

No. R-219. House concurrent resolution congratulating Mary Ellen Sennett of Bennington on her 100th birthday.

(H.C.R.180)

Offered by: Representatives Morrissey of Bennington, Corcoran of Bennington, Fields of Bennington, and Morris of Bennington

Offered by: Senators Campion and Sears

Whereas, Mary Ellen Hogan was born in Bennington on August 28, 1917, and

Whereas, as a youngster, she attended Saint Francis De Sales Academy and then graduated from the former Bennington High School, and

Whereas, after high school graduation, Mary Hogan studied business for two years at the Bay Path Institute in Longmeadow, Massachusetts, and

Whereas, among her employers was the local draft board for whom she worked as chief clerk during World War II, and

Whereas, she later served as the secretary for the Bennington Superintendent of Schools and worked at the Allen A. Manufacturing Company, and

Whereas, in 1951, she began serving as a Red Cross volunteer at Putnam Memorial Hospital, the predecessor of today's Southwestern Vermont Medical Center, where she served as a Grey Lady for over half a century, with well over 13,000 volunteer hours, well into her ninth decade, and

Whereas, in 1955, Mary Hogan married Bennington attorney William Sennett, and she worked in his law office as his secretary, and

Whereas, Mary Sennett's Catholic faith has always been especially important in her life, and she is an active parishioner of the Sacred Heart Saint Francis de Sales Church and was a member of the Catholic Daughters of America and of the former Altar Rosary Society, and

Whereas, she, and her late husband, William, who died in 1980, had two sons, Gerald and Edward; and Mary Sennett is the stepmother of Bill, Mary, and Anne; the grandmother of Edward, Thomas, Jenifer, and Christopher; the stepgrandmother of Catherine, Courtney, Kristen, and Bill; and the great-grandmother of Adelyn; and

Whereas, on August 28, 2017, Mary Sennett will joyfully mark her 100th birthday, now therefore be it

Resolved by the Senate and House of Representatives:

That the General Assembly congratulates Mary Ellen Sennett on her 100th birthday and extends to her the very best wishes on this special occasion, and be it further

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