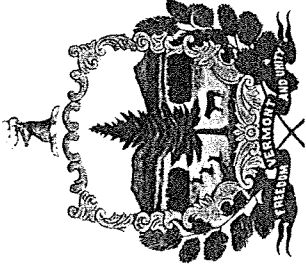


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State of Vermont Senate Chamber



Montpelier, Vermont Joint Senate Resolution

By Senators Cummings, Doyle, Spaulding,

J.R.S. 83. Joint resolution urging the Vermont Congressional Delegation to encourage the U.S. Postal Service to reestablish a post office in the town of Berlin.

Whereas, even as the internet is becoming an increasingly popular modality of communication, the United States Postal Service remains the fundamental way that Americans exchange personal correspondence and transact business, and

Whereas, the town of Berlin was initially chartered in 1763 by a New Hampshire Grant prior to the establishment of Vermont, and

Whereas, for over 200 years, Berlin has been a thriving municipality in central Vermont, and

Whereas, although Berlin was historically an agricultural community, the demographic composition of the town has been significantly transformed over the last three decades, and

Whereas, both Berlin Police Chief, William Jennings, and the Berlin Fire Chief, Robert Simon, have testified before the Vermont Senate Government Operations Committee that the lack of a post office in the town of Berlin poses an extreme public safety hazard because there are streets in Barre City, Barre Town, Montpelier, Northfield, and Berlin that have the same name, and, in some cases, share a common zip code, and

Whereas, Berlin is the home of the central Vermont region's only hospital which serves as the nucleus for an expanding array of health care support offices also located in Berlin, and

Whereas, Berlin has the largest average company size in Washington County and numerous retail establishments in the town, including a large enclosed shopping mall with three anchor stores, and

Whereas, the Midstate Regional Library is located in the town of Berlin, and

Whereas, Berlin is home to a major indoor recreational facility, and

Whereas, the lack of a separate zip code, and corresponding post office, in the town of Berlin is causing increasing difficulties and confusion with computerized mailing and delivery systems used by governmental, nonprofit and private concerns, and

Whereas, Berlin is home to the Knapp Memorial Airport, a thriving center for general aviation and freight use, and


Whereas, Berlin is home to the Antrak railroad station, an important stop along the route of the Vermonter passenger train and a center for freight activity, and

Whereas, the volume of mail resulting from the growing amount of medical, retail, commercial, aeronautical, and railroad activity is sufficiently significant for the U.S. Postal Service to seriously consider reestablishing a post office in this proud and historic old town, now therefore be it

RESOLVED BY THE SENATE AND HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES:

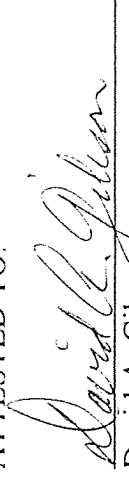
That the General Assembly requests the Vermont Congressional Delegation work to encourage the U.S. Postal Service, based on the compelling favorable evidence, to reestablish a post office in the town of Berlin, and be it further

RESOLVED: That the Secretary of State be directed to send a copy of this resolution to the members of the Vermont Congressional Delegation, the U.S. Postmaster General William J. Henderson and the Berlin Selectboard.


PRESIDENT OF THE SENATE


SPEAKER OF THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

ATTESTED TO:


David A. Gibson
Secretary of the Senate

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