rd as the Days of Remembrance of the Victims of the Nazi Holocaust; and

Whereas, it is appropriate for the people of the State of Maine to join in this international commemoration; now, therefore, be it

Resolved: That We, the Members of the One Hundred and Fifteenth Legislature, now assembled in the Second Regular Session, on behalf of the people we represent, pause in solemn memory of the victims of the Nazi Holocaust, and urge one and all to recommit themselves to the lessons of the Nazi Holocaust through this international week of commemoration and express our common desires to continually strive to overcome prejudice and inhumanity through education, vigilance and resistance; and be it further

Resolved: That suitable copies of this resolution, duly authenticated by the Secretary of State, be transmitted to the United States Holocaust Memorial Council in Washington, D.C., on behalf of the people of the State of Maine.

House of Representatives
Read and Adopted
March 24, 1992
Sent up for Concurrence

EDWIN H. PERT
Clerk

In Senate Chamber
Read and Adopted
March 24, 1992
In Concurrence

JOY J. O'BRIEN
Secretary

H.P. 1746

State of Maine

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

JOINT RESOLUTION COMMEMORATING THE 10TH ANNIVERSARY OF THE VIETNAM VETERANS MEMORIAL IN WASHINGTON, D.C.

Whereas, there will be an event commemorating the 10th anniversary of the Vietnam Veterans Memorial in Washington, D.C. from November 7 to November 11, 1992; and

Whereas, this event will present an opportunity for our nation, which was too long divided over the Vietnam War, to join together in remembrance and reflection and to honor those who lost their lives in that conflict; and

Whereas, the Legislature and the people of the State of Maine wish to express their support for this commemorative event; 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 Second Regular Session, pause in our deliberations to express our support for the event recognizing the 10th anniversary of the Vietnam Veterans Memorial; and be it further

Resolved: That suitable copies of this Joint Resolution, 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; each Member of the Maine Congressional Delegation; Jan Craig Scruggs, President of the Vietnam Veterans Memorial Fund; and Barbara Bush, Honorary Chair of the Vietnam Veterans Memorial 10th Anniversary Advisory Committee.

House of Representatives
Read and Adopted
March 24, 1992
Sent up for Concurrence

EDWIN H. PERT
Clerk

In Senate Chamber
Read and Adopted
March 24, 1992
In Concurrence

JOY J. O'BRIEN
Secretary

H.P. 1750

State of Maine

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

JOINT RESOLUTION MEMORIALIZING THE CONGRESS OF THE UNITED STATES ON THE FUTURE OF THE UNITED STATES NAVAL SHIPYARD AT KITTERY, MAINE

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

Whereas, the Department of the Navy has maintained a shipyard at Kittery, Maine since June 12, 1800; and

Whereas, the United States Naval Shipyard at Kittery has performed in an exemplary manner throughout its almost 2 centuries of history; and

Whereas, the Kittery shipyard is one of the most up-to-date facilities available in the United States for the repair, overhauling and refueling of naval vessels; and

Whereas, the communities located near the Kittery yard in Maine, New Hampshire and Massachusetts offer an abundance of highly trained, skilled and experienced workers who have an outstanding work ethic; and

Whereas, the State of Maine is firmly committed to actively supporting the continuation of the United States Naval Shipyard at Kittery; now, therefore, be it

Resolved: That We, your Memorialists, respectfully recommend and urge the Congress of the United States to continue to operate, develop and diversify the United States Naval Shipyard at Kittery, Maine; and be it further

Resolved: That we further urge the Congress of the United States to take all necessary action to ensure that the Kittery shipyard remains an integral component in a post-Cold War defense strategy; 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
March 24, 1992
Sent up for Concurrence

EDWIN H. PERT
Clerk

In Senate Chamber
Read and Adopted
March 24, 1992
In Concurrence

JOY J. O'BRIEN
Secretary

State of Maine

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

JOINT RESOLUTION REGARDING RECENT DECISIONS OF THE PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION AS THEY AFFECT ELECTRICITY COSTS FOR RESIDENTIAL CUSTOMERS

