

**No. R-288. House concurrent resolution celebrating the importance of the manufacturing industry in the Vermont economy and designating April 2, 2026, as Manufacturing Day at the State House.**

(H.C.R.236)

Offered by Representative Cooper of Pownal

*Whereas*, Vermont's manufacturing industry generates an economic impact of \$2.92 billion, and it represents seven percent of Vermont's gross state product and consists of seven percent of the State's workforce, which translates into 26,900 jobs across diverse industrial sectors of the State's economy, and

*Whereas*, manufacturing plays a pivotal role in the growth and development of both rural and urban communities throughout Vermont, representing businesses that are renowned globally and at the forefront of innovation across various industries, and

*Whereas*, Vermont's manufacturers contribute significantly to fostering strategic relationships between the State and neighboring regions, including New England, New York, and Canada, as well as the broader local and global economy, and

*Whereas*, innovation and the diversification of Vermont's economy are exemplified by industry leaders who prioritize community values in their operations, *now therefore be it*

***Resolved by the Senate and House of Representatives:***

That the General Assembly celebrates the importance of the manufacturing industry in the Vermont economy and designates April 2, 2026, as Manufacturing Day at the State House, *and be it further*

***Resolved:*** That the Secretary of State be directed to send a copy of this resolution to Associated Industries of Vermont, the Regional Development Corporations of Vermont, the Vermont Chamber of Commerce, and the Vermont Manufacturing Extension Center.