
To accompany the petition of A. Frank Foster and John E. Powers that provision be made for a proper representation of the Commonwealth at the historic exercises to be held in the current year to commemorate the arrival of the Mayflower and the settlement of Plymouth Colony. Joint Ways and Means.

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

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

RESOLVE PROVIDING FOR A PROPER REPRESENTATION OF THE COMMONWEALTH AT THE HISTORIC EXERCISES TO BE HELD IN THE CURRENT YEAR TO COMMEMORATE THE ARRIVAL OF THE MAYFLOWER AND THE SETTLEMENT OF PLYMOUTH COLONY.

1 *Whereas*, During the year nineteen hundred and fifty-seven
2 the Commonwealth of Massachusetts and all America will
3 thrill as the pages of history are turned back and a glimpse
4 into the past is afforded as the dramatic voyage of the May-
5 flower and landing of the first settlers at Plymouth is re-
6 enacted; and

7 *Whereas*, The Mayflower II, a replica of the sturdy Pilgrim
8 ship, which landed on our shores in sixteen hundred and
9 twenty, will sail from England to Plymouth where it will be
10 permanently berthed, as a goodwill gift from the people of
11 Great Britain to the people of the United States; and

12 *Whereas*, Plans and programs for the construction of "Pli-
13 mouth Plantation", a replica of the first settlement of the
14 Pilgrims, to be established and dedicated to the preservation
15 of the Pilgrim heritage, are well under way and will be com-
16 pleted in time for the arrival of Mayflower II; and

17 *Whereas*, Plans and programs for the celebration of this
18 great event commemorating the settlement of our country by
19 the Pilgrim Fathers are established; and

20 *Whereas*, It is highly fitting that the Commonwealth of
21 Massachusetts should participate in the celebration of this
22 great event, and should be properly represented thereat;
23 therefore be it

24 *Resolved*, That a committee consisting of three members of
25 the senate to be designated by the president thereof and five
26 members of the house of representatives to be designated by
27 the speaker thereof, be appointed to represent the General
28 Court at the historic exercises commemorating the opening
29 of "Plimouth Plantation" and the arrival of the Mayflower II
30 at Plymouth in the current year; and be it further

31 *Resolved*, That, in order that the commonwealth may be
32 properly represented at these historic exercises at Plymouth,
33 after an appropriation has been made therefor there may be
34 expended for such purpose a sum not exceeding five thousand
35 dollars.