
[Senate, No. 787. — Offered by Senator Lerche.]

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

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

RESOLUTIONS CONGRATULATING THE CITY OF NORTHAMPTON ON ITS TERCENTENARY ANNIVERSARY.

Whereas, The city of Northampton, situated in the beautiful and historic Connecticut valley in the shadow of picturesque Mount Holyoke and Mount Tom, with the verdant meadows which originally attracted the first settlers to establish homes near the site of the present city, rich in Indian lore and historical tradition; and

Whereas, Northampton through the past century has become widely known as the home of Smith College, Clarke School for the Deaf, and other outstanding educational institutions; and

Whereas, Northampton, first settled for its location on the banks of the Connecticut river, with the rich alluvial soil of its meadows, has continued throughout the past three hundred years as a leader in agricultural pursuits; and

Whereas, Northampton, for many years famous as a silk manufacturing center, pioneering in the silk hosiery manufacture, which today is one of its leading industries, with brush making, plastics moulding and precision optical equipment making becoming leading industries of today in line with the march of invention and progress; and

Whereas, Northampton has through the years welcomed all races, creeds and nationalities from every country on the Globe, and has educated and moulded the newcomers into worth-while citizens, teaching them

the principles of American liberty and freedom; has built institutions of learning to teach their children the principles of good living, of social uplift and what America stands for; and

Whereas, Northampton has contributed outstanding citizens to the service of the commonwealth and to the nation, particularly outstanding being Hon. Caleb Strong, governor from eighteen hundred to eighteen hundred and seven and eighteen hundred and twelve to eighteen hundred and sixteen, and United States senator from seventeen hundred and eighty-nine to seventeen hundred and ninety-six; and Hon. Calvin Coolidge, governor from nineteen hundred and nineteen to nineteen hundred and twenty-one, and vice president from nineteen hundred and twenty-one to nineteen hundred and twenty-three, and President from nineteen hundred and twenty-three to nineteen hundred and twenty-nine; and

Whereas, Northampton, settled in sixteen hundred and fifty-four, established as a town from common lands called Nonotuck on May fourteenth, sixteen hundred and fifty-six, and incorporated as a city on June twenty-third, eighteen hundred and eighty-three, has been, during the past three hundred years, an outstanding community in this commonwealth; therefore be it

Resolved, That the senate extends to the citizens of Northampton upon this its Tercentenary anniversary, its congratulations; and be it further

Resolved, That copies of these resolutions be forwarded by the secretary of state, to the mayor and city clerk of the city of Northampton, to be filed with the records in the archives of said city.

SENATE, May 20, 1954.

Adopted.

IRVING N. HAYDEN,
Clerk.