

No. R-111. Senate concurrent resolution commemorating the 150th anniversary of the Billings Farm.

(S.C.R.8)

By Senators Clarkson, McCormack, and Nitka,

Whereas, in 1871, Frederick Billings began building a prize herd with cattle imported from the Isle of Jersey, transforming his Woodstock estate into a model farm that employed the latest sustainable agricultural practices, and

Whereas, in 1893, the Billings Farm's Jersey herd garnered top honors at the Columbian Exposition in Chicago, and

Whereas, in the 1940s, Elizabeth Billings and Mary Montagu Billings French revitalized the farm, rebuilding the commercial dairy and the Jersey herd, and

Whereas, in 1954, the third generation of the Billings family established Billings Farm, Inc., providing dairy products to 5,000 area homes, and

Whereas, in 1983, Frederick Billings's granddaughter Mary French Rockefeller and her husband Laurance Rockefeller established the Billings Farm & Museum, which annually attracts thousands of visitors, and

Whereas, on June 27, 2021, the thriving Billings Farm & Museum will proudly celebrate the Farm's 150th anniversary, *now therefore be it*

Resolved by the Senate and House of Representatives:

That the General Assembly commemorates the 150th anniversary of the Billings Farm, *and be it further*

Resolved: That the Secretary of State be directed to send a copy of this resolution to the Billings Farm & Museum in Woodstock.