

**No. R-342. House concurrent resolution congratulating Harriette B. Lerrigo-Leidich of North Bennington on her 100th birthday.**

(H.C.R.272)

Offered by: Representatives Corcoran of Bennington, Campion of Bennington, Mook of Bennington and Morrissey of Bennington

Offered by: Senators Sears and Hartwell

Whereas, for much of the past century, Harriette Lerrigo-Leidich has led a life centered around journalism and the written word, and

Whereas, she was born Harriette Baughman in Griswold, Iowa, and her future course was apparent when she penned her first newspaper column at age 14 for a newspaper her father edited, and

Whereas, after her marriage to George Lerrigo, she moved to Overbrook, Kansas where she and her husband edited and published four weekly newspapers, and

Whereas, Harriette Lerrigo-Leidich was the youngest charter member of the Kansas Press Women's Association and served as its first vice president, and

Whereas, while her husband served as an administrator of a regional hospital in North Adams, Massachusetts, Harriette Lerrigo-Leidich became a charter member of the League of Women Voters and edited an award-winning league publication, and

Whereas, she is the author of two books, *Awful Green Stuff and the Nakedness of Trees* and *It's a Slower Waltz: Memorable Days from a Long Life*, and she coauthored *Our Family Miracle: An Encounter with Cancer* with her sons Charles and George Lerrigo, and

Whereas, senior citizen status has not inhibited her writing skills or motivation, and since 1995, Harriette Lerrigo-Leidich has written the newspaper column “Senior Moments,” which is published regularly in the Bennington Banner, making her one of America’s oldest columnists, and

Whereas, on April 19, this author of midwestern roots whose writing has blossomed in Vermont will celebrate her 100th birthday, a special moment in her long and illustrious life, now therefore be it

Resolved by the Senate and House of Representatives:

That the General Assembly congratulates Harriette B. Lerrigo-Leidich of North Bennington on her 100th birthday, and be it further

Resolved: That the Secretary of State be directed to send a copy of this resolution to Harriette Lerrigo-Leidich in North Bennington.