

## 2015-J3450

LEGISLATIVE RESOLUTION congratulating Florence Saidel 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, Florence Saidel was born to Jewish immigrants, Ida and Meyer Levin, on September 17, 1915, in Schenectady, New York, where she has many fond childhood memories; and

WHEREAS, For 50 years, Florence Saidel was married to Joseph Saidel, who passed away in 1997; together, the couple raised their three children in Glens Falls, New York; and

WHEREAS, This remarkable woman was an active participant in Hadassah and worked at the Albany JCC Senior Center; and

WHEREAS, Well-respected by many, Florence Saidel is often sought out for her wisdom and sage advice; the book, AGING OUR WAY: LESSONS FOR LIVING FROM 85 AND BEYOND, written by Meika Loe includes many of Florence's most eloquent sentiments; and

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

WHEREAS, Predeceased by her husband, with her throughout has been her three children, Rochelle, Mindy and David; and her seven grandchildren, Esther, Daniel, Sarah, Alex, Jonathan, and Laura; as well as her seven great-grandchildren, Emmunha, Yosef, Eliyah, Yedidyah, Caleb, Ilana, and Mackenzie, all of whom feel privileged to be a part of her life and rejoice in her accomplishments; 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 Florence Saidel upon the occasion of celebrating her 100th Birthday; and be it further

RESOLVED, That a copy of this Resolution, suitably engrossed, be transmitted to Florence Saidel.