

No. R-29. House concurrent resolution congratulating Frederick Martin Wilkens on his 90th birthday.

(H.C.R.20)

Offered by: Representatives Donovan of Burlington and Wizowaty of Burlington

Whereas, Frederick Martin (Marty) Wilkens was born in Jersey City, New Jersey on January 12, 1921, and

Whereas, after graduating from Jamaica High School in Queens, New York, where he was senior class president, Marty Wilkens attended nearby Queens College, and

Whereas, leaving college after two years to enter military service in the midst of World War II, Marty Wilkens flew as a United States Army Air Corps reconnaissance pilot in the South Pacific, and

Whereas, his military service delayed him from meeting his daughter, Sandra, until she was three years old, and

Whereas, following his military service, Marty Wilkens began a career in retail merchandising, working for department stores that, in 1970, brought him to Burlington where he was employed at Magram's until his retirement in 1984, and

Whereas, Marty Wilkens became a popular resident of personality on Burlington's Spruce Street, and WCAX-TV recognized him for the beauty and creativity of his home gardens that brightly enlivened his neighborhood, a recognition award that originated with a nomination from his neighbors, and

Whereas, a strong concern for the civic well-being of his community has prompted Marty Wilkens to write many letters to the editor of the *Burlington Free Press*, and

Whereas, active and concerned citizens such as Marty Wilkens serve as the foundation upon which democracy is based and enable our local neighborhoods to flourish as desirable places in which to live, and

Whereas, Marty Wilkens, who was married for many years to his late wife, Ann, the love of his life, has three children, Sandra, Peter, and Christopher, six grandchildren, and seven great-grandchildren, and is celebrating his 90th birthday on January 12, 2011, now therefore be it

Resolved by the Senate and House of Representatives:

That the General Assembly congratulates Frederick Martin Wilkens on his 90th birthday, and be it further

Resolved: That the Secretary of State be directed to send a copy of this resolution to Frederick Martin Wilkens in Burlington.