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### ANDOVER'S ABBOT HOUSE ON HISTORIC LIST

The Benjamin Abbot House in Andover has been placed on the National Register of Historic Places by the U.S. Park Service.

The announcement was made today by Congressman Paul Tsongas (D-Mass.) who congratulated the town and those associated with preserving the Abbot House.

"The listing of the historic site in the National Register," according to Tsongas, "means that Federal and State funds are now available for maintaining and enhancing the Abbot property."

According to the Andover Historical Society, the Abbot House was constructed in 1685. The colonial farmhouse was the home of the Abbots, one of the founders of the town, for eight generations. A number of rooms in the home have been restored to their early American origins.

The Congressional Act authorizing the Historic Register permits the Secretary of Interior to expand and maintain a national register of districts, sites, buildings, structures and objects significant in American history.

In a letter to Town Manager J. Austin Maynard, Rep. Tsongas offered his assistance in any future attempts to apply for funding for the Abbot House under the Historic Preservation Act.