

LEGISLATIVE RESOLUTION congratulating Margaret Leavey upon the occasion of celebrating her 100th 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, This exceptional centenarian, with her zest for life, has inspired and enhanced the lives of her family and friends; and

WHEREAS, Margaret Tenny, affectionately known as Ma, was born the second of nine children in Detroit, Michigan, on May 6, 1916, to Margaret and William Tenny; and

WHEREAS, At the age of seven, due to an outbreak of polio, Margaret Tenny and her older sister moved to Fordham Road in the Bronx to live with their aunts; the rest of her family followed several months later; and

WHEREAS, In 1933, Margaret Tenny graduated from St. Simon Stock School in the Bronx where she met the love of her life and future husband Harry Leavey; during this time, she was fortunate enough to work as a legal secretary during the Depression era; and

WHEREAS, Margaret Tenny married Harry Leavey in 1944, during the Second World War, and moved to Colorado Springs while her husband was stationed there; she moved back to the Bronx when Harry was shipped overseas with the 92nd Bomber group as a B-17 pilot; and

WHEREAS, After the war, the couple started their family, having eight children in 11 years; in April of 1958, Margaret Leavey and her family moved to a new development in Orangeburg, New York; 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, A true rock within her family, Margaret Leavey is known for her infectious smile, wit and humor, always enjoying a good laugh; her kindness, compassion and generosity truly exemplifies the ideals of the "Greatest Generation" and her children, grandchildren and great grandchildren continue to spread her ideals today; and

WHEREAS, With her throughout have been her husband, Harry, and their eight children, as well as 14 grandchildren, 19 great-grandchildren and one great-great grandchild, all of whom feel privileged to be a part of her life and rejoice in her achievements; 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 Margaret Leavey upon the occasion of her 100th Birthday; and be it further

RESOLVED, That a copy of this Resolution, suitably engrossed, be transmitted to Margaret Leavey.