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LEGISLATIVE RESOLUTION congratulating Doris Walker upon the occasion of celebrating her 107th 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, A resident at Bethel Nursing and Rehabilitation Center in Croton-on-Hudson, New York, Doris Walker will celebrate her 107th birthday at a party held in her honor on March 23, 2016; and

WHEREAS, Born in 1909, Doris Walker lived in several homes in Ossining, New York; growing up, she and her brother would hitch the family goat to their go-cart and have it pull them around; she also remembers admiring the penny candies behind the glass cases at her father's grocery store; and

WHEREAS, Doris Walker attended the old Lincoln School and was a member of the last graduating class at Washington High School before the new Ossining High School opened; and

WHEREAS, A faithful member of St. Paul's "On the Hill" Episcopal Church, Doris Walker attended services every Sunday for most of her life; on November 18, 1933, she married her husband, George, who passed away in 1970; and

WHEREAS, In those earlier years, Doris Walker worked as a secretary in New York City and later as a Stencil Worker at READER'S DIGEST in Chappaqua, New York, for 25 years; and

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

WHEREAS, Together, the couple happily raised two daughters, Joan and Carole; today, Doris Walker is blessed to have five grandchildren, 11

great grandchildren and four great-great grandchildren in her life; and
WHEREAS, Doris Walker has always enjoyed knitting and crocheting and
was a skilled seamstress, making clothing for her daughters and to sell
at church fairs; and

WHEREAS, For over 75 years, Doris Walker lived in her family home; at
the age of 103, she moved in with her daughters, spending time in each
one's home, until this past January, when she moved to Bethel Nursing
and Rehabilitation Center in Croton-on-Hudson; 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 recog-
nize 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 Doris Walker upon the occasion of celebrating her 107th
Birthday; and be it further

RESOLVED, That a copy of this Resolution, suitably engrossed, be tran-
smitted to Doris Walker.