

No. R-24. House concurrent resolution in memory of Rebecca N. Ballard of Georgia.

(H.C.R.13)

Offered by: Representative Branagan of Georgia

Whereas, for over a century, Rebecca Ballard made the Town of Georgia her home, first as a child growing up on her family's farm on Robert Newton Road, and later, as an adult, when she continued her family's farming tradition, marrying a neighboring farmer, and moving to his family's farm, which predates Vermont's statehood and is located on Ballard Road, and

Whereas, her education began in one-room schools in the Town of Georgia and continued at the University of Vermont from which she graduated, and

Whereas, she was constantly engaged in town, church, and family events, and was a faithful attendee at the Georgia Town Meeting, and

Whereas, ever the willing volunteer at her church, Rebecca Ballard served as a Sunday school teacher, fundraiser, and member of the congregation's board of deacons, and its Helping Hands Society, providing fresh flowers from her garden for church events, and

Whereas, in the broader community, Rebecca Ballard was a respected instructor in the U.S. Department of Agriculture's Extension Service's Georgia Home Demonstration Club, and served on the Franklin County Extension Service Board and as a Georgia Public Library trustee, and

Whereas, as a talented sewer, knitter, quilter, and rug braider, Rebecca Ballard created blankets, hats, mittens, and rugs for her family and as donations to charitable organizations, and

Whereas, she regularly participated in the activities of the Vermont Retired Educators' Association and the Georgia Historical Society, and

Whereas, after a fulfilling life, Rebecca N. Ballard died at 101 years of age on April 1, 2022, and her survivors include her children, grandchildren, and great-grandchildren, now therefore be it

Resolved by the Senate and House of Representatives:

That the General Assembly expresses its condolences to the family of Rebecca N. Ballard, and be it further

Resolved: That the Secretary of State be directed to send a copy of this resolution to the family of Rebecca Ballard.