

No. R-97. House concurrent resolution commemorating the bicentennial of the establishment of Concord Academy.

(H.C.R.78)

Offered by: Representatives Williams of Granby, Beck of St. Johnsbury, and Campbell of St. Johnsbury

Whereas, in the 19th century, aspiring educators studied pedagogic methodology and school governance in normal schools, the forerunners of modern colleges of education, and

Whereas, on March 11, 1823, the Rev. Samuel Read Hall, a leading early American educator and ordained Congregational minister, established the nation's first normal school, originally known as the Columbian School, in Concord, Vermont, and

Whereas, in November 1823, the General Assembly enacted Chapter 62, "An act establishing an academy at Concord in the County of Essex," naming the school the Concord Academy, listing the trustees, and setting forth the institution's corporate authority, and

Whereas, in 1825, the General Assembly passed Act 72, "An act declaring the Academy in Concord to be a County Grammar-School, in the county of Essex, and for other purposes," in order that the school be able to avail itself of revenue allotted to grammar schools, and

Whereas, in 1829, the Rev. Samuel Read Hall published *Lectures on School-Keeping*, the first English-language pedagogic textbook issued in either the United States or Great Britain, and in 1832, he published *Lectures to Female Teachers*, an influential book for primary school instructors, now therefore be it

Resolved by the Senate and House of Representatives:

That the General Assembly commemorates the bicentennial of the establishment of Concord Academy, and be it further

Resolved: That the Secretary of State be directed to send a copy of this resolution to the Vermont Historical Society and the Concord Historical Society.