

No. R-372. Senate concurrent resolution congratulating Ruth (Riddick) McLaine of St. Johnsbury on her 100th birthday.

(S.C.R.42)

By Senators Choate and Kitchel,

By Representatives Reis of St. Johnsbury and South of St. Johnsbury,

Whereas, Ruth Riddick, the daughter of Carl and Grace Riddick, was born on January 24, 1910, in Winamac, Indiana, where her father worked as an editor and publisher, and was active in Republican politics, and

Whereas, when Ruth was less than one year old, the family traveled in a covered wagon to Montana where her father became a homesteader and raised beef and wheat, and

Whereas, in 1918, the voters in Montana elected Carl Riddick to Congress, and the family moved to Washington, D.C., and

Whereas, while residing in Washington, D.C., Ruth Riddick met Warren Everett McLaine whom she married, and they resided in Brookmont, Maryland, Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania, and finally in Annapolis, Maryland, until Warren McLaine's death in 1975, and

Whereas, during the course of her life, Ruth McLaine has been active in community activities, serving as a volunteer and leader for many civic organizations, including the Parent Teacher Association, the Girl Scouts, the American Field Service, the YWCA and the Maryland Federation of Art, and

Whereas, her desire to help others prompted her to start a women's shelter, and

Whereas, religion has played an important role in Ruth McLaine's life, and she was a parishioner of the East Liberty Presbyterian Church in Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania, and later of the First Presbyterian Church in Annapolis, Maryland, and

Whereas, Ruth McLaine has painted many colorful paintings as an accomplished artist, and

Whereas, in August 2007, she relocated to St. Johnsbury, Vermont, to live with her daughter and son-in-law, Susan and Martin Cherry, who feel privileged to have the opportunity to give back the support and loving kindness that she gave to them for many decades, and

Whereas, at the age of 100, Ruth McLaine continues to enjoy life, entertaining her family's guests with her piano playing, reading voraciously and playing cards, and

Whereas, she has maintained her warm and enjoyable sense of humor and loves visiting the St. Johnsbury Athenaeum to borrow books and admire the library's beautiful art collection, and

Whereas, Ruth McLaine derives great pleasure from walking in St. Johnsbury and admiring the town's beautiful homes and gardens, and

Whereas, family is extremely important to Ruth McLaine, and she is proud to be a mother of six children, the grandmother of 22 grandchildren, and great-grandmother of 26 great-grandchildren, and

Whereas, January 24, 2010, marked a special day in Ruth McLaine's life as she joyfully celebrated her 100th birthday at her daughter and son-in-law's St. Johnsbury residence, *now therefore be it*

Resolved by the Senate and House of Representatives:

That the General Assembly is pleased to congratulate Ruth McLaine on her 100th birthday and wishes her all the best, *and be it further*

Resolved: That the Secretary of State be directed to send a copy of this resolution to Ruth McLaine in St. Johnsbury.