

NO. R-68. HOUSE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION CONGRATULATING
ROBERT MATTESON OF BENNINGTON ON HIS EXTRAORDINARY
ACCOMPLISHMENTS AS A MASTERS RUNNER.

(H.C.R.45)

Offered by: Representatives Corcoran of Bennington, Krawczyk of Bennington, Miller of Shaftsbury, Mook of Bennington, Morrissey of Bennington and Smith of Morristown

Offered by: Senators Hartwell and Sears

Whereas, Robert (Bob) Matteson was born in Bennington in 1916, and

Whereas, he graduated from Middlebury College, earned his Ph.D. degree in economics and government from Harvard, and then pursued a long career in both the public and private sectors, and

Whereas, in Bennington, Bob Matteson has served as both town manager and moderator, and has been associated with many local organizations, including the Bennington County Industrial Corporation, the Bennington Historical Society, and the Bennington Museum, and

Whereas, aside from each of these laudable accomplishments, Bob Matteson has, since entering his 10th decade, performed unbelievable athletic feats as a masters class runner that few persons of his longevity would even dare to imagine, and

Whereas, in 2006, after celebrating his 90th birthday, at the U.S.A. Track and Field (USTAF) National Championships, Bob Matteson set the United States' record for persons ages 90–94 for 200- and 400-meter runs and at the Colonie, New York Mile, he set an even more astounding world record for the one-mile distance of 11 minutes, 54 seconds, and

Whereas, again in 2007, Bob Matteson resumed his astounding running performance, setting new United States' single age records at the USTAF National Indoor Championships in the 200- and 400-meter races, and a world record in the longer 800-meter run, and that same year, at the Adirondack USTAF Championships, he set a world age group record for 1,500 meters, and

Whereas, most recently, in 2008, Bob Matteson had another incredible running season, setting world single age records at several different meets in the northeast at distances of 100, 200, 400, and 800 meters and even more remarkably for races of one and two miles in length, and

Whereas, beyond setting national and world records during the last three years, he has also won, or placed a close second, in a number of other races, and

Whereas, Bob Matteson's truly remarkable athletic feats should be celebrated as an example of human determination, endurance, and extraordinary skill, and

Whereas, he brings a unique and healthy perspective to the deliberations of the governor's commission on healthy aging on which he is proud to serve, and

Whereas, Bob Matteson, aside from his athletic achievements, continues to take an active interest in community affairs through meetings, letters to the editor, and research reports, now therefore be it

Resolved by the Senate and House of Representatives:

That the General Assembly congratulates Robert Matteson of Bennington on his extraordinary accomplishments as a masters runner, and be it further

Resolved: That the secretary of state be directed to send a copy of this resolution to Robert Matteson in Bennington.