

LEGISLATIVE RESOLUTION congratulating Miriam L. Mincieli upon the occasion of her 100th Birthday on July 25, 2015

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 Miriam L. Mincieli of Lake Peekskill, New York, upon the occasion of her 100th Birthday on July 25, 2015, to be celebrated with a party held on July 23, 2015; and

WHEREAS, Miriam L. Mincieli was born on July 25, 1915, the oldest child of Ida Walter and William Steyer; she grew up in the South Bronx where her father was a well respected local butcher; and

WHEREAS, In 1932, Miriam L. Mincieli's mother purchased a summer home in Putnam Valley, New York, where she enjoyed spending summers since the age of 16; and

WHEREAS, Miriam L. Steyer married Victor Mincieli in 1954, and together, they were the loving parents of two daughters, Susan and Frances; and

WHEREAS, This esteemed woman was employed with the Department of Parks in the Bronx for 33 years, where she rendered faithful, conscientious and valuable service until her retirement in 1970; and

WHEREAS, After beginning construction on a Putnam County home in 1950, Miriam L. Mincieli moved permanently to this area in 1977, where she became an avid gardener; and

WHEREAS, During this time, she went on many adventures with her mother driving a 1929 pickup truck to Maine, and returning with up to 1500 evergreen saplings; and

WHEREAS, Inspired by these wonderful trips, Miriam L. Mincieli began running a small nursery in Putnam County; many of the evergreen trees planted throughout the area are a result of her tremendous efforts; and

WHEREAS, A vital part of her community, Miriam L. Mincieli has been an active bowler, a Cornell Master Gardener for many years, and a member of both the Putnam Valley Garden Club and the Park Central Hotel Track and Field Team; and

WHEREAS, Miriam L. Mincieli has also spent many hours raising champion Gordon Setters while tending her evergreen farm, and painting with oils and pastels; a significant number of her art works are on display at the Putnam Valley Senior Center; and

WHEREAS, In her lifetime, Miriam L. Mincieli witnessed many important milestones in our Nation's history including two World Wars, legislation giving women the right to vote, Prohibition, the Great Depression, man's first footsteps on the moon, and the advent of the computer age; and

WHEREAS, This remarkable 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, 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 Miriam L. Mincieli upon the occasion of her 100th Birthday;

and be it further

RESOLVED, That a copy of this Resolution, suitably engrossed, be transmitted to Miriam L. Mincieli.