

**No. R-111. House concurrent resolution designating August 9, 2015, as Genealogy Day in Vermont.**

(H.C.R.78)

Offered by: Representatives Yantachka of Charlotte, Brennan of Colchester, Cole of Burlington, Dakin of Colchester, Devereux of Mount Holly, Ellis of Waterbury, Evans of Essex, Hebert of Vernon, Lewis of Berlin, Martin of Wolcott, Pearson of Burlington, Purvis of Colchester, Ram of Burlington, Sullivan of Burlington, Sweaney of Windsor, and Townsend of South Burlington

Offered by: Senator Baruth

Whereas, genealogy is the tracing of an individual's or family's ancestry through a line of descending generations, and

Whereas, in cities and towns across Vermont, professional and amateur genealogists are busily, enthusiastically, and patiently combing through vital and other records in town halls, historical societies, libraries, and places of worship in search of their family's origins and original arrival in Vermont, and

Whereas, genealogical research can result in the documentation of centuries of family history and the discovery of previously unknown relatives, and

Whereas, one of the most ardent proponents of genealogical research in Vermont was the late Reverend Romeo Trahan S.S.E., who in 1996 cofounded the Vermont French-Canadian Genealogical Society, and

Whereas, Mike Sevigny published posthumously the Reverend Trahan's research as the book *A Vermont Trahan Family, History and Genealogy, Arcadian and Quebec Roots*, and

Whereas, Cecile Moran, a relative of the late Reverend Trahan, has extended his work through her introduction of genealogical research to a broader audience, and

Whereas, annually, on the 9th of August, Cecile Moran travels to a different Vermont location to present a Genealogy Day exhibit, and

Whereas, her goal is the encouragement of family genealogical gatherings as well as helpful guidance in pursuit of the attendees' personal family ancestry, and

Whereas, the 2015 edition of Cecile Moran's Genealogy Day will take place at the Jay Peak ski resort, and

Whereas, just as The French-Canadian Genealogical Society's library is now known as the The Vermont Genealogy Library @ the Fort in Essex/Colchester, Genealogy Day should be an encouragement for even more Vermonters to engage in their own genealogical adventures, now therefore be it

Resolved by the Senate and House of Representatives:

That the General Assembly designates August 9, 2015, as Genealogy Day in Vermont, and be it further

Resolved: That the Secretary of State be directed to send a copy of this resolution to Cecile Moran and to the Genealogical Society of Vermont.