

**No. R-296. House concurrent resolution designating February 12, 2020 as Farm-to-School Awareness Day at the State House.**

(H.C.R.245)

Offered by: Representatives Partridge of Windham, Bock of Chester, Fegard of Berkshire, Graham of Williamstown, Norris of Shoreham, O'Brien of Tunbridge, Bartholomew of Hartland and Strong of Albany

Whereas, in 2007, the General Assembly established the Rozo McLaughlin Farm-to-School Program “for the purpose of helping Vermont schools develop relationships with local farmers and producers,” and

Whereas, according to the National Farm to School Network, this type of program “provides all kids access to nutritious, high-quality local food” and “can serve as a significant financial opportunity for farmers,” and

Whereas, the Vermont Agency of Agriculture, Food and Markets documented that between 2007 and 2018, the program impacted over 65,000 students and children, 163 schools, and 22 childcare programs, and

Whereas, today, February 12, 2020, Rozo McLaughlin Farm-to-School Program participants are visiting the State House to extol the program’s nutritional and economic benefits, now therefore be it

Resolved by the Senate and House of Representatives:

That the General Assembly designates February 12, 2020 as Farm-to-School Awareness Day at the State House, and be it further

Resolved: That the Secretary of State be directed to send a copy of this resolution to Vermont FEED.