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LEGISLATIVE RESOLUTION congratulating Catherine Allocca upon the occasion of her 104th Birthday

WHEREAS, Catherine Allocca was born on March 17, 1909 in Italy, while her parents were visiting family and came to America when her parents returned to the United States when she was four weeks old; and

WHEREAS, She lived most of her young life in Long Island City and on Staten Island; at the age of 22 she married Frank Allocca and they moved to Brooklyn, New York, where they raised three children, Vincent, Collette, and Alberta; and

WHEREAS, Catherine Allocca is now the proud and loving grandmother of seven grandchildren and four great-grandchildren; and

WHEREAS, Catherine Allocca spent her life caring for her family; she had extraordinary skills in the kitchen; people often enjoyed going to her home because she was such an amazing cook and baker; and

WHEREAS, The delicious smell of homemade sauces and pastas permeated her home; those who were lucky enough to be invited to visit were guaranteed a great meal and a fantastic dessert; to this day, people talk about her peach and blueberry pies, cheesecake, chocolate cake, crumb cake, and muffins; and

WHEREAS, Catherine Allocca led an active life; she was always on the move, from creating things in the kitchen to walking all over the neighborhood; she still loves all types of dancing, from the Charleston and Peabody, to the Macarena; and

WHEREAS, At 104 Catherine Allocca still dances and is always looking forward to the next party or family celebration; and

WHEREAS, Catherine Allocca is currently a resident of the St. Nicholas Home in Bay Ridge, Brooklyn, where she is loved by all the residents and staff; and

WHEREAS, Catherine Allocca considers the secret to her long life to be her daily diet of farina, her sharp memory, her sense of direction, and most importantly her calm temperament and believes that her road to longevity has been paved with the enjoyment of the simple things in life, including cake, jelly donuts and coffee with lots of milk and sugar; 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, who has experienced the incredible joys and sorrows characteristic of and reserved for those with the stamina and courage to savor a full life, has inspired the lives of her many friends and family; and

WHEREAS, This beloved lady 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 Catherine Allocca upon the occasion of her 104th Birthday to be celebrated with a party at the St. Nicholas Home on Friday, March 15, 2013; and be it further

RESOLVED, That a copy of this Resolution, suitably engrossed, be transmitted to Catherine Allocca.