

LEGISLATIVE RESOLUTION congratulating Sophie Wood upon the occasion of celebrating her 100th Birthday

WHEREAS, Senior citizens bring a wealth of 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, This Legislative Body is justly proud to congratulate Sophie Wood upon the occasion of her 100th Birthday, to be celebrated with a party held in her honor, on Sunday, August 4, 2013; and

WHEREAS, Sophie Wood was born on September 24, 1913 in Rome, New York, to Victoria Kurek and Michael Potocki; she was one of six children; and

WHEREAS, Sophie Wood attended school in a one-room school house through the eight grade; she then began to work on the farm, and was caregiver to all the children in her neighborhood for several decades; and

WHEREAS, With her throughout have been her children, Victoria (William), Joyce (Jack), and Henry (Marcia), as well as seven grandchildren, Cheryl, Scott, Kerstin, Jason, Scott, Cheyenne, Nicole, and 11 great-grandchildren, all of whom feel privileged to be a part of her life and rejoice in her achievements; and

WHEREAS, This exceptional centenarian, who loves gardening and animals, has inspired and enhanced the lives of her family and friends with her zest for life; she 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, 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 Sophie Wood upon the occasion of celebrating her 100th Birthday; and be it further

RESOLVED, That a copy of this Resolution, suitably engrossed, be transmitted to Sophie Wood.