

BY: Senator GRIFFO

CONGRATULATING Mary Schillaci 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, Attendant to such concern, and in full accord with its long-standing traditions, this Legislative Body is justly proud to congratulate Mary Schillaci upon the occasion of her 100th Birthday celebrated on Sunday, January 1, 2017 with a party held in her honor; and

WHEREAS, Mary Schillaci, daughter of Thomas and Carmella DePasquale, was born on January 1, 1917, in Rome, New York; and

WHEREAS, After getting married to Joseph D. Schillaci on October 26, 1935, Mary Schillaci worked at Rome City School system as a teacher's aide for several years; and

WHEREAS, With her throughout have been her two sons Frank and Joseph, 11 grandchildren, 19 great-grandchildren and four great-great-grandchildren, her late daughter, Josephine and husband, all of whom feel privileged to be a part of her life and rejoice in her achievements; and

WHEREAS, Mary Schillaci, with her zest for life, has inspired and enhanced the lives of her family and friends; and

WHEREAS, This exceptional 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, Mary Schillaci 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 Mary Schillaci upon the occasion of celebrating her 100th Birthday; and be it further

RESOLVED, That a copy of this Resolution, suitably engrossed, be

transmitted to Mary Schillaci.