

**No. R-255. House concurrent resolution congratulating former Jamaica town clerk and treasurer Warren Patrick on his centennial birthday.**

(H.C.R.150)

Offered by: Representative Olsen of Jamaica

Whereas, Warren Patrick enthusiastically composes letters to the Brattleboro Reformer expressing his views on life from the perspective of a person who has lived for nearly a century, and

Whereas, among his observations is that old age is a gift to be treasured and that with aging comes great freedom, which he is using to write a memoir that begins on June 13, 1911 when he was born in New Britain, Connecticut, and

Whereas, after graduating from high school, he was employed at a hardware store until the economic impact of the Great Depression forced the store's owner to terminate his employment, and

Whereas, enlisting in the federal Civilian Conservation Corps, Warren Patrick assisted in the construction of state parks until a new job opportunity arose at Firestone Tire and Rubber in Hartford, Connecticut, and

Whereas, during World War II, he was employed at Pratt & Whitney, which was manufacturing military aircraft engines, and

Whereas, following the war, Warren Patrick and his wife, who died in 1994, moved to Jamaica where he has resided for over 60 years, and

Whereas, for many years, he constructed seasonal and year-round homes in the Jamaica area, including one he resided in for decades, and

Whereas, by 1957, Warren Patrick was a well respected member of the community who agreed to serve as town clerk and treasurer on an interim basis when a vacancy occurred, and

Whereas, instead of the originally planned few months, he ably served in these dual posts for 11 years, and

Whereas, he has worked locally in the insurance and real estate industry, and

Whereas, at age 97, Warren Patrick remained a man of enormous vigor and posed standing on top of a car for the front page of the Jamaica annual town report issued in 2009, and

Whereas, he has been active in local religious and civic organizations, served as treasurer of the Jamaica Historical Foundation, and is an avid photographer whose photos have been locally displayed, and

Whereas, on June 13, Warren Patrick will joyously celebrate his 100th birthday as will his children, grandchildren, and great-grandchildren, now therefore be it

Resolved by the Senate and House of Representatives:

That the General Assembly congratulate former Jamaica town clerk and treasurer Warren Patrick on his centennial birthday, and be it further

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