No. R-243. House concurrent resolution congratulating the Desorcie family on 60 years of wonderful and continuous family ownership of Desorcie's Market in Highgate Center.

## (H.C.R.184)

Offered by: Representatives Hango of Berkshire, Harrison of Chittenden, and Laroche of Franklin

Offered by: Senators Brock and Norris

<u>Whereas</u>, since 1994, under the enthusiastic proprietorship of David Desorcie, Desorcie's Market, located at the intersection of Route 78 and St. Armand Road in Highgate Center, has been a commercial and social hub, and

Whereas, Joe Desorcie, the father of David Desorcie, purchased the store in 1964, renaming it, first, Joe & Kitty's and, later, Desorcie's ABC, and

<u>Whereas</u>, the comprehensive history of this thriving retail family enterprise began in 1910 when Alcide Dussault owned and operated the store; in 1919, Joseph Amedee (J.A.) Tremblay assumed ownership and named the market J.A. Tremblay's General Store; in 1938, J.A. Tremblay entered into a partnership with his brother Gerard, and the business became Tremblay Brothers; in 1948, J.A.'s son, Antonio Joseph Tremblay, purchased the business; and, in 1962, a cousin, Pamphille Tremblay, became the new owner, and, with his wife, Armande, and their son Gilbert, continued the Tremblay family tradition until 1964, and

<u>Whereas</u>, in the summer of 1938, the local U.S. Post Office moved into the store, and J.A. Tremblay was commissioned Highgate's U.S. Postmaster on October 6, 1938, a role he retained until December 30, 1965, even though, in 1961, the U.S. Post Office had relocated to a new J.A. Tremblay building, and

<u>Whereas</u>, in 2024, Desorcie's Market sells its customers freshly cut meats and a wide spectrum of edible and other products; offers home delivery for patrons unable to travel personally to the store; caters church, school, and other organizational events; and is a lively community gathering spot serving as a special local landmark and greatly valued general store, now therefore be it

Resolved by the Senate and House of Representatives:

That the General Assembly congratulates the Desorcie family on 60 years of wonderful and continuous family ownership of Desorcie's Market in Highgate Center, and be it further

<u>Resolved</u>: That the Secretary of State be directed to send a copy of this resolution to Desorcie's Market.