

No. R-100. House concurrent resolution congratulating Florilla Ames on her 106th birthday.

(H.C.R.75)

Offered by: Representatives Wood of Waterbury and Stevens of Waterbury

Whereas, the long and eventful life of Florilla (Perkins) Ames began on St. Patrick's Day in 1911 when she was born in Montpelier, and her parents were Arthur and Ida Perkins, and

Whereas, she spent her youth on the family's farm in Waterbury, and

Whereas, Florilla Perkins graduated from Waterbury High School as a member of the class of 1928, and

Whereas, seeking to continue her education, Florilla Perkins attended the Montpelier Seminary and earned a teaching certificate at Lyndon Institute, and

Whereas, she helped educate the next generation of Vermonters, serving as a teacher in Waterbury and Derby Line, and

Whereas, in 1938, while teaching in the more northerly community, she met her future husband, Darrel Ames, and they were wed on July 28 of that year, and

Whereas, the couple settled in Massachusetts, where Darrel Ames was employed, relocating to the Perkins family's Waterbury farm in 1960 in order that Florilla could tend to her ailing mother, and

Whereas, Florilla and Darrel Ames were married for 70 years until his death in 2008, and

Whereas, she still recollects surviving the influenza pandemic of 1918–1919 and her experiences during Vermont's infamous flood of 1927, and

Whereas, Florilla Ames is celebrating her 106th birthday on March 17, 2017, and as one of our State's longest-living citizens, she is a grand example of a hearty Vermonter who still lives in her own wood-heated home and remains attentive to current events, especially those affecting public education, now therefore be it

Resolved by the Senate and House of Representatives:

That the General Assembly congratulates Florilla Ames on her 106th birthday and extends to her best wishes on this special day, and be it further

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