

**No. R-249. House concurrent resolution congratulating Robert Sausville on his 100th birthday.**

(H.C.R.201)

Offered by: Representatives Morrissey of Bennington, Bates of Bennington, Carroll of Bennington, and Corcoran of Bennington

Offered by: Senators Campion and Sears

Whereas, the contrasting vocational and avocational roles that Bob Sausville has pursued constitute a diverse personal century, and

Whereas, this Bennington native, born on August 4, 1919, attended his hometown's public schools, and although his military career took him from the State, this southwestern Vermont community has always been home, and

Whereas, a childhood fascination with aviation prompted his enlistment in the Army Air Corps, which led to his initial role as an aircraft mechanic, and

Whereas, in 1942, Bob Sausville enrolled in pilot training, and at the controls of a B-24 Liberator bomber, he flew 58 World War II combat missions in the Pacific Theater, and

Whereas, at the war's conclusion, Bob Sausville returned to Bennington and worked as a private airplane pilot instructor, and

Whereas, his overseas deployment during the Korean War preceded an Air Force posting at the Pentagon, analyzing new aircraft and weapons systems, and

Whereas, during his decades of U.S. Air Force service, Bob Sausville earned many honors, including the Distinguished Flying Cross, an Airman's Medal, and an Air Force Commendation Medal, and

Whereas, upon his military retirement in 1969, Bob Sausville and his wife, Geraldine, to whom he was married for 72 years, returned to Bennington, where he sold and repaired antique clocks, turning his childhood interest into a new career, and

Whereas, Bob Sausville delights in composing poetry, and his family published a volume of his work entitled *Humorous Verse*, and

Whereas, just days before his centennial birthday, Bob Sausville, now a father, grandfather, and great-grandfather, flew in a plane, this time as a passenger, for the first time in a half-century, a special capstone to an aviator's life, now therefore be it

Resolved by the Senate and House of Representatives:

That the General Assembly congratulates Robert Sausville on his 100th birthday, and be it further

Resolved: That the Secretary of State be directed to send a copy of this resolution to Bob Sausville.