

# HOUSE . . . . . No. 4871

---

---

## The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES, May 24, 1967.

The committee on Rules, to whom were referred the Resolutions (filed by Mr. Wojtkowski of Pittsfield) on the seventy-fifth anniversary of the establishment of the metropolitan park system (House, No. 4871), report that the same ought to be adopted.

For the committee,

JOHN C. BRESNAHAN.

## The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

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

### RESOLUTIONS ON THE SEVENTY-FIFTH ANNIVERSARY OF THE ESTABLISHMENT OF THE METROPOLITAN PARK SYSTEM.

1 *Whereas*, In 1891 a body of citizens, consisting of members  
2 of the various local park boards in the vicinity of Boston,  
3 members of a corporation known as "The Trustees of Public  
4 Reservations," members of a popular club of mountain  
5 climbers known as "The Appalachian Mountain Club,"  
6 members of philanthropic societies, and individuals, ap-  
7 pointed a representing committee to appeal to the State  
8 Legislature for parks in the vicinity of Boston for the benefit  
9 of the whole community; and

10 *Whereas*, As a result of this appeal, the General Court, by  
11 chapter three hundred and forty-three of the acts of eighteen  
12 hundred and ninety-two, appointed an inquiring commission  
13 of three members who were instructed to study the needs of  
14 the district in regard to parks and to report to the next  
15 legislature; and

16 *Whereas*, The members of the commission examined the  
17 district alone and with local park boards and employed  
18 Charles Eliot, the son of President Eliot of Harvard Univer-  
19 sity, as their landscape architect; and

20 *Whereas*, The report of the commission led to the appoint-  
21 ment of a permanent commission by virtue of chapter four  
22 hundred and seven of the acts of eighteen hundred and  
23 ninety-three entitled "Metropolitan Park Commission Act",  
24 which commission was empowered to provide parks for the  
25 advantage of that part of the region about Boston included  
26 within the limits of certain cities and towns constituting the  
27 Metropolitan Park District; and

28 *Whereas*, It has been said that the Metropolitan Park  
29 System is one of the largest and most varied systems in this

30 country, and from many points of view the most varied and  
31 immediately useful of any park system in the world; now  
32 therefore be it

33 *Resolved*, That the Massachusetts House of Representa-  
34 tives takes this occasion of the Seventy-Fifth Anniversary of  
35 the establishment of the Metropolitan Park System to pay  
36 tribute to those men who had the foresight to promote the  
37 park system and to those men who over the years have  
38 jealously guarded and expanded the park system; and be it  
39 further

40 *Resolved*, That a copy of these resolutions be sent forth-  
41 with by the Secretary of the Commonwealth to Charles R.  
42 Strickland, President, Trustees of Reservations at 224 Adams  
43 Street, Milton, Massachusetts.

---

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES, May 24, 1967.

Adopted.

WILLIAM C. MAIERS,  
*Clerk.*

