

No. R-144. Senate concurrent resolution congratulating Margaret Jane Kelly of Barre on her 90th birthday.

(S.C.R.22)

By Senators Doyle, Cummings, and Pollina,

Whereas, Margaret Jane Burns was born on April 20, 1923 on her family's dairy farm in New Boston, New York and was the third of four daughters, and

Whereas, her parents were George and Grace Burns, although not the same couple as the famous comedy duo, and

Whereas, soon after graduating from Lowville High School near the dairy farm, she moved with her family to Watertown, New York, and

Whereas, Jane Burns was employed as a nurse's aide, in a thermometer factory, and as a Bell Telephone operator in both Watertown and California, contributing to the war effort, and

Whereas, on June 9, 1951, she married Thomas Ambrose Kelly, a U.S. Navy veteran of the Pacific theater who, as a member of the U.S. Navy Reserve, was recalled to active combat duty in Korea, and

Whereas, following his military service in Korea, Thomas Ambrose Kelly joined his family's roofing business in Watertown, New York, and

Whereas, in 1965, the Kelly family relocated to Barre, and

Whereas, there are five Kelly children, Tom of Barre, who serves as Washington County State's Attorney, Grace Anne of North Hero, John of Pekin, North Dakota, Mike of Pueblo, Colorado, and Mary Jane of South Hamilton, Massachusetts, all of whom were born in Watertown, New York, and

Whereas, Thomas Ambrose Kelly died in 1978, and Jane, who did not remarry, then worked in the New Business Department of the National Life Insurance Company until she retired, and

Whereas, Jane Kelly's departure from National Life did not conclude her working career, as she continued to be employed as a switchboard operator for nearly 20 more years until she was in her middle 80s, and

Whereas, Jane Kelly is a devout and active member of St. Monica's Catholic Church in Barre, and

Whereas, she is a proud grandmother of 11 and has one great-grandchild, and

Whereas, on Saturday April 20, 2013, the family and friends of Jane Kelly will joyously celebrate a special personal milestone, her 90th birthday, at a festive reception, *now therefore be it*

Resolved by the Senate and House of Representatives:

That the General Assembly extends the warmest of celebratory wishes to Margaret Jane Kelly on her 90th birthday, *and be it further*

Resolved: That the Secretary of State be directed to send a copy of this resolution to Jane Kelly in Barre.