

No. R-325. House concurrent resolution recognizing June 12, 2020 as National Loving Day in Vermont.

(H.C.R.268)

Offered by: Representative Krowinski of Burlington

Whereas, in 1958, an interracial couple, Richard and Mildred Loving, married outside their home state of Virginia, where interracial marriages were banned, and upon returning to Virginia, the Lovings were arrested and subsequently convicted for violating the state's miscegenation law, and

Whereas, on June 12, 1967, in the landmark decision *Loving v. Virginia*, 87 S.Ct. 1817 (1967), the U.S. Supreme Court vacated the Virginia conviction and held that the miscegenation laws of Virginia and those of 15 other states that also prohibited interracial marriages were unconstitutional, and

Whereas, in 2004, Ken Tanabe, the son of a Japanese father and a Belgian mother, created Loving Day to commemorate the historic 1967 Supreme Court ruling, and its first Vermont observance was in 2014, and

Whereas, Loving Day seeks to fight racial prejudice and to create a connection between and foster support for multicultural communities, groups, and individuals, and

Whereas, for a generation that grew up with interracial relationships, Loving Day is a reminder of the 1967 decision's importance and the issues that interracial couples still face in 2020, now therefore be it

Resolved by the Senate and House of Representatives:

That the General Assembly recognizes June 12, 2020 as National Loving Day in Vermont, and be it further

Resolved: That the Secretary of State be directed to send a copy of this resolution to the founders of Loving Day Vermont, Nicholas Glass and Sarah Brown.