Whereas, rates charged by the State's largest electric utility have increased by more than \$170,000,000 since January 1990 as a result of final orders in proceedings involving fuel costs and base rates at the Public Utilities Commission; and

Whereas, this major increase in total costs has put pressure on all customer groups during a time of economic recession, employee layoffs and high unemployment; and

Whereas, the Public Utilities Commission placed into effect on December 1, 1991 a complete redesign of rates charged to each customer class of Central Maine Power Company and changed substantially the share of total utility cost that each customer class must pay; and

Whereas, the Public Utilities Commission adopted in that decision a new methodology for determining the share of total cost that each class must pay based on projections of future costs of power; and

Whereas, the Public Utilities Commission in that decision permitted increases or decreases to each customer class to be as much as 8% annually, engendering month-to-month increases during the heating season of as much as 100% for certain residential customers; and

Whereas, for residential customers who heat with electricity, switching to alternative forms of energy is a significant expense and may involve major alterations to their homes; and

Whereas, the effects of this recent decision have caused distress and outrage throughout southern and central Maine on the part of many residential consumers of electricity; now, therefore, be it

Resolved: That We, the Members of the One Hundred and Fifteenth Legislature now assembled in the Second Regular Session, take this occasion to notify the Public Utilities Commission of our deep concern with the magnitude of recent increases in the cost of electricity for residential customers in southern and central Maine; and be it further

Resolved: That in the case of Central Maine Power Company at present, and for the State's other electric utilities in the implementation of future rate designs cases, the Public Utilities Commission refrain from imposing an annual increase on any class of customers that exceeds 4%; and be it further

Resolved: That the Public Utilities Commission identify mechanisms for the conversion of electric heat customers to alternative fuels in a manner consistent with the requirements of Public Law 1991, chapter 253, enacted in the First Regular Session, and do so with all possible speed in order to make such a conversion program available prior to the next heating season; and be it further

Resolved: That the Public Utilities Commission give close consideration to the need for affordable, predictable and stable electric rates for all customers of Maine's electric utilities and particularly their residential customers; and be it further

Resolved: That suitable copies of this resolution, duly authenticated by the Secretary of State, be transmitted to each commissioner of the Public Utilities Commission.

House of Representatives
Read and Adopted
March 25, 1992
Sent up for Concurrence

EDWIN H. PERT
Clerk

In Senate Chamber
Read and Adopted
March 25, 1992
In Concurrence

JOY J. O'BRIEN
Secretary

State of Maine

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

JOINT RESOLUTION REQUESTING BAXTER STATE PARK AUTHORITY TO ALLOW RECOGNITION OF DAICEY POND CAMPS AND KIDNEY POND CAMPS AS HISTORIC SITES

Whereas, at the turn of the century, within the splendor of the beautiful backwoods regions of Maine, numerous sporting camps catering to those who enjoyed the recreational opportunities presented by those regions flourished; and

Whereas, there is a deep and meaningful pride in the heritage belonging to Maine's sporting camps; and

Whereas, our state has been truly enriched by 2 such sporting camps, the Kidney Pond and Daicey Pond Camps, that date back to the early part of this century and are now under the jurisdiction of the Baxter State Park Authority; and

Whereas, it would be a fitting tribute to preserve the rich heritage of Maine's sporting camps by having the Kidney Pond and Daicey Pond Camps recognized as historic sites; 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 Second Regular Session, express the desire of the citizens of Maine that the Baxter State Park Authority in cooperation with the Maine Historic Preservation Commission take necessary steps to ensure that Kidney Pond and Daicey Pond Camps be considered for recognition in the National Register of Historic Places; and be it further

Resolved: That suitable copies of this resolution, duly authenticated by the Secretary of State, be transmitted to the members of the Baxter State Park Authority and the Maine Historic Preservation Commission.

