

No. R-451. House concurrent resolution congratulating Alice Bennett of Bennington on her 100th birthday.

(H.C.R.377)

Offered by: Representatives Morrissey of Bennington, Corcoran of Bennington, Fields of Bennington, and Morris of Bennington

Offered by: Senators Campion and Sears

Whereas, to live for a century is a special gift that only select individuals experience, and

Whereas, Alice Lynd was born on June 12, 1918 in South Point, Ohio, and is the eldest of eight children, and

Whereas, she grew up on her family's farm where, once old enough, Alice Lynd assisted her father, who later became a Baptist preacher, and her mother in raising her younger siblings, and

Whereas, in 1944, after attending business school in Columbus, Ohio, Alice Lynd enlisted in the U.S. Navy WAVES, the World War II naval reserve service for women, and

Whereas, the WAVES sent Alice Lynd to take additional business courses and then posted her to a Gulfport, Mississippi, training command, where she held the rank of chief and served as the secretary for the commandant of the base, and

Whereas, Alice Lynd met her future husband, Gerald (Jerry) Bennett, at the Gulfport base, when, while he was serving at the base's gate, he did not want to allow her to go on leave, and

Whereas, in 1947, after her military discharge, she and Jerry Bennett were married and moved to New York State, where they raised three sons, the younger two of whom are twins, and

Whereas, Jerry Bennett died in 1975, and Alice Bennett subsequently moved to Bennington to be closer to her oldest son, and

Whereas, since Alice Bennett moved to Bennington, she has volunteered in her condo association, the Red Cross, and the RSVP organization, and

Whereas, perhaps most significantly, Alice Bennett became active in a U.S. Navy Waves' veterans organization, serving as its president for four years, and

Whereas, in this role, she traveled twice to the Women in Military Service for America Memorial in Washington, D.C., and

Whereas, Alice Bennett is proud of her children, grandchildren, and great-grandchildren, and she continues to live independently

Whereas, on June 12, 2018, Alice Bennett will joyfully celebrate her 100th birthday, now therefore be it

Resolved by the Senate and House of Representatives:

That the General Assembly congratulates Alice Bennett of Bennington on her 100th birthday, and be it further

Resolved: That the Secretary of State be directed to send a copy of this resolution to Alice Bennett in Bennington.