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LEGISLATIVE RESOLUTION congratulating Elizabeth Sardonía 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, Elizabeth "Betty" Sardonía was born on February 28, 1914; she still resides in the Amsterdam home she has lived in since the age of seven; and

WHEREAS, Betty Sardonía worked in the Chalmers Knitting Mill, in Amsterdam, New York, for 53 years; while there, she taught other employees how to sew patterns as well as how to run the machines; after spending more than half of her life at Chalmers, she retired at the age of 63; and

WHEREAS, Betty Sardonía keeps her mind sharp by continuing to sew and knit, and credits her longevity in part by keeping fit walking around her home; 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 Elizabeth Sardonía upon the occasion of celebrating her 100th Birthday; and be it further

RESOLVED, That a copy of this Resolution, suitably engrossed, be transmitted to Elizabeth Sardonía