

NO. R-30. SENATE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION CELEBRATING THE 75TH ANNIVERSARY OF THE VERMONT FARM SHOW.

(S.C.R.7)

By Senators Scott, Cummings, Doyle, Mazza, Kittell, Starr, Ayer, Brock, Campbell, Choate, Giard, Hartwell, Illuzzi, Kitchel, Maynard, McCormack, Nitka, Sears, Shumlin and White,

By Representatives McDonald of Berlin, Poirier of Barre City, Taylor of Barre City and Partridge of Windham,

*Whereas*, the history of the Vermont Farm Show, a true extravaganza of agricultural events and products, has its origins in the joint annual winter meeting of the former Vermont Dairymen's Association and the Maple Sugar Makers, and

*Whereas*, in 1930, Orlando Martin of Plainfield, the secretary of the Vermont Dairymen's Association, rented exhibit space to several farm equipment vendors and printed an advertising booklet to help defray the meeting's expenses and those of the concurrently convened sessions of the Wives and Daughters of the Vermont Dairymen organization, and

*Whereas*, the success of the commercial exhibitions encouraged him to inquire of Harold Dwinell, the director of the newly established division of markets at the Department of Agriculture, if there was interest in creating an educational exhibit at the meeting, and both Dwinell and Agriculture Commissioner Edward Jones responded enthusiastically, and

*Whereas*, the division's successful first display in 1931 highlighted new retail packaging innovations, and with the financial support of agricultural membership organizations and several individuals, the division in 1932

inaugurated the Vermont Farm Products contest with approximately 50 entries and the participation of expert judges, and

*Whereas*, the contest raised the meeting's attendance to a record level and led University of Vermont College of Agriculture Dean Joseph Carrigan, Commissioner Jones and Division Director Dwinell to oversee the formation of the Vermont Union Agricultural Council, with a membership that included the Vermont Dairymen's Association, the Vermont Maple Sugar Makers' Association, the Vermont Poultry and Egg Producers' Association, the Vermont Certified Seed Potato Growers' Association, and the Vermont Horticultural Society, and

*Whereas*, under the council's auspices, the combined Union Agricultural Meeting and Vermont Farm Products Show premiered in Burlington in 1935 to great applause, and

*Whereas*, in 1947, this now-annual winter agricultural extravaganza was relocated to the Barre Auditorium, where it has resided ever since, and

*Whereas*, in November 1957, the Vermont Farm Show, Inc. was officially organized and incorporated, and

*Whereas*, the legislature's night at the Vermont Farm Show, featuring the House-versus-Senate milking contest, is always a fun occasion, and

*Whereas*, the Vermont Farm Show has presented many innovative displays and programs over its 75-year history, and its daily attendance now numbers close to 10,000, *now therefore be it*

***Resolved by the Senate and House of Representatives:***

That the General Assembly, along with the state's agricultural community, celebrates the 75th anniversary of the Vermont Farm Show, *and be it further*

***Resolved:*** That the Secretary of State be directed to send a copy of this resolution to Vermont Farm Show Manager Jon Turmel in Montpelier.