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CONGRATULATING Esther Lewis 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 Esther Lewis upon the occasion of her 100th Birthday, celebrated at a Surprise Party at the Middletown Elks Lodge in Middletown, New York; and

WHEREAS, Esther Lewis was born on March 18, 1917, in Wingdale, New York, where she and her family resided until they moved to Middletown in the 1930s; and

WHEREAS, Upon receiving her degree from Dale Carnegie School, Esther Lewis started her career at the Horton Hospital as a business manager, a position from which she officially retired from after 37 years of dedicated service; and

WHEREAS, With her throughout have been her son, her grandson, and her late husband, all of whom are named Ted with different middle names, who have all shown her love and support and rejoice in her many achievements; and

WHEREAS, Known for her great sense of humor, Esther Lewis, 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, Esther Lewis 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 Esther Lewis upon the occasion of celebrating her 100th Birthday; and be it further

RESOLVED, That a copy of this Resolution, suitably engrossed, be transmitted to Esther Lewis.