

No. R-43. House concurrent resolution congratulating Vera Harrington of Brattleboro on her 103rd birthday.

(H.C.R.27)

Offered by: Representatives Burke of Brattleboro, Stuart of Brattleboro, and Toleno of Brattleboro

Whereas, birthdays are special occasions for personal and family celebrations, and a limited number of individuals have the good fortune of commemorating a 100th birthday, and

Whereas, those persons in an even more elite group continue to observe birthdays into a second century, and

Whereas, Vera (Rink) Harrington was born at home in Mt. Olive, Illinois on October 8, 1911, and

Whereas, when Vera was 16, her father, a coal miner who aspired to become a chicken farmer, moved the family to Brookline, Vermont, and the family's furniture was hauled from Brattleboro to Newfane via the notorious narrow gauge West River Railroad, and

Whereas, Vera married, and in the ensuing years, she became a homemaker and the mother of four children, and

Whereas, she is an artistically talented individual who in her fifties indulged in a new passion as a quilt-maker, and

Whereas, her quilt-making was hardly ordinary as she produced beautiful quilts that have sold across the country, and

Whereas, in 2014, Vera Harrington is the proud mother of four children, eight grandchildren, 18 great-grandchildren, and one great-great-grandchild, and

Whereas, she is a highly independent woman who resided independently until the age of 101 and now lives at the Thompson House Nursing Home in Brattleboro, and

Whereas, in offering advice to others, she has stated, "The one most important word . . . in life is patience. You have to learn to have patience and love no matter what," and

Whereas, October 8, 2014 marked Vera Harrington's 103rd birthday, now therefore be it

Resolved by the Senate and House of Representatives:

That the General Assembly is delighted to congratulate Vera Harrington of Brattleboro on her 103rd birthday, and be it further

Resolved: That the Secretary of State be directed to send a copy of this resolution to Vera Harrington.