

LEGISLATIVE RESOLUTION congratulating Marguerite V. Smith upon the occasion of celebrating her 104th 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 Marguerite V. Smith of Dunkirk, New York, upon the occasion of celebrating her 104th Birthday; and

WHEREAS, Marguerite V. Smith was born in Heilwood, Pennsylvania, on May 18, 1912, to Eugenia and Albin Pognant, who migrated to the United States from Northern Italy in 1905; Marguerite moved to Brocton at a very young age and has lived there since; and

WHEREAS, Marguerite V. Smith started her career working as a school teacher in a very rural school district in Pomfret, New York; when the district was centralized, she was one of the first teachers to teach sixth grade at Brocton Central School; and

WHEREAS, Marguerite V. Smith was offered a teaching position at Franklinville Central School where she also taught sixth grade; a few years later, she was recruited by Ripley Central School where she taught fourth grade; she retired from Ripley Central School in 1972; and

WHEREAS, Marguerite V. Smith, together with her late husband Donald, raised a son, Harold; they were further blessed with three grandchildren, Robert, Kirk and Kathleen; and two great grandchildren, Andrea and Emily; and

WHEREAS, With a positive outlook and a steadfast love for her many friends and family, Marguerite V. Smith looks forward to each day; she remains young at heart and enjoys spending time with her family; and

WHEREAS, Marguerite V. Smith is an avid gardener, enjoys canning, picking and tying grapes, and habitually reads the WALL STREET JOURNAL; and

WHEREAS, Marguerite V. Smith frequently met with a club of neighborhood women in Brocton, New York; she also belonged to The School Belles, a group of retired teachers from Ripley Central School; and

WHEREAS, This distinguished woman, who has experienced the incredible joys and sorrows characteristic of, and reserved for, those with the stamina and courage to savor a full life, has inspired the lives of her many friends and family members; and

WHEREAS, Marguerite V. Smith 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 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 Marguerite V. Smith upon the occasion of celebrating her 104th Birthday; and be it further

RESOLVED, That a copy of this Resolution, suitably engrossed, be transmitted to Marguerite V. Smith.