

No. R-381. House concurrent resolution congratulating the Rutland County Agricultural Society on the 175th anniversary of the Vermont State Fair.

(H.C.R.312)

Offered by: Representative Potter of Clarendon

Whereas, in 1845, the Rutland County Agricultural Society (the Society) was incorporated “to promote the cause of agriculture and put on an annual fair,” and in 1846, the first Rutland Fair occurred near Castleton, featuring competitions to recognize homegrown agricultural excellence, and

Whereas, as the years progressed, the scope of the Rutland Fair expanded, its duration lengthened, and its location migrated closer to Rutland, and

Whereas, in 1859, the Rutland Fair began its residency at the Rutland County Park (the Fairgrounds), and this site was deeded to the Society in 1868 with a clause that the Rutland Fair be held annually, and

Whereas, officially known as the Vermont State Fair since 1972, this agricultural and entertainment extravaganza continues as an eagerly anticipated annual event, now therefore be it

Resolved by the Senate and House of Representatives:

That the General Assembly congratulates the Rutland County Agricultural Society on the 175th anniversary of the Vermont State Fair, and be it further

Resolved: That the Secretary of State be directed to send a copy of this resolution to the Rutland County Agricultural Society.