

## **H. Res. 528**

### ***In the House of Representatives, U. S.,***

*July 23, 2007.*

Whereas New Milford is located in Litchfield County, on the western border of Connecticut, in the Housatonic Valley;

Whereas the settlement of New Milford began in 1706, when John Noble, Sr., purchased a portion of land known as Weantinogue;

Whereas in 1707, Noble and his daughter settled in New Milford, followed by 12 other families;

Whereas beginning in 1774, New Milford demonstrated its support for the Revolutionary War by providing financial support to the servicemen and sending 285 of its 2,700 inhabitants to battle;

Whereas New Milford was a center of Underground Railroad work in Connecticut, with many of its residents offering their homes as places for slaves to take refuge on their journey to freedom;

Whereas the late 1800s marked the arrival of many new industries and businesses in New Milford, including the manufacturing of furniture, paints, and pottery;

Whereas in 1902, New Milford's worst disaster occurred when a raging fire completely destroyed the town's main business district on Bank Street;

Whereas the population of New Milford stood at 3,000 in 1880 and has grown to nearly 30,000 today;

Whereas at 64 square miles, New Milford is the largest town in Connecticut; and

Whereas New Milford has been modernized through commercial and industrial growth, while retaining its deep sense of history, scenic beauty, and traditional New England character throughout the past 300 years: Now, therefore, be it

*Resolved*, That the House of Representatives—

(1) congratulates the Town of New Milford, Connecticut, on the occasion of its 300th anniversary; and

(2) honors the Town of New Milford for its significant history, impressive growth, and considerable contributions to the State of Connecticut and the United States.

Attest:

*Clerk.*