

**No. R-251. House concurrent resolution congratulating Marion Brown Thorpe, University of Vermont Professor Emerita, on her 100th birthday.**

(H.C.R.187)

Offered by: Representative Townsend of South Burlington

Whereas, Marion Brown Thorpe describes herself as an ordinary person, but truth be told, she has lived an extraordinary life that on November 27, 2015 reached its centennial milestone, and

Whereas, in 1938, following her graduation from Brandon High School, the then Marion Brown earned a bachelor's degree in home economics education at the University of Vermont (UVM), and she continued her studies at Syracuse University where she received a master's degree, and

Whereas, on returning to Vermont, Marion Brown became a teacher in the Northfield Public Schools, and

Whereas, Marion Brown's tenure in Northfield proved brief as State education officials soon selected her as Vermont's Assistant State Supervisor for Home Economics, a role that included a UVM faculty position, and

Whereas, for 33 years, she taught Vermont's prospective school teachers in the fields of home economics and other subjects pertinent to their future classroom careers, and

Whereas, in 1948, Marion Brown was nominated for membership in Delta Kappa Gamma Society International, an organization that honors key women educators, and she holds a longevity record in membership for the Vermont Alpha Lambda Chapter, and

Whereas, later in life, Marion Brown was married to Norman Thorpe, and they established a jointly named UVM scholarship to support students in the teacher education program, and

Whereas, WCAX television has featured her as a super senior, and

Whereas, Marion Browne Thorpe's postretirement UVM honors include the 1999 Outstanding Alumni Award from the College of Agriculture and Life Sciences, delivering an opening reflection at the University's historic 200th commencement in 2004, and the University's bestowing on her an honorary doctor of humane letters in 2011, and

Whereas, on October 17, 2015, the Vermont Alpha Chapter of the Delta Kappa Gamma International Society honored its distinguished colleague at a hundredth birthday commemoration at St. Paul's Cathedral Church in Burlington, now therefore be it

Resolved by the Senate and House of Representatives:

That the General Assembly congratulates Marion Brown Thorpe, University of Vermont Professor Emerita, on her 100th birthday, and be it further

Resolved: That the Secretary of State be directed to send a copy of this resolution to Marion Brown Thorpe.