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2 Introduced by Representatives Canfield of Fair Haven, Gamache of Swanton,  
3 Gregoire of Fairfield, Higley of Lowell, Hooper of Montpelier,  
4 Hooper of Burlington, Kitzmiller of Montpelier, Leffler of  
5 Enosburgh, Morrissey of Bennington, Norris of Shoreham,  
6 Potter of Clarendon, Shaw of Pittsford, and Troiano of Stannard

7 Referred to Committee on

8 Date:

9 Subject: General provisions; commemorative days; Dewey Day

10 Statement of purpose of bill as introduced: This bill proposes to designate  
11 October 12 as Dewey Day.

12 An act relating to designating October 12 as Dewey Day

13 It is hereby enacted by the General Assembly of the State of Vermont:

14 Sec. 1. FINDINGS

15 U.S. Admiral George Dewey, the only person to attain the rank of Admiral  
16 of the (U.S.) Navy, was born and raised in Montpelier. He was a renowned  
17 U.S. Navy hero, whose military leadership resulted in the destruction of the  
18 Spanish fleet in Manila Bay, the Philippines, during the Spanish-American  
19 War of 1898. The original Dewey Day celebration occurred in Montpelier on  
20 October 12, 1899. In 2018, the Governor issued an executive order

1 designating, on a one-time basis, October 12 as Dewey Day. However, it  
2 would serve as a fitting memorial to Admiral Dewey to establish an annual  
3 Dewey Day.

4 Sec. 2. 1 V.S.A. § 378 is added to read:

5 § 378. ADMIRAL DEWEY DAY

6 October 12 of each year is designated as Dewey Day.

7 Sec. 3. EFFECTIVE DATE

8 This act shall take effect on July 1, 2019.