House of Representatives
Read and Adopted
March 25, 1992
Sent up for Concurrence

EDWIN H. PERT
Clerk

In Senate Chamber
Read and Adopted
March 25, 1992
In Concurrence

JOY J. O'BRIEN
Secretary

H.P. 1764

State of Maine

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

JOINT RESOLUTION RECOGNIZING THE SELECTION OF THE WESTBROOK HIGH SCHOOL MARCHING BAND AS A PARTICIPANT IN THE 1993 TOURNAMENT OF ROSES AND ROSE PARADE

Whereas, the Westbrook High School Marching Band has been notified by the Tournament of Roses Committee that the band has been selected to participate in the Tournament of Roses and the Rose Parade on New Year's Day, 1993; and

Whereas, the invitation to the Westbrook band is the first ever received by a band from our State; and

Whereas, this recognition of the excellence of the Westbrook High School Marching Band is particularly significant, as only 11 bands from outside the State of California have been so honored; and

Whereas, the Westbrook band has an exemplary competition record, which includes first-place finishes in many state competitions, as well as a National Championship Award from the Chocolatetown competition in Hershey, Pennsylvania; and

Whereas, the selection of the Westbrook High School Marching Band is not only a recognition of that group's skill, but is also an acknowledgement of the high level of talent present among the many marching bands from the State that have participated in the competitive events that honed the skills of the Westbrook unit; and

Whereas, the Westbrook band will appear before a worldwide television audience next New Year's Day; now, therefore, be it

Resolved: That the Westbrook High School Marching Band is recognized as the representative of the State of Maine and its people; and be it further

Resolved: That We, the Members of the One Hundred and Fifteenth Legislature, now assembled in the Second Regular Session, pause in our deliberations to send our warm congratulations to the Westbrook High School Marching Band, the members of the band, and its supporters, boosters and friends; and be it further

Resolved: That we wish the Westbrook High School Marching Band and its members continued success in their efforts to bring recognition and honor to our State and nation; and be it further

Resolved: That suitable copies of this resolution, duly authenticated by the Secretary of State, be transmitted to the Superintendent of Schools of the City of Westbrook for presentation to the band and its members.

House of Representatives
Read and Adopted
March 25, 1992
Sent up for Concurrence

In Senate Chamber
Read and Adopted
March 25, 1992
In Concurrence

EDWIN H. PERT
Clerk

JOY J. O'BRIEN
Secretary

State of Maine

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

JOINT RESOLUTION MEMORIALIZING THE PRESIDENT AND THE CONGRESS OF THE UNITED STATES TO SUPPORT THE LEGAL AVAILABILITY OF RU-486 FOR APPROPRIATE RESEARCH AND, IF INDICATED, CLINICAL PRACTICE

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

Whereas, the antiprogestosterone steroid, mifepristone, known as RU-486, has been approved and available in France since November 1988; and

Whereas, RU-486 may be used to promote normal delivery in childbirth, reducing the need to perform Caesarean sections; and

Whereas, the medical community has identified RU-486 as an important treatment for illnesses, including breast and brain cancer, gynecological malignancies, osteoporosis, Cushing's disease and other serious conditions; and

Whereas, the American Medical Association, the American Public Health Association, the American College of Obstetricians and Gynecologists and the American Association for the Advancement of Science have formally recognized the importance of RU-486 and support the testing of RU-486 in the United States; and

Whereas, RU-486 has been developed and tested in Europe and has been shown to be an efficacious and safe means of terminating early pregnancy when administered orally early in pregnancy by an appropriately trained physician; and

Whereas, the use of such a medication for terminating early pregnancy constitutes a potentially significant medical and public health gain in terms of cost, efficacy, safety, ease of use and privacy of the physician-patient relationship; and

Whereas, it is in keeping with basic medical standards to avoid surgical procedures whenever an equally effective noninvasive alternative is available; and

Whereas, medical research that involves this technology has been stalled because of political biases that overshadow the drug's benefits in treating diseases that are killing American women and men; and

Whereas, the Food and Drug Administration's import alert against RU-486 has thwarted the availability of RU-486 in the few scientific research studies conducted in the United States; and

Whereas, all American citizens are entitled to the best medical research and this drug may be the solution to many serious conditions affecting the nation's health; and

Whereas, the introduction of RU-486 into the United States should be encouraged for its significant medical value; now, therefore, be it

Resolved: That We, your Memorialists, respectfully recommend and urge the President and the Congress of the United States to support the legal availability of RU-486 for appropriate research and, if indicated, clinical practice; and be it further

Resolved: That suitable copies of this joint resolution, 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; each Member of the Maine Congressional Delegation; the manufacturers of RU-486, Roussel UCLAF, 35 Boulevard des Invalides 75007, Paris, France; and the Food and Drug Administration.

