

No. R-231. House concurrent resolution welcoming the 2022 International Workshop on Agritourism to Vermont.

(H.C.R.158)

Offered by: Representatives Scheuermann of Stowe, Anthony of Barre City, Austin of Colchester, Campbell of St. Johnsbury, Canfield of Fair Haven, Coffey of Guilford, Dolan of Essex, Dolan of Waitsfield, Gregoire of Fairfield, Hango of Berkshire, Harrison of Chittenden, Higley of Lowell, Jerome of Brandon, Kimbell of Woodstock, Lefebvre of Orange, Masland of Thetford, McCoy of Poultney, Morrissey of Bennington, Norris of Shoreham, Ode of Burlington, Page of Newport City, Partridge of Windham, Peterson of Clarendon, Sims of Craftsbury, Smith of New Haven, Strong of Albany, Walker of Swanton, Webb of Shelburne, Whitman of Bennington, Wood of Waterbury, and Yantachka of Charlotte

Whereas, in 2018, the Eurac Research organization hosted the first World Congress on Agritourism in Bolzano, South Tyrol, Italy, and

Whereas, as a vehicle to build on the solid foundation established in Bolzano, Eurac Research, in partnership with the University of Vermont Extension, along with many local public and private sector sponsors, will, from August 30 through September 1, 2022, convene the International Workshop on Agritourism at the Hilton Burlington Lake Champlain Hotel, and

Whereas, agricultural service providers, educators, farmers, ranchers, researchers, and tourism professionals from the United States, Canada, Honduras, India, Italy, and dozens of other nations will meet at this exciting gathering to discuss running and marketing an agritourism business, managing farm stays, promoting rural development, creating regional partnerships, and sharing research and case studies, and

Whereas, the selection of Vermont as the workshop's location presents the Green Mountain State with an unusual opportunity to highlight and enhance local agritourism, and to foster this economically and environmentally important endeavor, now therefore be it

Resolved by the Senate and House of Representatives:

That the General Assembly welcomes the 2022 International Workshop on Agritourism to Vermont, and be it further

Resolved: That the Secretary of State be directed to send a copy of this resolution to Eurac Research, the University of Vermont Extension, and the Secretary of Agriculture, Food, and Markets.