

To accompany the petition of John E. Yerxa, James C. Bayley and William F. Otis for the adoption of resolutions commending the observance of the first public singing of the song "America". Constitutional Law.

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

In the Year One Thousand Nine Hundred and Fifty-Seven.

RESOLUTIONS COMMENDING THE OBSERVANCE OF THE FIRST PUBLIC SINGING OF THE SONG "AMERICA".

Whereas, On Sunday, June thirtieth, nineteen hundred and fifty-seven and through July sixth, nineteen hundred and fifty-seven, the one hundred and twenty-fifth anniversary of the first public singing of the great patriotic song "America" will be celebrated at the Park Street Church in the city of Boston at ceremonies commemorating the event; and

Whereas, It is fitting and proper that due recognition be given to the observance of this memorable event and to a song which has been an inspiration to all; and

Whereas, The song "America" was written by the Reverend Doctor Samuel Francis Smith in the town of Andover, Massachusetts, in February, eighteen hundred and thirty-two; and

Whereas, The first time it was sung publicly was at a children's celebration of American Independence at the Park Street Church, Boston, on July fourth, eighteen hundred and thirty-two; and

Whereas, Although this song was not written with reference to any special occasion, it has during the years been widely used as a national anthem; therefore be it

Resolved, That the general court of Massachusetts commends to all citizens that appropriate recognition be given to the celebration of the first public singing of the song "America" during the week of June thirtieth through July sixth, nineteen hundred and fifty-seven.

To the Senate of the State of New York: I have the honor to acknowledge the receipt of your resolution, passed on the 14th inst., in relation to the proposed amendments to the constitution of the State, and in reply to inform you that the same have been referred to the Committee on the subject, and that they will report thereon at the next session of the Senate.

The Constitution of the State

The Constitution of the State is the fundamental law of the State, and it is the duty of every citizen to know and understand it. It is the basis of all our rights and liberties, and it is the foundation of our government. The Constitution is the supreme law of the State, and it is the duty of every citizen to uphold and defend it. The Constitution is the source of all our power, and it is the duty of every citizen to exercise that power wisely and justly. The Constitution is the guarantee of our freedom, and it is the duty of every citizen to preserve and protect it. The Constitution is the cornerstone of our society, and it is the duty of every citizen to build upon it and to make it a better and more just society for all.