

NO. R-408. Joint resolution designating April 6 as National Tartan Day in Vermont.

(J.R.H.50)

Offered by: Representatives Kitzmiller of Montpelier and Brooks of Montpelier.

Whereas, April 6 has a special significance for all Americans, and especially those Americans of Scottish descent, and

Whereas, on April 6, 1320, the Declaration of Arbroath, the Scottish Declaration of Independence, was signed, and

Whereas, the American Declaration of Independence was modeled on this inspirational document, and

Whereas, April 6 is a fitting occasion to honor the major role that Scottish Americans played in the founding of this nation, and

Whereas, almost half the signers of the United States' Declaration of Independence were of Scottish descent as were the governors of nine of the original 13 colonies, and

Whereas, Scottish Americans helped shaped our country in its formative years and guide the nation through its most turbulent times, and

Whereas, the monumental achievements and invaluable contributions of Scottish Americans have led to the United States' preeminence in the fields of science, technology, medicine, government, politics, economics, architecture, literature, media, and visual and performing arts, now therefore be it

Resolved by the Senate and House of Representatives:

That the General Assembly recognizes the significant contribution of Vermonters of Scottish heritage to the history of Vermont, and be it further

Resolved: That April 6 be designated each year as "National Tartan Day" in Vermont.