

**No. R-81. House concurrent resolution congratulating Charles Bothfeld of Cabot on his 100th birthday.**

(H.C.R.63)

Offered by: Representative Toll of Danville

Offered by: Senators Cummings, Perchlik, and Pollina

Whereas, starting on his family farm in Sherborn, Massachusetts, gardening acumen, skill, and wisdom have been central in Charlie Bothfeld's long life, and

Whereas, the prestigious Massachusetts Horticultural Society gave young Charlie Bothfeld a medal in recognition of his gardening talent, and

Whereas, Charlie Bothfeld studied at the Stockbridge School of Agriculture in Amherst, Massachusetts, and an internship on the farm of the Medfield State Hospital led to immediate postgraduation employment, and

Whereas, he enjoyed his work on the hospital's large farm, which featured dairy, poultry, and pig operations, along with a 35- to 40-acre garden, and

Whereas, following the bombing of Pearl Harbor, Charlie Bothfeld was drafted into the U.S. Army, selected to attend Officer's Training School, and assigned to a tank battalion, and

Whereas, late in World War II, Charlie Bothfeld drove tanks from France to Belgium, where he recovered corpses of soldiers killed during the Battle of the Bulge, and he was awarded a bronze star medal for military bravery, and

Whereas, while later stationed in Germany, Charlie Bothfeld assisted in the liberation of several Nazi slave labor camps where he viewed the ultimate ravages of war—images that have remained in his memory ever since, and

Whereas, after being discharged with the rank of captain, Charlie Bothfeld and his wife, Norma, with whom he enjoyed a nearly 72-year marriage, briefly owned a farm in New Albion, New York, and he later returned to the Medfield State Hospital as the assistant head farmer, and

Whereas, in 1974, Charlie and Norma Bothfeld purchased a 14-acre farm in Cabot, built a new house and greenhouse, and created gardens where for 45 years Charlie Bothfeld has lovingly cultivated a diverse assortment of vegetables, and

Whereas, the Twin Valley Senior Center in East Montpelier has been a pleased beneficiary of his amazing green thumb, and WCAX television has honored Charlie Bothfeld with its Super Seniors Award, and

Whereas, on December 15, 2018, Charlie Bothfeld marked the centenary of his birth, now therefore be it

Resolved by the Senate and House of Representatives:

That the General Assembly congratulates Charles Bothfeld of Cabot on his 100th birthday, and be it further

Resolved: That the Secretary of State be directed to send a copy of this resolution to Charlie Bothfeld in Cabot.