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Senate Resolution No. 2922

BY: Senator BONACIC

CONGRATULATING Mida Kaelin 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, Attendant to such concern, and in full accord with its long-standing traditions, this Legislative Body is justly proud to congratulate Mida Kaelin upon the occasion of her 100th Birthday, celebrated at a Birthday Party on Monday, May 29, 2017, at Woodland Pond in New Paltz, New York; and

WHEREAS, This auspicious occasion began more than a week before the actual celebration with her daughter and son-in-law visiting from Texas, other family members arriving from the Boston, Massachusetts area and Westchester, New York, to spend a festive afternoon together at Mida Kaelin's favorite restaurant; and

WHEREAS, Mida Kaelin was born on May 29, 1917; as the oldest in her family, she helped her mother with housework and caring for her many younger siblings; and

WHEREAS, Known for her lush flower gardens on the family farm on Guilford Schoolhouse Road, Mida Kaelin became a wild flower expert, a birder and an artist; and

WHEREAS, In addition, Mida Kaelin enjoyed hosting dinner parties, hungry tennis players and coffee hours; she served up delicious soups and baked goods both at home to hungry hikers and on family camping trips; and

WHEREAS, A member of numerous book clubs through the years, Mida Kaelin continues to be an avid reader with special interests in archeology, historical fiction, political opinion pieces and select mysteries as well as literature; and

WHEREAS, Mida Kaelin, with her zest for life, has inspired and enhanced the lives of her family and friends; and

WHEREAS, This exceptional centenarian 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, Mida Kaelin 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 Mida Kaelin upon the occasion of celebrating her 100th Birthday; and be it further

RESOLVED, That a copy of this Resolution, suitably engrossed, be transmitted to Mida Kaelin.