

No. R-48. House concurrent resolution congratulating Iva Fisher on her 100th birthday.

(H.C.R.32)

Offered by: Representatives Partridge of Windham and Trieber of Rockingham

Whereas, Iva Bonnie Gibbs was born in South Windham a century ago on February 21, 1915, and

Whereas, although she spent her youth in the town of Windham, in the decades since she married Theron Fisher in 1934, Iva Gibbs' life has been centered in Grafton, and

Whereas, the couple's 1943 decision to purchase the Bert Walker Farm in Grafton was not unexpected as Theron Fisher has direct ties to the town that began in 1780, when his ancestor Asa Fisher arrived from Massachusetts and built a cabin on land now part of this municipality, and

Whereas, Iva and Theron Fisher became dedicated contributors to Vermont's agricultural economy as they milked over 100 cows and hayed almost every field in Grafton, plus others in Andover, Rockingham, and on Parker Hill located in Rockingham and Springfield, and

Whereas, the extent of the Fisher haying operation one year grew to 12,000 bales, and

Whereas, Iva Fisher had a life beyond her family's farm and was active in Grafton's civic affairs, and

Whereas, for many years, she served as Grafton's tax collector and was also a justice of the peace, and

Whereas, both Iva and Theron Fisher drove the Grafton school bus, and

Whereas, Iva and her late husband, Theron, were the parents of four daughters and one son, and she is a proud grandmother and great-grandmother, and

Whereas, all four of their daughters, their son having died at age 30, have made their homes on the family's farm land, and

Whereas, a great-grandson, Theron A, represents the ninth generation of the Fisher family residing in Grafton, and

Whereas, on February 21, 2015, the family and friends of Iva Fisher will gather at the Chester American Legion to celebrate the centennial birthday of one of Grafton's most celebrated citizens, now therefore be it

Resolved by the Senate and House of Representatives:

That the General Assembly congratulates Iva Fisher on her 100th birthday, and be it further

Resolved: That the Secretary of State be directed to send a copy of this resolution to Iva Fisher in Grafton.