

PROPOSED LANGUAGE FOR J.R.H.2

I have been thinking about the testimony we got the other day. Have some thoughts about some possible additions/changes. Very rough wording but you get the idea:
Whereas, since 1906 laws, policies and procedures have been enacted to promote the eugenics movement with the motto "Breed Better Men";

Whereas, the movement targeted for elimination "delinquent, defective, and dependents" people

Whereas, one of the specific laws enacted at the federal level was the Marriage Restriction Law of 1929 that.....

Whereas, in 1922 the Vermont General Assembly passed S79 "an act to authorize and provide for the sterilization of imbeciles, feeble-minded and insane persons, rapists, confirmed criminals and other defectives", which was vetoed for fear of its unconstitutionality,

Whereas, state agencies and institutions adopted policies and procedures to carry out the intent of the legislation and the beliefs of the eugenics movement

Whereas in 1925 (leave as it is)

Whereas state sanctioned policies target the poor, mentally ill and disabled, persons of mixed ethnicity

Whereas, state sanction policies particularly targeted individuals and families who were French Canadian, Native American Indian heritage, French-Indian, Abenaki

Whereas in 1927 (leave as it is)

Whereas, the GA adopted 1031 (leave as it is)

Whereas, the state-sanctioned eugenics (leave as is)

Whereas, eugenics advocates (leave as is)

Whereas, the Eugenics Survey (leave as it is)

Whereas, in conducting (leave as is)

Whereas, as a result (leave as is)

Whereas, the legacy of the eugenics movement continues to influence even some of our current policies and legislation

Resolved

That the GA sincerely apologizes and expresses its sorrow and regret to all the individual Vermonters and their families and descendants who were harmed as a result of its action the created the state sanction eugenics policies and practices.