

LEGISLATIVE RESOLUTION congratulating Thelma B. Klas 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 commemorate the 100th Birthday of Thelma B. Klas of Allegany, New York; and

WHEREAS, Thelma B. Klas was born on February 24, 1914, in North Tonawanda, New York, to Walter and Clara Follick; she attended grade school in Tonawanda, until her junior year when she moved to Delevan, New York; and

WHEREAS, After graduating from high school in Delevan, New York, Thelma B. Klas worked as a secretary to the commissioner's office for the Cattaraugus County Welfare Department; a year later, she met and married her first husband, Walter D. Barton, who worked for Metropolitan Life Insurance in Olean, New York; the couple and their six children, Walter, Gary, Timothy, Karen, Ann, and Emily, lived in Olean, New York; and

WHEREAS, After Walter's retirement in 1965, the couple moved to Allegany, New York; they enjoyed each other's company, and spent the winters together in Ormond Beach, Florida, until Walter passed away in 1979; and

WHEREAS, After the death of her first husband, Thelma met Norman Klas while eating dinner at a restaurant with her daughter in Orchard Park, New York; they married in 1981; unfortunately, Norman passed away two years later in 1983; and

WHEREAS, In addition to her wonderful children, Thelma B. Klas has been further blessed with several grandchildren, great-grandchildren, and great-great grandchildren; and

WHEREAS, Thelma B. Klas enjoys going to garage sales, doing the Jumbles Word Game in the OLEAN TIMES HERALD, feeding the squirrels in her backyard, and watching "Fox News" and "The Price is Right;" she also loves spending time with her children and grandchildren, and attending St. Bonaventure Church on a regular basis; and

WHEREAS, This beloved woman has enriched the lives of those around her through her smile, jubilation, and through the charm and wisdom which comes 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 Thelma B. Klas upon the occasion of celebrating her 100th Birthday; and be it further

RESOLVED, That a copy of this Resolution, suitably engrossed, be transmitted to Thelma B. Klas.