

BY: Senator RITCHIE

CONGRATULATING Theresa V. McTague upon the occasion of celebrating her 105th 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 Legislative Body is justly proud to congratulate Theresa V. McTague upon the occasion of celebrating her 105th Birthday; and

WHEREAS, Theresa V. McTague was born on November 17, 1911, in Sheffield, Massachusetts; and

WHEREAS, Theresa V. McTague, who has outlived her four sisters, three brothers and her husband, Frank, attributes her longevity to her healthy eating habits and her daily crossword puzzles; and

WHEREAS, She has resided in many areas of New York State including Canaan, Lebanon and Rensselaer, where she worked for the Bayer Company for 17 years, and in Salem, New York, where she and her husband, Frank, operated Happy's Bar and Grill for 30 years; and

WHEREAS, Most recently Theresa V. McTague has lived in Fayetteville, Canastota, Cape Vincent, Chaumont and now Watertown, New York, at the Samaritan Keep Home; and

WHEREAS, Although Theresa V. McTague had no children of her own, she is fondly thought of as a grandmother by her many nieces and nephews who affectionately call her Aunt Babe; she has inspired her family with her strength and beauty and they look forward to celebrating many more birthdays with her; and

WHEREAS, This beloved centenarian has been known throughout her life for her gourmet cooking and, in addition to her daily crossword puzzles, she enjoys watching Yankees baseball and political news programs; and

WHEREAS, Theresa V. McTague 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 distinguished woman has enriched the lives of those around her through her joyous and sincere love for life 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 Theresa V. McTague upon the occasion of celebrating her 105th Birthday; and be it further

RESOLVED, That a copy of this Resolution, suitably engrossed, be transmitted to Theresa V. McTague.