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LEGISLATIVE RESOLUTION congratulating Martha Sielski 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 full in accord with its long-standing traditions, this Legislative Body is justly proud to congratulate Martha Sielski upon the occasion of celebrating her 100th Birthday which was celebrated on Tuesday, January 28, 2014, at the Brothers of Mercy's annual centenarian party; and

WHEREAS, Martha Sielski grew up in Lackawanna, New York, with her parents, two sisters, and two brothers; she attended business school and became a secretary, as well as an office manager; and

WHEREAS, Martha Sielski and her husband of 70 years, Walter, together raised three children; today, she is the loving grandmother of 10 grandchildren, and 14 great-grandchildren; and

WHEREAS, An active member of Polish fraternal organizations, Martha Sielski traveled throughout Europe, including visits to Poland and Italy; while in Rome, she had several audiences with Pope John Paul II; and

WHEREAS, A woman of culinary talents, 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 Martha Sielski upon the occasion of her 100th birthday; and be it further

RESOLVED, That a copy of this Resolution, suitably engrossed, be transmitted to Martha Sielski.