

## 2015-J643

LEGISLATIVE RESOLUTION congratulating Syde Zwern upon the occasion of celebrating her 102nd Birthday on December 25, 2014

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, Syde Zwern was born on December 25, 1912, in Queens, New York, to Jacob and Celia Olch; she celebrated her 102nd Birthday at home with her loving family and also with her friends at Grace Plaza Nursing and Rehabilitation Center; and

WHEREAS, Syde Zwern married Louis Zwern in 1942, and they proudly raised two daughters, Jacqueline and Reina; today, she is the proud grandmother of six grandchildren, and six great-grandchildren; and

WHEREAS, This exceptional centenarian, with her zest for life, has inspired and enhanced the lives of her family and friends; and

WHEREAS, An avid reader, Syde Zwern loves spending time with her friends, and enjoys the activities and entertainment at the Grace Plaza Nursing and Rehabilitation Center; 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 Syde Zwern upon the occasion of celebrating her 102nd Birthday; and be it further

RESOLVED, That a copy of this Resolution, suitably engrossed, be transmitted to Syde Zwern.