

## 2009-J2910

LEGISLATIVE RESOLUTION congratulating Emma Van Winkle 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, This Legislative Body is justly proud to congratulate Emma Van Winkle upon the occasion of her 100th Birthday to be celebrated at a party held in her honor by her family at the Coral House, Baldwin, New York, on Saturday, August 22, 2009; and

WHEREAS, Emma Van Winkle was a kindergarten teacher in Middlesex, New Jersey, for 32 years; and

WHEREAS, She and her husband, the late Nelson Van Winkle, are the proud parents of three wonderful children, Emma Jane Carnes, Mary Jo Dapice, and Thomas Van Winkle; today, Emma is the loving grandmother of 10 grandchildren and 17 great-grandchildren; and

WHEREAS, This exceptional centenarian, with her zest for life, has inspired and enhanced the lives of her family and friends; and

WHEREAS, This distinguished woman 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, This beloved woman has enriched the lives of those around her through her joyous and sincere love for others and through the quiescent charm and wisdom which comes 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 awesome achievements of this country 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 Emma Van Winkle upon the occasion of celebrating her 100th Birthday; and be it further

RESOLVED, That a copy of this Resolution, suitably engrossed, be transmitted to Emma Van Winkle, 125 Lexington Avenue, Freeport, New York 11520.