

## 2013-K1027

LEGISLATIVE RESOLUTION congratulating Mary Elizabeth Orzesek 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 honor and salute Mary Elizabeth Orzesek as she proudly marks her 100th Birthday; and

WHEREAS, Mary Elizabeth Orzesek was born Mary Elizabeth Aherin on July 19, 1914, to Thomas and Elizabeth Aherin, of Camillus, New York; and

WHEREAS, Mary Elizabeth was happily raised in Camillus with her siblings, Margaret and Thomas Aherin; and

WHEREAS, On June 14, 1947, Mary Elizabeth joyfully married Otto Orzesek in the rectory of St. Francis Xavier Church in Marcellus, New York; the couple was blissfully married for 50 years; and

WHEREAS, For more than 40 years, Mary Elizabeth Orzesek worked as a secretary in the billing department for St. Joseph's Hospital in Syracuse, where she made many friends and was highly respected for her work; and

WHEREAS, In addition to her career, Mary Elizabeth Orzesek has dedicated her time to knitting, gardening, canning fruits and vegetables, being involved with the Marcellus Historical Society, and faithfully attending church at Holy Family Church in Fairmount, New York; and

WHEREAS, She has received numerous awards for knitting hats, scarves, and mittens to benefit local individuals in need, as well as merchant marines; she has also knitted afghans for physically-disabled individuals; and

WHEREAS, Mary Elizabeth Orzesek continues to enjoy luncheons with her

friends, and her family attributes her longevity to a healthy lifestyle consisting of exercise, honesty, generosity, travel, and a positive outlook on life; and

WHEREAS, This exceptional centenarian, with her zest for life, has inspired and enhanced the lives of her family, friends and community; she has experienced the incredible joys and sorrows reserved for those with the stamina and courage to savor such a full life; 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 Mary Elizabeth Orzesek upon the occasion of celebrating her 100th Birthday; and be it further

RESOLVED, That a copy of this Resolution, suitably engrossed, be transmitted to Mary Elizabeth Orzesek.