

No. R-190. House concurrent resolution congratulating Anna Chandler of Orange on her centennial birthday.

(H.C.R.124)

Offered by: Representatives Lefebvre of Orange and Graham of Williamstown

Whereas, the life of Anna Chandler, as a Vermont farmer, gardener, golfer, hunter, and, most astoundingly, licensed commercial airplane pilot, is a tale that deserves to be celebrated, and

Whereas, born in Vermont on March 11, 1922, Anna Chandler happily lived on her family's Rochester farm, featuring a beautiful vegetable garden, but moved to Connecticut, where she resided during World War II, and

Whereas, on joyfully returning to Vermont, Anna Chandler and her husband, George Smith, a World War II pilot, settled in Orange, and

Whereas, George supported Anna's desire to take flying lessons, and she proved to be a diligent student who soon earned her pilot's license and has maintained a passion for flight ever since, and

Whereas, Anna Chandler, who also earned an amateur radio operator's license, piloted many types of aircraft, including her own aerobatic plane, with which she performed air maneuvers, and, in 1967, with over 500 hours of flying time, she earned a commercial pilot's rating, and

Whereas, for 50 years, Anna Chandler has cherished her membership in the Ladies 99 Flying Club, also known as the Thirty Threes, an aeronautical sorority, whose members have included the famed aviator Amelia Earhart, and

Whereas, this truly remarkable Vermonter recently marked the 100th anniversary of her birth and remains a lively conversationalist, with many fond memories of an exciting life, now therefore be it

Resolved by the Senate and House of Representatives:

That the General Assembly congratulates Anna Chandler of Orange on her centennial birthday, and be it further

Resolved: That the Secretary of State be directed to send a copy of this resolution to Anna Chandler in Orange.