

## 2015-J431

LEGISLATIVE RESOLUTION congratulating Elisabeth "Bettie" Tompsett upon the occasion of celebrating her 103rd Birthday

WHEREAS, It is the intent of this Legislative Body to commemorate and recognize certain milestones celebrated by citizens of this great Nation and Empire State; and

WHEREAS, Attendant to such concern, and in full accord with its long-standing traditions, this Legislative Body is justly proud to honor the 103rd birthday of Elisabeth "Bettie" Tompsett; and

WHEREAS, Bettie Tompsett was born on June 26, 1912, on a farm in the Town of Arkwright to Maud and Joseph Butcher; she graduated from the high school in Pleasantville, Pennsylvania, at the age of 16; and

WHEREAS, Bettie Tompsett attended college at Edinboro University and graduated in 1931 with an associate's degree; she then attended and graduated with a degree in elementary education from SUNY Fredonia; and

WHEREAS, Bettie Tompsett began her illustrious teaching career in a one-room school house for the salary of \$25 per week plus room and board; she taught for 10 years before her children were born and then 10 years after her children were grown before retiring in 1970; and

WHEREAS, Bettie Tompsett and her husband, Wayne, raised two children, Nancy and James; today, she is the proud grandmother of seven grandchildren, Mark, Amy, Christopher, Scott, Lisa, Kevin, and Nicole; 14 great-grandchildren, Olivia, Brielle, Caden, Bella, Nolan, Lucinda, Jordan, Brendan, Dylan, William, Alexander, Benjamin, Camille, and Kingston; and one great-great-grandchild, Blake; and

WHEREAS, Bettie Tompsett's favorite pastimes include reading, attending Retired Teacher Association meetings, participating in various church activities, and visiting with family; she is known by many as a team builder, an excellent and popular teacher who encourages life-long

learning, and a devoted family woman; she is also the proud descendant of a signer of the Mayflower Compact, Richard Warren, in addition to the direct descendent of soldiers of both the Revolutionary War and the Civil War; and

WHEREAS, This beloved woman has enriched the lives of those around her through her spirit and sincere love for others and through the quiescent charm and wisdom which comes only from fullness of years; and

WHEREAS, It is the intent of this Legislative Body to publicly recognize and honor the lives of beloved citizens who have reached a remarkable age and who have witnessed and celebrated the innovations, cultural developments, and awesome achievements of this country during the last century; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, That this Legislative Body pause in its deliberations to congratulate Elisabeth "Bettie" Tompsett upon the occasion of celebrating her 103rd Birthday; and be it further

RESOLVED, That a copy of this Resolution, suitably engrossed, be transmitted to Elisabeth "Bettie" Tompsett.