

State of Vermont Senate Chamber



Montpelier, Vermont

Senate Concurrent Resolution

By Senators Kitchel and Benning,

By Representative Toll of Danville

S.C.R. 8. Senate concurrent resolution congratulating Alice Johnson Blair on her 100th birthday.

Whereas, Alice Blair graduated from St. Johnsbury Academy, earned a bachelor's degree in home economics from the University of Maine at Farmington, and taught home economics at schools, first in Unity, Maine, and subsequently in Danville, Peacham, Concord, and St. Johnsbury, and

Whereas, in 1947, she married Kenneth Blair, a one-of-a-kind Danville handyman, and

Whereas, after 16 years in the classroom, Alice Blair embarked on a new and challenging job as the federal extension agent for Caledonia County, a role she worked at enthusiastically for 24 years, and

Whereas, she supervised 50 home demonstration clubs, for which the curriculum included canning, cooking, and sewing, and

Whereas, Alice Blair traveled to many different states for mandatory continuing education classes and has visited every one except Hawaii, and

Whereas, one of Alice Blair's regular assignments as an extension agent was offering "homemaking notes" on a local radio station, and

Whereas, upon retiring in 1979, Alice Blair observed, "I've probably learned as much on the job as I've taught," and

Whereas, following her husband's death in 1985, Alice Blair had a log cabin built at Newark Pond as her new year-round home, and

Whereas, in the middle 1990s, Alice Blair returned full time to Danville, where she has remained involved in the community as an active member of the Danville Congregational Church, almost never missing Sunday services, and

Whereas, Alice Blair remained involved in the Eastern Star organization as long as it existed locally, and

Whereas, as a devotee of the art of rug hooking, she has created beautiful rugs that adorn her home, and

Whereas, Alice Blair has caring neighbors whose support, especially for meeting various transportation requirements, has facilitated her continuing to reside in her own home, and

Whereas, this highly respected expert on the skills that makes one's abode a real home celebrates her 100th birthday on April 4, 2019, and no doubt a good meal will be part of the occasion, *now therefore be it*

Resolved by the Senate and House of Representatives:

That the General Assembly congratulates Alice Johnson Blair on her 100th birthday and extends to her its 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 Alice Johnson Blair.