LEGISLATIVE RESOLUTION congratulating Lorena Perkins upon the occasion of celebrating her 100th Birthday

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

WHEREAS, Attendant to such concern, and in full accord with its long-standing traditions, this Legislative Body is justly proud to congratulate Lorena Perkins of Great Valley, New York, upon the occasion of celebrating her 100th Birthday; and

WHEREAS, Lorena Perkins was born on January 29, 1914, in the Town of Mansfield, New York; she attended grade school in Conewango Valley, New York, with her five sisters: Viola, Nora, Cecelia, Lillian, and Eddie, and a step-brother Marion; and

WHEREAS, After graduating from high school, Lorena met and married the love of her life, Eugene Perkins; she then moved to the Perkins' large dairy farm near Ellicottville, New York; and

WHEREAS, Lorena Perkins contributed immeasurably to the family farm by working around the farmhouse, cleaning, and cooking delicious meals for the family; and

WHEREAS, After the death of her father-in-law, the Perkins' farm was sold, and the family moved to Lincoln Street in Salamanca, New York, where they lived for 18 years; and

WHEREAS, Eugene Perkins worked as head sawyer at Fancher Furniture Company, while Lorena raised their three children and spent her time keeping up their house; she also kept house for others who needed help and occasionally provided babysitting services for the community; and

WHEREAS, Eugene and Lorena Perkins raised three wonderful children, Joanna, Carol, and Allen; today, she is the proud grandmother of six grandchildren and six great-grandchildren; and

WHEREAS, Proficient in sewing and cooking, Lorena Perkins enjoys spending time with her children and grandchildren; she also spends her free time watching television and doing word books; and

WHEREAS, Lorena Perkins is known by her family, friends, and the community as a devoted family woman who is extremely trustworthy and committed to helping those in need; she attributes her longevity to enjoying the simple things in life; and

WHEREAS, This beloved woman has enriched the lives of those around her through her smile, jubilance, and through the charm and wisdom which come only from fullness of years; and

WHEREAS, It is the intent of this Legislative Body to publicly recognize and honor the lives of beloved citizens who have reached a remarkable age and who have witnessed and celebrated the innovations, cultural developments, and awesome achievements of this country during the last century; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, That this Legislative Body pause in its deliberations to congratulate Lorena Perkins upon the occasion of celebrating her 100th Birthday; and be it further

RESOLVED, That a copy of this Resolution, suitably engrossed, be transmitted to Lorena Perkins.