

No. R-389. House concurrent resolution congratulating Lida Croteau Surridge on her 100th birthday.

(H.C.R.284)

Offered by: Representative Quimby of Concord

Offered by: Senators Benning and Kitchel

Whereas, on November 11, 1913, Lida Croteau was born on her family's Sugar Hill Farm in Kirby, the first of six children of Theodore and Alphosine Croteau, and

Whereas, her household was religiously observant, and the family traveled by buggy or sleigh to Roman Catholic mass each Sunday, and

Whereas, when she was a small child, her father insisted that English was for school and that at home only the French language of his heritage was to be spoken, and

Whereas, in 1921, Theodore Croteau offered the use of a vacant one-room schoolhouse on his property, known today as the Little Red Schoolhouse, if the town of Kirby provided a teacher, and in that structure Lida Croteau completed her education through the eighth grade, and

Whereas, in 1923, Theodore Croteau died when Lida was nine years old, and

Whereas, Lida Croteau met George Surridge while he was logging near her family's farm, and their marriage began on January 31, 1931 at St. Elizabeth's Roman Catholic Church in Lyndonville, and

Whereas, they became the parents of eight children Isabelle, Ethel, Raymond, George Jr., Betty, Helen Ruth, Paul, and Diane Marie, and the family has now grown to include 19 grandchildren, 29 great-grandchildren, and 16 great-great-grandchildren, and

Whereas, in 1940, the family moved for a period of time to a home in Kirby created by moving, and then joining, two camps together, and Lida Surridge returned to an improved version of the house in 1973, remaining until 2013, and

Whereas, Lida Surridge was employed at the St. Johnsbury (later the Northeast Vermont Regional) Hospital, and served as the long-time president of the Morse's Mills Home Demonstration Club, and

Whereas, she has taught her children and their descendants to respect others, be productive members of society, stand up for what they believe, and be independent, and

Whereas, on November 11, 2013, Lida Croteau Surridge celebrated her 100th birthday, marking a special milestone in her life, now therefore be it

Resolved by the Senate and House of Representatives:

That the General Assembly congratulates Lida Croteau Surridge on her 100th birthday, and be it further

Resolved: That the Secretary of State be directed to send a copy of this resolution to Lida Croteau Surridge.