

No. R-211. House concurrent resolution congratulating the Boyd Family Farm in Wilmington on the centennial of its current agricultural home.

(H.C.R.157)

Offered by: Representatives Roberts of Halifax, Cole of Hartford, Durfee of Shaftsbury, Graham of Williamstown, Hooper of Randolph, Leavitt of Grand Isle, Lipsky of Stowe, O'Brien of Tunbridge, Pearl of Danville, Rice of Dorset, Sibia of Dover, Surprenant of Barnard, Templeman of Brownington, and Wilson of Lyndon

Whereas, as a result of the 1923 Harriman Reservoir flood, the Boyd family of Wilmington relocated its traditional Vermont farm from its original location, which ancestors had established in 1775, to its present site, and

Whereas, a century later, the Boyd family remains an engaged agricultural clan, although the nature of the family's working relationship to the land and its customer base has evolved, and

Whereas, recognizing the contemporary challenges of farming in Vermont, the founders' descendants redirected their efforts primarily to developing a horticultural center that raises a variety of flowers, both perennial and annual, and

Whereas, the botanical abundance cultivated at the Boyd Family Farm has led to offering the public customized wedding floral services, and

Whereas, during the summertime, blueberries are a special focus at the Boyd Family Farm, with visitors having the option of purchasing them pre-picked or picking their own, and this nicely complements the Deerfield Valley Blueberry Festival, which the Vermont Chamber of Commerce recognizes as a Gold Top Ten Summer Event, and

Whereas, in recent years, the Boyd Family Farm has introduced a home landscaping service and a modified Community Supported Agriculture (CSA) program featuring a farm member card or farm credit and enabling consumers to select the quantity and type of annual plants, berries, Christmas trees, pumpkins, organically grown vegetables, shrubs, and wreaths they desire to purchase, now therefore be it

Resolved by the Senate and House of Representatives:

That the General Assembly congratulates the Boyd Family Farm in Wilmington on the centennial of its current agricultural home, and be it further

Resolved: That the Secretary of State be directed to send a copy of this resolution to the Boyd Family Farm.