

No. R-87. House concurrent resolution congratulating the St. Albans Cooperative Creamery on its centennial.

(H.C.R.69)

Offered by: Representatives Toof of St. Albans Town, Dickinson of St. Albans Town, Fegard of Berkshire, Gamache of Swanton, Gregoire of Fairfield, Hango of Berkshire, Leffler of Enosburgh, McCarthy of St. Albans City, Murphy of Fairfax, Rosenquist of Georgia, and Savage of Swanton

Offered by: Senators Parent and Brock

Whereas, dairy farmers have sought to introduce a degree of stability into their business operations through the establishment of producer cooperatives, and

Whereas, in 1919, the St. Albans Cooperative Creamery (the Cooperative) was formed, ensuring that its member farmers would not be bidding against each other or traveling long distances only to discover that potential purchasers no longer needed their milk, and

Whereas, the cooperative's over 350 dairy farms—located in Vermont, New York, and New Hampshire—produce more than a billion pounds of milk annually, and

Whereas, the economic impact of the Cooperative is significant to Franklin County, the State of Vermont, and beyond, and

Whereas, its manufacturing plant separates and processes milk into cream, condensed skim milk, and dry milk powder that ultimately are incorporated into butter, cheese, ice cream, yogurt, and other dairy products, and

Whereas, the Cooperative's state-of-the art laboratory performs quality-testing services required for producer payments and analyzes the products made at the manufacturing plant, and

Whereas, its store offers a wide selection of products for dairy farmers and nonmembers, as well as a delivery service right to a producer's farm, and

Whereas, the leadership of the Cooperative has worked diligently to ensure that the membership maintains access to milk markets through the ever-changing dairy sector, and

Whereas, the Cooperative's dairy farmer members are truly the reason that the St. Albans Cooperative has been operating for 100 years, and

Whereas, in 2019, the Cooperative is celebrating a century of strengthening the Vermont dairy community and contributing to our State's agricultural economy, both important roles that will continue as the organization begins its second century of operations to support its valued dairy farmer members, now therefore be it

Resolved by the Senate and House of Representatives:

That the General Assembly congratulates the St. Albans Cooperative Creamery on its centennial, and be it further

Resolved: That the Secretary of State be directed to send a copy of this resolution to the St. Albans Cooperative Creamery.