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Senate Resolution No. 1930

BY: Senator GRIFFO

CONGRATULATING Margaret L. Smolenski of Camden, New York, upon the occasion of celebrating her 100th Birthday

WHEREAS, Senior citizens bring a wealth of experience and knowledge to the increasingly active roles they play in today's society; their past contributions and future participation are a vital part of, and valuable asset to, the fabric of community life and activity; and

WHEREAS, It is the custom of this Legislative Body to commemorate and recognize certain milestones celebrated by citizens of this great Empire State; and

WHEREAS, Attendant to such concern, and in full accord with its long-standing traditions, this Legislative Body is justly proud to congratulate Margaret L. Smolenski upon the occasion of her 100th Birthday on Tuesday, April 9, 2024; and

WHEREAS, Margaret L. Smolenski was born to Elmer and Eva Howland Rush in Camden, New York, on April 9, 1924; she attended Camden Central School, graduating in 1942; and

WHEREAS, On February 6, 1945, Margaret and Walter G. Smolenski were united in marriage in Camden; the couple were blessed with four daughters, Donna (Thomas) LaPrairie, Diane (Peter) Riley, Carol (Danny)

Hayes, and Lori (Floyd) Heath; she has 11 grandchildren and 23 great-grandchildren; and

WHEREAS, Margaret L. Smolenski, lifelong resident of Camden, worked as a secretary for Camden Wire, Tuthill Law Firm, and Smolenski Realty; and

WHEREAS, Throughout her century-long life, Margaret L. Smolenski has inspired and enhanced the lives of her beloved family and friends; and

WHEREAS, This exceptional centenarian has experienced the incredible joys and sorrows characteristic of and reserved for those with the stamina and courage to savor a full life; and

WHEREAS, Margaret L. Smolenski has enriched the lives of those around her through her joyous and sincere love for others and through the vibrant charm and infinite wisdom which come only from a fullness of years; and

WHEREAS, It is the intent of this Legislative Body to publicly recognize those who have reached such a remarkable age and who have witnessed and celebrated the innovations, cultural developments, and outstanding achievements of this Nation during the last century, while themselves contributing to the growth and excellence of this great Empire State; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, That this Legislative Body pause in its deliberations to congratulate Margaret L. Smolenski upon the occasion of celebrating her 100th Birthday; and be it further

RESOLVED, That a copy of this Resolution, suitably engrossed, be transmitted to Margaret L. Smolenski.