

State of Vermont

House of Representatives



Montpelier, Vermont

Concurrent House Resolution

H.C.R. 174

House concurrent resolution extending best wishes to Mable Fay on her 90th birthday

Offered by: Representatives Van Wyck of Ferrisburgh, Lanpher of Vergennes, Nuovo of Middlebury, Ralston of Middlebury, and Sharpe of Bristol

Whereas, Mable (May) Fay, a 1941 graduate of the former Vergennes High School, devoted her extracurricular attention to playing the trumpet and twirling a baton, and

Whereas, the following fall, she entered Castleton State College, and

Whereas, on the afternoon of December 7, 1941, May Fay heard a radio broadcast reporting the Japanese attack on Pearl Harbor, and

Whereas, as a patriotic American, she decided to enlist in the U.S. Navy's Women's Auxiliary Volunteer Emergency Service (WAVES), and

Whereas, after training in New York and Iowa, May Fay anticipated serving as a medical secretary in military service, and

Whereas, to her surprise, she was selected for further training as a cryptographer, and

Whereas, May Fay was granted a top secret clearance, and until the 1960s was forbidden to discuss the nature of her World War II activities, and

Whereas, while serving in the WAVES, she met James Reese, a career Coast Guardsman, who was her husband for 51 years until his death in 1996, and

Whereas, her own career included working for 25 years as a secretary and editorial assistant at the Woods Hole Oceanographic Institute on Cape Cod, and she was associated with the scientific team that created the Alvin (DSV-2) research submarine, and

Whereas, May Fay's service in the WAVES has remained a part of her life through her membership in the WAVES veterans unit known as the Green Mountain Girls, and

Whereas, in 1988, she relocated to her former hometown of Vergennes and has volunteered at the Bixby Library, and

Whereas, until his death, Glenn Fay, who had been a widower, had been her second husband since 2002, and

Whereas, she is the proud mother of four children, James, Robert, John, and Judy, and is close to her family, and

Whereas, November 6, 2013 marked May Fay's 90th birthday, a special occasion worthy of legislative commemoration, now therefore be it

Resolved by the Senate and House of Representatives:

That the General Assembly extends best wishes to Mable Fay on her 90th birthday, and be it further

Resolved: That the Secretary of State be directed to send a copy of this resolution to May Fay in Vergennes.