

No. R-416. House concurrent resolution honoring the entrepreneurship of Maple Sugar & Vermont Spice in Mendon.

(H.C.R.327)

Offered by: Representatives Russell of Rutland City and Tate of Mendon

Whereas, the former Mendon homestead of General Edward H. Ripley, who during the Civil War served as Commander of the First Brigade of Rutland's Light Guards, is now the headquarters of a special destination, Maple Sugar & Vermont Spice, and

Whereas, after the Union victory, General Ripley returned to Mendon with his loyal horse "Old John," and

Whereas, the Ripley family, which was a leader in Vermont's marble industry, established a sugaring operation, and today, the old sugarhouse, a small horse barn, the larger maple trees, and a large rock on which are engraved the words "The Grave of Genl. Edw. H. Ripley's 'Old John,' A Gallant War Horse of the Great Civil War 1861-1865," remain, and

Whereas, there are many sugarhouses scattered across the Green Mountains, but Maple Sugar & Vermont Spice is certainly exciting for the visitor, and

Whereas, the central focus of the business is a modern two-story pavilion featuring an open gallery and has a second-floor balcony from which visitors can view the boiling of maple sap and the production of syrup, and

Whereas, Maple Sugar & Vermont Spice takes great pride in producing the finest maple syrup possible, and it continues to tap its trees in the traditional manner, using buckets, and

Whereas, in its kitchen, Maple Sugar & Vermont Spice produces maple candy, starting with pure maple syrup heated to 239°F, and never coats or crystalizes its candy, as these processes tend to destroy the maple bouquet, and

Whereas, another delectable delicacy made and sold at Maple Sugar & Vermont Spice is its homemade ice cream, manufactured in the traditional manner in wooden buckets, and the natural ingredients include pure Vermont cream and maple syrup, and

Whereas, Maple Sugar & Vermont Spice offers an attractive breakfast and luncheon menu in its dining room, and customers are able to draw off their own hot maple syrup, making pancakes and waffles extra delicious, and

Whereas, in 2016, the current management is celebrating 10 years of successfully leading the 34-year-old Maple Sugar & Vermont Spice, now therefore be it

Resolved by the Senate and House of Representatives:

That the General Assembly honors the entrepreneurship of Maple Sugar & Vermont Spice in Mendon, and be it further

Resolved: That the Secretary of State be directed to send a copy of this resolution to Maple Sugar & Vermont Spice in Mendon.