

No. R-301. House concurrent resolution honoring Louise Thompson as the oldest resident in the village of Saxtons River.

(H.C.R.217)

Offered by: Representatives Obuchowski of Rockingham, Deen of Westminster, Mrowicki of Putney and Partridge of Windham

Whereas, Louise Thompson was born in the village of Saxtons River on April 23, 1906, and

Whereas, she completed a course of study at the local public elementary school before proceeding on to Vermont Academy from which she graduated in 1924, and

Whereas, this academically inclined young woman earned her undergraduate degree at Middlebury College in 1928 and finished her formal education at Smith College which conferred on her a master's degree in social work, and

Whereas, after leaving Smith College, Louise Thompson embarked on a long and successful professional career as a social worker that took her throughout New England, and

Whereas, when she retired, Louise Thompson returned to her birthplace and became actively engaged in village life, applying her musical talents as an organist at Christ's Church and as a piano accompanist for local musical events, and

Whereas, Louise Thompson served on many church committees and as an active member of the community's nature club, and

Whereas, although at the age of 103 she has slowed her daily pace, Louise Thompson remains an avid crossword puzzle solver, Scrabble player, and book reader, and

Whereas, Jim VanderWoude, a talented craftsman, recently established in Saxtons River the old Boston Post tradition of presenting a walking stick to the oldest resident in the community, and Louise Thompson is the first recipient of a Jim VanderWoude-created walking stick, and

Whereas, this artistic creation features a handle from an Indian water buffalo, a witch hazel wood shaft, a sterling silver collar connecting the two parts, and a sterling ferrule bottom, and

Whereas, Louise Thompson was honored to be presented this beautiful walking stick, and she remains much admired in Saxtons River, now therefore be it

Resolved by the Senate and House of Representatives:

That the General Assembly honors Louise Thompson as the oldest resident in the village of Saxtons River, and be it further

Resolved: That the Secretary of State be directed to send a copy of this resolution to Louise Thompson in Saxtons River.