

LEGISLATIVE RESOLUTION congratulating Hazel Straight upon the occasion of celebrating her 100th Birthday on June 11, 2013

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, This Legislative Body is justly proud to congratulate Hazel Straight upon the occasion of celebrating her 100th Birthday; this joyous milestone was celebrated at a party with her daughter and friends at Heritage Commons Nursing Home in Ticonderoga, New York; and

WHEREAS, Hazel Straight was born on June 11, 1913; she attended school in Richford, Vermont, and worked briefly in New Hampshire before moving to Elizabethtown, New York, where she met and married her first husband, Leo Cole; and

WHEREAS, The union produced two wonderful daughters, Jean and Beverly, but her husband was tragically killed in a hunting accident; she later met Charles Straight, who became her second husband; and

WHEREAS, Hazel Straight and her family settled in Port Henry, New York, where she gave birth to two more wonderful daughters, Nancy and Cheryl; the family worked hard, making it through the Great Depression and food rationing during World War II; 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, Hazel Straight's daughter, Jean, died in an automobile accident in 1985, and after almost 50 years of marriage, her husband Charles died in 1989; and

WHEREAS, This exceptional centenarian, with her zest for life, has inspired and enhanced the lives of her family and friends; she drove a car until the age of 93, often goes out to lunch with daughter, Nancy, and lives in an apartment complex where she has many hobbies that keep her entertained; 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 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 Hazel Straight upon the occasion of her 100th Birthday; and be it further

RESOLVED, That a copy of this Resolution, suitably engrossed, be transmitted to Hazel Straight.