

**No. R-232. House concurrent resolution congratulating Doris G. Dexter on her centennial birthday.**

(H.C.R.191)

Offered by Representative Durfee of Shaftsbury

Offered by Senators Bongartz and Plunkett

*Whereas*, Doris Dexter was born in Detroit, Michigan, on February 3, 1926, and as a young girl she was a loyal Tigers' baseball fan who idolized power-hitting first baseman Hank Greenberg, and

*Whereas*, a graduate of Fordson High School in Dearborn, Michigan, during World War II she followed in the footsteps of the legendary Rosie the Riveter, working nights welding tanks at a local Cadillac automotive plant, and

*Whereas*, a passionate student, Doris Dexter graduated from Michigan State University, and she worked at the university's library, oblivious to the football mania that engulfed the campus, and

*Whereas*, Doris Dexter's scholarly dedication resulted in a scholarship to study French at the Sorbonne in Paris, France, and she earned a master's degree at the University of Wisconsin, and

*Whereas*, her six children, whom she and her husband raised in Rochester, New York, and more recently her eight grandchildren and three great-grandchildren, have held center stage in her life, and

*Whereas*, fluent in several languages, Doris Dexter spent time in Egypt, Greece, and Italy, and later in life enjoyed Elderhostel travel excursions, and

*Whereas*, Doris Dexter has an abiding concern for Americans' civil rights, which she acted upon as a volunteer at the ACLU and the Monroe Citizens for Public Education & Religious Liberty (MCPEARL), and

*Whereas*, her musical talents are beautifully exhibited as a classical pianist, and through decades of singing with choral organizations and church choirs in Rochester, New York, and following her 2004 move to Shaftsbury, with the Bennington County Chorale Society, and

*Whereas*, until recent years, Doris Dexter regularly walked several miles a day, and

*Whereas*, Doris Dexter has been joyfully engaged in many aspects of life in the communities where she has resided, *now therefore be it*

***Resolved by the Senate and House of Representatives:***

That the General Assembly congratulates Doris G. Dexter on her centennial birthday, *and be it further*

***Resolved:*** That the Secretary of State be directed to send a copy of this resolution to Doris Dexter.