

No. R-4 (Special Session). House concurrent resolution congratulating Gisele Seymour of Derby on her centennial birthday.

(H.C.R.3)

Offered by: Representatives Smith of Derby and Batchelor of Derby

Whereas, 100 years of life is a precious gift that only a limited number of Vermonters are able to enjoy, and

Whereas, Gisele Breton was born on June 21, 1918 in Shawinigan Falls, Quebec and spent her youth in Sherbrooke, Quebec, and

Whereas, during World War II, Gisele Breton served with pride as a member of the Canadian Women's Army Corps, and

Whereas, upon completion of her military service, she worked at Eaton's Department Store in Montreal and later for the Sherbrooke municipal government, and

Whereas, on May 30, 1953, Gisele Breton married William Seymour, and they purchased a home in Derby where she continues to reside, and

Whereas, as a woman devoted to her faith, she is a parishioner and long-serving volunteer of St. Edwards Catholic Church in Derby, and

Whereas, she is a talented craftswoman whose sewing, crocheting, and knitting have resulted in many beautiful creations, such as quilts, and

Whereas, Gisele Seymour has nurtured lovely floral arrangements outside her home that attract great admiration, and

Whereas, in 2002, following the closing of the Ames Department Store in Derby, Gisele Seymour and her husband, who died in 2009, initiated a petition drive, requesting that the Derby Selectboard persuade Walmart to open a store in the town of Derby, and

Whereas, her petition sparked a long process, leading to, on October 15, 2015, a Walmart groundbreaking ceremony at which she was honored to hold the spade next to then Governor Peter Shumlin, and

Whereas, on November 16, 2016, Gisele Seymour was overjoyed to cut the ribbon at the Derby Walmart Supercenter's grand opening, culminating her 14-year effort, and

Whereas, after the grand opening ceremony, a champagne toast held at her home commemorated this achievement, and

Whereas, in celebration of this special mother, grandmother, and great-grandmother's 100th birthday on June 21, 2018, Walmart is arranging for a birthday party in her honor, now therefore be it

Resolved by the Senate and House of Representatives:

That the General Assembly congratulates Gisele Seymour of Derby on her centennial birthday, and be it further

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