

No. R-398. House concurrent resolution congratulating the 2018 Vermont FARMS 2+2 program for its contribution to Vermont's agricultural heritage and the program's 2018 scholarship recipients.

(H.C.R.324)

Offered by: Committee on Agriculture and Forestry

Whereas, advanced education for practitioners and allied specialists is critical for the future of the State's dairy industry, and

Whereas, associated with this goal are Vermont's retention of aspiring dairy farmers who will contribute to the State's working landscape and boost our agricultural economy, and

Whereas, in order to address this academic priority, in the late 1990s, the Agency of Agriculture, Food and Markets established the Vermont FARMS 2+2 program (the program) that provides scholarships to young persons interested in dairy industry or science-related careers, and

Whereas, a student enrolls in two years of technical education at Vermont Technical College and continues studying for a bachelor's degree with two years at the University of Vermont, and

Whereas, a semester spent at the William H. Miner Agricultural Research Institute, located in Chazy, New York, focuses on practical farm work through the completion of applied research assignments, and

Whereas, over 100 students have graduated from the program, and they have pursued careers as dairy farmers, in allied dairy businesses, or continued their education to become teachers, veterinarians, or dairy science specialists, and

Whereas, the students selected as winners of a 2018 Vermont FARM 2+2 scholarship are Kate Rowley of Milton, Emily Surrell of Woodstock, Samantha Fitzsimmons of Swanton, Brandon Mansfield of Starksboro, and Hannah Roberts of Newport Center, and they eagerly anticipate pursuing their dairy education beginning at Vermont Technical College, now therefore be it

Resolved by the Senate and House of Representatives:

That the General Assembly congratulates the 2018 Vermont FARMS 2+2 program for its contribution to Vermont's agricultural heritage and the program's 2018 scholarship recipients, and be it further

Resolved: That the Secretary of State be directed to send a copy of this resolution to each student honored in the resolution and to the Agency of Agriculture, Food and Markets.