

## 2017-J4308

Senate Resolution No. 4308

BY: Senator CROCI

CONGRATULATING Violet Godino upon the occasion of celebrating her 100th Birthday on March 30, 2018

WHEREAS, It is the custom of this Legislative Body to commemorate and recognize certain milestones celebrated by citizens of this great Empire State; and

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 Violet Godino upon the occasion of celebrating her 100th Birthday on Friday, March 30, 2018; and

WHEREAS, Violet Godino was born on March 30, 1918, to Italian immigrants who entered the United States through Ellis Island; and

WHEREAS, As a young child, Violet Godino picked peas and hops in the fields with her mother and siblings; when she got older, she left school and worked in a factory to help support her family; during World War II, she worked in a defense plant inspecting airplane parts; and

WHEREAS, In September of 1941, Violet Godino married Frank Godino, and together, the couple raised two beautiful children, Jeffrey and Annmarie; even though she held a part-time position, she always made sure she was able to greet her children with a warm smile when they came home from school; and

WHEREAS, In addition to being a loving and caring mother, Violet Godino was also a devoted daughter; her mother lived with her and her family at their home for many years; and

WHEREAS, Violet Godino always had a thirst for knowledge and read reams of books throughout her lifetime; she loved to share a home cooked meal with her friends and family, and enjoyed playing cards in a regular card game until she was around 99 years old; and

WHEREAS, Violet Godino, 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, Violet Godino 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 Violet Godino upon the occasion of celebrating her 100th Birthday on March 30, 2018; and be it further

RESOLVED, That a copy of this Resolution, suitably engrossed, be transmitted to Violet Godino.