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LEGISLATIVE RESOLUTION congratulating Amalia Bango 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, Amalia DeCrescenzo, affectionately known as Molly, was born on July 25, 1915, to Italian immigrants Antonio and Theresa Malone DeCrescenzo on Hulin Street in Mechanicville, New York; and

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

WHEREAS, Molly DeCrescenzo was raised alongside her five brothers, Frank, Alex, Elpidio, Joseph and Anthony, as well as three sisters, Philomena, Thomasina and Rosina; and

WHEREAS, Growing up during the Roaring Twenties with little money and few jobs, Molly DeCrescenzo quit school and went to work to help support her family when her mother fell ill; she worked at the Stillwater Knitting Mill until 1937, when she went to the Korell Dress Company in Mechanicville; and

WHEREAS, On June 28, 1941, Molly DeCrescenzo married Joseph F. Bango, and less than one year later he entered military service with the United States Army; while he was away at war, Molly began working at Schenectady General Electric on a punch press, making parts for submarine motors; and

WHEREAS, During this time, with a deep and abiding faith in God, Molly Bango spent each and every morning at the Church of the Assumption praying for her loved ones; 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, Upon the completion of World War II, Molly Bango returned to Korell Dress Company, and soon after, she and her loving husband started a family; their daughter, Amor, was born in February of 1950, followed by their son, Joseph Michael, in September of 1952; and

WHEREAS, A tradition Molly Bango continues to hold dear to her heart is weekly Sunday dinner after church; she has become legendary for her homemade cavatelli, and continues to cook her favorite Italian specialties each week, welcoming her family which today includes five granddaughters and one grandson; 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 Amalia Bango upon the occasion of her 100th Birthday; and be it further

RESOLVED, That a copy of this Resolution, suitably engrossed, be transmitted to Amalia Bango.