

HOUSE No. 2435

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES, January 5, 1956.

The committee on Rules to whom were referred the resolutions (filed by Mr. DeNormandie of Lincoln) expressing hope and prayer for the restoration of the Wayside Inn in Sudbury (House, No. 2435), report that the same ought to be adopted.

For the committee.

JOHN F. THOMPSON.

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

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

RESOLUTIONS EXPRESSING HOPE AND PRAYER FOR THE RESTORATION OF THE WAYSIDE INN IN SUDBURY.

Whereas, The Wayside Inn in Sudbury, Massachusetts, immortalized by the poet Longfellow and cherished by twelve generations of Americans in its own community, in the commonwealth, and in the nation since the late seventeenth century, has been destroyed by fire; and

Whereas, This famed landmark was rich in historic associations for the part it played in the unfolding story of our country's beginnings, the birth of our Republic, and America's growth as a mighty nation; and

Whereas, This renowned hostelry welcomed at its ancient portals George Washington, the Father of our Country, as he rode to assume command of the American Revolution, at Boston, General Henry Knox, one of his most illustrious commanders, the Marquis de Lafayette, and others notable in our nation's annals; and

Whereas, This Inn was made the setting for Longfellow's "Tales of a Wayside Inn," including one of the most beloved of all our patriotic narrative poems, "The Midnight Ride of Paul Revere;" and

Whereas, Beneath its roof-tree, Thomas Edison, the genius of invention, Henry Ford, the genius of modern industrialism, and Calvin Coolidge, the first President from Massachusetts since John Quincy Adams, frequently participated in its hospitality; and

Whereas, Unnumbered hundreds of thousands of Americans from every state of the Union, have made pilgrimage, these many generations past, to this Inn, there to renew and refresh knowledge of their country's story; therefore be it

Resolved, That the house of representatives of the general court of this commonwealth expresses its most earnest hope

and prayer that the Wayside Inn Corporation will retrieve this shrine from the ruin to which it has been reduced, and by its restoration, in faithful replica of its ancient architecture, preserve it for generations to come, as an honored symbol of the sturdy virtues of the past, the evolution of our Republic, and the creative genius of its modern industry.

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Adopted.

LAWRENCE R. GROVE,
Clerk.

