

No. R-140. House concurrent resolution congratulating Gandin Brothers, Inc. of South Ryegate on its 100th anniversary.

(H.C.R.102)

Offered by: Representative Larocque of Barnet

Offered by: Senators Benning and Kitchel

Whereas, in 1912, Louis Gandin, an immigrant from Italy, purchased a granite manufacturing business in South Ryegate, and

Whereas, from the start, Louis Gandin and his family have striven to operate their business with the goals of quality, service, and customer satisfaction always in mind, and

Whereas, in 1921, Tony Gandin, the younger brother of Louis, immigrated to the United States to join his brother and learn about the Vermont granite industry, and

Whereas, when Louis Gandin died at an early age, Tony and his sister-in-law Rose assumed control of Gandin Brothers and operated the business through the Great Depression, and

Whereas, the family's management of the business continued as Tony's son Allen Gandin, who joined the company in 1948, took over Gandin Brothers following his father's death in 1969, and Allen's younger brother Butch, who became a Gandin employee in 1964, became President following his older brother's retirement in 1994, and

Whereas, in 1990, after graduating from college, Butch's son Tom joined the family's granite business, representing the third generation to participate in the family enterprise, and

Whereas, the family leadership of Gandin Brothers in 2013 includes Butch Gandin serving as President, Tom Gandin as Vice President, and Butch's wife Judith as Secretary and Treasurer, and

Whereas, a group of extended family members is also employed at Gandin Brothers, making this truly a family enterprise, and

Whereas, Tom Gandin has expanded the family's involvement in the Vermont granite industry beyond South Ryegate, as he has served as President of the Barre Granite Association and currently sits on the Association's Board of Trustees, and

Whereas, Gandin Brothers is a granite industry company known for the excellence of its work due to the century-long commitment of the Gandin family and to careful attention to the quality of its products, now therefore be it

Resolved by the Senate and House of Representatives:

That the General Assembly congratulates Gandin Brothers, Inc. of South Ryegate on its 100th anniversary, and be it further

Resolved: That the Secretary of State be directed to send a copy of this resolution to Gandin Brothers, Inc. in South Ryegate and to the Barre Granite Association.