

**No. R-514. House concurrent resolution honoring Caroline and Hubert Daberer on their 90th birthdays and as the founders of Alpine Haven.**

(H.C.R.398)

Offered by: Representatives Kilmartin of Newport City and Higley of Lowell

Offered by: Senators Starr and Illuzzi

Whereas, during World War II, Caroline Wick was one of the “Rosie the Riveters” working on the home front and, after the war, was employed at the National Advisory Committee for Aeronautics, the forerunner of NASA, and

Whereas, Hubert Daberer was born in Bosnia and as a youth moved to Austria, was conscripted into the German Army at the start of World War II, and was placed in the First German Ski Brigade before being deployed to the Russian front and being wounded five times, and

Whereas, while in the military, he met fellow skier Walter Foeger, and

Whereas, the Russians captured him in May 1945 and sent him to a Russian concentration camp for 10 months, and

Whereas, Hubert Daberer then returned to Austria, became a champion skier and certified ski instructor, started an export business, and in 1957 followed his sisters to Cleveland, where they were living, and planned to go on to a job as a ski instructor in Aspen, Colorado, and

Whereas, while in Ohio, he met Caroline Wick at a dance, and he read in a ski magazine that his army friend Walter Foeger was the first ski instructor at the new Jay Peak ski resort in Vermont, and

Whereas, Hubert Daberer abandoned the Colorado offer and followed Walter Foeger to Jay, becoming the resort's second ski instructor, and

Whereas, Hubert and Carolyn were married in 1959, moved to Montgomery, and purchased the Montgomery Inn and renamed it the Carinthia Lodge, and

Whereas, in 1959, on the not-yet-paved future Route 242 from Jay to Montgomery, the car in which Hubert Daberer was riding became stuck in the mud in Westfield, and, as he looked around at the glorious mountain views, Hubert Daberer decided to build a chalet resort community at the site, and

Whereas, over the following years, Hubert and Caroline Daberer acquired land in Westfield and later Montgomery and developed the mountainside resort community of Alpine Haven, which now includes over 80 chalets and a 16-unit condominium building, and

Whereas, both Hubert and Caroline Daberer have been respected leaders in the northern Vermont communities of Jay, Westfield, and Montgomery, and

Whereas, they recently celebrated their 90th birthdays, she on January 16 and he on April 6, now therefore be it

Resolved by the Senate and House of Representatives:

That the General Assembly honors Caroline and Hubert Daberer on their 90th birthdays and as the founders of Alpine Haven, and be it further

Resolved: That the Secretary of State be directed to send a copy of this resolution to Hubert and Caroline Daberer at Alpine Haven.