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Senate Resolution No. 97

BY: Senator RITCHIE

CONGRATULATING Ellen O'Brien upon the occasion of celebrating her 100th Birthday

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 Ellen O'Brien upon the occasion of celebrating her 100th Birthday on Sunday, October 7, 2018; and

WHEREAS, Ellen O'Brien was born on October 7, 1918, the oldest of four children to Mary Louise and William G. O'Brien; and

WHEREAS, A lifelong resident of Oswego, New York, Ellen O'Brien was raised in the home built by her father; and

WHEREAS, Ellen O'Brien went on to graduate from Syracuse University

and spent her illustrious career contributing to her family's business, Neal-O'Brien Lumber Company; and

WHEREAS, Truly devoted to her family and friends, Ellen O'Brien is a cherished Godmother to many who always has a smile on her face or a kind word for those she encounters; and

WHEREAS, Ellen O'Brien, 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, Ellen O'Brien 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 Ellen O'Brien upon the occasion of celebrating her 100th Birthday; and be it further

RESOLVED, That a copy of this Resolution, suitably engrossed, be transmitted to Ellen O'Brien.