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LEGISLATIVE RESOLUTION congratulating Ruth Fitzgerald 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 congratulate Ruth Fitzgerald upon the occasion of celebrating her 100th Birthday; she celebrated this milestone with fellow residents and members of the staff at Schervier Pavilion nursing facility on Friday, April 18, 2014, in Warwick, New York; and

WHEREAS, Ruth Fitzgerald was born on April 18, 1914; she worked most of her life in the printing industry; and

WHEREAS, Ruth Fitzgerald attributes her longevity to good genes, and many of her relatives lived very long lives; she believes the invention which was the most significant achievement during her lifetime is the computer; and

WHEREAS, With her throughout have been her husband, Lewis, until his passing, and their two children; she is the loving grandmother of four grandchildren, as well as four great-grandchildren, all of whom feel privileged to be a part of her life and rejoice in her achievements; 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 Ruth Fitzgerald upon the occasion of her 100th Birthday; and be it further

RESOLVED, That a copy of this Resolution, suitably engrossed, be transmitted to Ruth Fitzgerald.