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LEGISLATIVE RESOLUTION congratulating Althea Geer 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, Attendant to such concern, and in full accord with its long-standing traditions, this Legislative Body is proud to congratulate Althea Geer upon the occasion of celebrating her 100th Birthday; she commemorated this joyous event by hosting an Open House in her family home on Wednesday, February 12, 2014, in Downsville, New York; and

WHEREAS, Althea Geer was born on February 12, 1914, the youngest of four sisters; and

WHEREAS, A lifelong resident of the Hamlet of Downsville, Althea Geer has been part of the tremendous social, technological and economical changes affecting her community over the past 100 years, changes that reflect the history of New York State; and

WHEREAS, When the Downsville Dam was being constructed, Althea Geer worked at Dr. White's Pharmacy, where she ran the soda fountain and made ice cream sundaes; and

WHEREAS, Althea Geer attended elementary school at what is now the Old Schoolhouse Inn restaurant; while enrolled as a student at the Downsville Central School, she played forward on the girls' basketball team, the only sport offered to girls at the time; and

WHEREAS, During World War II, Althea Geer's husband, the late George Geer, was a member of the United States Army; she was fortunate to have him return home safely after the war, despite being injured, while many of her peers lost the significant men in their lives; and

WHEREAS, Althea Geer, her husband, and their young son lived in downtown Downsville during the construction of the Pepacton Reservoir; her son is now 66 years old; and

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

WHEREAS, A lover of baseball, Althea Geer is a fan of the New York Mets and continues to listen to, watch and follow the team; 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 Althea Geer upon the occasion of her 100th Birthday; and be it further

RESOLVED, That a copy of this Resolution, suitably engrossed, be transmitted to Althea Geer.