

No. R-90. House concurrent resolution congratulating Elizabeth Josephine Surdam Hoag Bushee on her 100th birthday.

(H.C.R.67)

Offered by: Representatives Morrissey of Bennington and Corcoran of Bennington

Whereas, Elizabeth Josephine Surdam Hoag Bushee, known to her friends as Betty Bushee, was born a century ago on February 21, 1911 in Waterbury, Connecticut, and

Whereas, her mother died in childbirth, when Betty was only two years old, and while her four older siblings, Clarence, Esther, Dorothy, and Robert, were placed temporarily in a Connecticut group home, she was too young for admittance, and

Whereas, her father brought Betty to an aunt's and uncle's home in Bennington, while he looked for work, for an interim stay that has now extended to 98 years, and

Whereas, she comfortably settled into Bennington, and on graduating from high school, was employed at the Benmont Paper Mill for her entire working career, and

Whereas, twice married, first to Fred Hoag and then to Weldon Bushee, Betty Bushee's large family now includes many nieces and nephews, as well as their children and grandchildren, who reside nearby in Bennington and as far away as Oregon, and

Whereas, distance has not been a barrier for family visits, and she boasts of having visited each of the 48 lower continental states, and

Whereas, Betty Bushee enjoys challenges, is an avid jigsaw and crossword puzzle (always answered in ink) solver, plays many table and card games, and is especially interested in photography, and

Whereas, while all of these activities have given her countless happy hours of enjoyment, Betty Bushee's true avocation in life has been bowling, and

Whereas, Betty Bushee's accuracy in knocking down the bowling pins has resulted in her winning a national senior bowling championship, attending two Senior Olympics as a Vermont bowler, accruing many awards, and election to the Vermont State Bowling Hall of Fame, an honor of which she is extremely proud, and

Whereas, her sharp wit, good humor, and strong stamina amaze everyone at the Bennington Project Independence, who are eagerly anticipating celebrating Betty Bushee's 100th birthday, which is on February 21, 2011, now therefore be it

Resolved by the Senate and House of Representatives:

That the General Assembly congratulates Elizabeth Josephine Surdam Hoag Bushee on her 100th birthday, and be it further

Resolved: That the Secretary of State be directed to send a copy of this resolution to Betty Bushee in Bennington.