

# HOUSE . . . . . No. 7322

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## *The Commonwealth of Massachusetts*

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HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES, August 15, 1973.

The committee on Rules, to whom were referred the Resolutions (filed by Mr. Curtiss of Sheffield) congratulating the town of Sheffield on the occasion of its 200th anniversary (House, No. 7322), report that the same ought to be adopted.

For the committee,

THOMAS W. McGEE.

**The Commonwealth of Massachusetts**

In the Year One Thousand Nine Hundred and Seventy-Three.

RESOLUTIONS CONGRATULATING THE TOWN OF SHEFFIELD ON THE OCCASION OF ITS 200TH ANNIVERSARY.

1 *Whereas*, The Town of Sheffield in 1773 framed resolutions  
2 identified as the “Sheffield Declaration of Independence” which  
3 preceded Thomas Jefferson’s Declaration of Independence by  
4 three years; and

5 *Whereas*, The language of the Sheffield Declaration is re-  
6 markably similar to the stately words of Jefferson in an  
7 indictment of British rule of the Colonies; and

8 *Whereas*, The resolutions were voted unanimously by the  
9 Sheffield Town Meeting and forwarded to the General Court; and

10 *Whereas*, The Town of Sheffield, during August of 1973, is  
11 celebrating the Bicentennial of these Declarations; therefore be it

12 *Resolved*, That the Massachusetts House of Representatives  
13 hereby joins with the Town of Sheffield in this celebration and  
14 extends to the town its congratulations and best wishes for a  
15 prosperous future; and be it further

16 *Resolved*, That a copy of these resolutions be forwarded by  
17 the Secretary of the Commonwealth to the Town Clerk of the  
18 Town of Sheffield to be filed with the records of said Town.

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Adopted.

WALLACE C. MILLS,  
*Clerk.*