

No. R-351. House concurrent resolution proudly commemorating the centennial anniversary of the University of Vermont Extension.

(H.C.R.266)

Offered by: Representatives Botzow of Pownal, Branagan of Georgia, Lenes of Shelburne, Potter of Clarendon, Ram of Burlington, Sweaney of Windsor, Andrews of Rutland City, Bartholomew of Hartland, Bissonnette of Winooski, Buxton of Tunbridge, Conquest of Newbury, Dakin of Chester, Donovan of Burlington, Evans of Essex, Heath of Westford, Howrigan of Fairfield, Johnson of Canaan, Kilmartin of Newport City, Lawrence of Lyndon, McAllister of Highgate, McNeil of Rutland Town, Mook of Bennington, Munger of South Burlington, Olsen of Jamaica, Partridge of Windham, Pearson of Burlington, Savage of Swanton, Smith of New Haven, Stevens of Shoreham, Taylor of Barre City, Winters of Williamstown, Wizowaty of Burlington and Zagar of Barnard

Offered by: Senators White, Ashe, Ayer, Baruth, Benning, Brock, Campbell, Carris, Cummings, Doyle, Flory, Fox, Galbraith, Giard, Hartwell, Illuzzi, Kitchel, Kittell, Lyons, MacDonald, Mazza, McCormack, Miller, Mullin, Nitka, Pollina, Sears, Snelling, Starr and Westman

Whereas, for nearly 100 years, the University of Vermont Extension (UVM Extension) has offered Vermonters enriching educational opportunities that focus on agriculture and other worthy topics, and

Whereas, UVM Extension was established on February 15, 1913 when Governor Allen M. Fletcher signed into law Act 83, which provided funds to “be expended solely for work in agricultural extension, including the establishing of extension schools . . . the support of district field agents in co-operation with the United States department of agriculture, and kindred enterprises . . .,” and

Whereas, the first agents traveled at times to their educational demonstrations by horse-drawn carriage, and today they use the latest online computer and telecommunications technology, and

Whereas, by 1915, the 4-H youth educational programs, still a vital part of UVM Extension today, were in full operation, and the local organizations that evolved into the Vermont Farm Bureau were established in the nine counties to which UVM Extension agents had been assigned, and

Whereas, since the 1920s, UVM Extension has maintained a close association with the Vermont Maple Sugarmakers Association, and this relationship has promoted the improvement and expansion of Vermont maple sugaring, and

Whereas, in 1922, radio station WCAX (standing for Cooperative Agricultural Extension) received its federal license and took to the air with broadcasts that the UVM College of Agriculture produced, and

Whereas, improving the well-being of the dairy industry has long been a major focus of UVM Extension, and

Whereas, another important mission of UVM Extension is its support for agricultural diversity in Vermont, including the cultivation of berries and vegetables and the production of cheese and wool, and

Whereas, UVM Extension is celebrating its centennial anniversary year with an update of its historical volume *Highlights of the Vermont Extension Service: From the Beginning* under the new title *100 Years of UVM Extension in Pictures, 1913–2013*, and

Whereas, today, February 15, 2012, the 99th anniversary of the signing of Act 83, representatives of UVM Extension are visiting the State House to inaugurate the centennial anniversary festivities, now therefore be it

Resolved by the Senate and House of Representatives:

That the General Assembly proudly commemorates the centennial anniversary of the University of Vermont Extension, and be it further

Resolved: That the Secretary of State be directed to send a copy of this resolution to Douglas Lantagne, dean and director of UVM Extension.