In Senate Chamber
Read and Adopted
March 27, 1992
Sent down for Concurrence

JOY J. O'BRIEN
Secretary

House of Representatives
Read and Adopted
March 27, 1992
In Concurrence

EDWIN H. PERT
Clerk

S.P. 971

State of Maine

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

JOINT RESOLUTION MEMORIALIZING THE PRESIDENT AND THE CONGRESS OF THE UNITED STATES TO URGE THE RETENTION OF SMALL ISSUE INDUSTRIAL DEVELOPMENT BONDS

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

Whereas, current federal law provides for the elimination of the tax-exempt status for small issue industrial development bonds sold by states to provide capital at reduced interest rates for establishment and expansion of manufacturing enterprises; and

Whereas, the availability of small issue industrial development bonds is critical to the economic development of Maine, providing expansion, diversification of the manufacturing sector and quality jobs, protecting industry from foreign competition and encouraging productivity, capacity and quality critical to the long-term stability of the State's manufacturing base; and

Whereas, in the past 7 years, small issue industrial development bonds resulted in investments of approximately \$500,000,000 in Maine and the retention or creation of over 35,000 jobs in the State and enhanced the tax base of municipalities throughout the State; and

Whereas, issuance of small issue industrial development bonds for United States manufacturers is an important investment in protecting and strengthening United States manufacturing entities, providing quality jobs, helping to ensure that jobs are retained in the United States and not exported overseas, and assisting in reducing the trade deficit; now, therefore, be it

Resolved: That We, your Memorialists, respectfully urge and request that the United States Congress enact legislation forthwith to eliminate the pending sunset on small issue bonds under Section 144 of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986, as amended, so that no interruption in the availability of small issue industrial development bonds occurs; 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 to each Member of the Maine Congressional Delegation.

House of Representatives
Read and Adopted
March 26, 1992
Sent up for Concurrence

EDWIN H. PERT
Clerk

In Senate Chamber
Read and Adopted
March 27, 1992
In Concurrence

JOY J. O'BRIEN
Secretary

State of Maine

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

JOINT RESOLUTION COMMEMORATING THE 150TH ANNIVERSARY OF THE WEBSTER-ASHBURTON TREATY OF AROOSTOOK COUNTY

Whereas, the precise boundary line between Maine and New Brunswick remained a matter of often heated argument for years after the close of the Revolutionary War; and

Whereas, the dispute festered and smoldered until 1839, when it threatened to erupt into open warfare; and

Whereas, nearly 50,000 troops were readied for action and dispatched to the scene; and

Whereas, a temporary agreement between the 2 parties was worked out before the so-called "War of the Aroostook" reached the point of bloodshed; and

Whereas, the Webster-Ashburton Treaty, hammered out in 1842 by United States Secretary of State Daniel Webster and English special minister Lord Ashburton, finally settled the question of where Maine's northeast boundary lay; now, therefore be it

Resolved: That We, the Members of the One Hundred and Fifteenth Legislature, now assembled in the Second Regular Session, take this occasion to recognize the 150th Anniversary of the Webster-Ashburton Treaty of Aroostook; and be it further

Resolved: That suitable copies of this resolution, duly authenticated by the Secretary of State, be transmitted to the officials of Aroostook County and the Maine Historic Commission.

House of Representatives
Read and Adopted
March 29, 1992
Sent up for Concurrence

EDWIN H. PERT
Clerk

In Senate Chamber
Read and Adopted
March 29, 1992
In Concurrence

JOY J. O'BRIEN
Secretary

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