

LEGISLATIVE RESOLUTION congratulating Syde Zwern upon the occasion of celebrating her 103rd Birthday

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, A birthday party, attended by Syde Zwern's family and friends, was held at Grace Place Nursing and Rehabilitation Center in Great Neck, New York, to celebrate her very special day; and

WHEREAS, Syde Olch was born on December 25, 1912, to Jacob and Celia Olch, in Queens, New York; and

WHEREAS, In 1942, Syde Olch married Louis Zwern, who passed away in 1986, after 44 years of marriage; the couple raised two daughters, Jacqueline and Reina, in their home town of Rosedale, New York; and

WHEREAS, Today, Syde Zwern is the loving grandmother of six grandchildren and six great-grandchildren; and

WHEREAS, Syde Zwern is an avid reader of THE NEW YORK TIMES and stays busy by attending activities and enjoying the entertainment of her friends at Grace Place; in addition, she participates in weekly discussion groups and assists in the Doer's Club, a club which raises money for outside charities as well as other residents in need; and

WHEREAS, This exceptional centenarian, with her zest for life, has inspired and enhanced the lives of her family and friends; 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, 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 Syde Zwern upon the occasion of celebrating her 103rd Birthday; and be it further

RESOLVED, That a copy of this Resolution, suitably engrossed, be transmitted to Syde Zwern.