

No. R-19. House concurrent resolution honoring the Thomas Dairy for 99 years of agricultural and entrepreneurial excellence.

(H.C.R.11)

Offered by: Representatives Terenzini of Rutland Town, Achey of Middletown Springs, Burditt of West Rutland, Canfield of Fair Haven, Cupoli of Rutland City, Fagan of Rutland City, Harrison of Chittenden, Helm of Fair Haven, Howard of Rutland City, Jerome of Brandon, McCoy of Poultney, Nicoll of Ludlow, Norris of Shoreham, Notte of Rutland City, Peterson of Clarendon, Shaw of Pittsford, and Sullivan of Dorset

Offered by: Senators Collamore, Hooker, and Terenzini

Whereas, in 1921, Orin Thomas Sr. established Thomas Dairy on a 200-acre Rutland County tract of land on which the family had long milked cows, and

Whereas, for the next 99 years, Thomas Dairy purchased, processed, and distributed milk, as well as other dairy and farm products, to a diverse clientele, including a hospital, hospitality establishments, retailers, and universities, and

Whereas, the changing dairy environment and the devastating impact of COVID-19 unfortunately resulted in the permanent closure of Thomas Dairy on October 1, 2020, leaving a proud legacy, now therefore be it

Resolved by the House of Representatives:

That the General Assembly honors the Thomas Dairy for 99 years of agricultural and entrepreneurial excellence, and be it further

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