

BY: Senator GRIFFO

CONGRATULATING Mary Spinelli upon the occasion of celebrating her 100th Birthday

WHEREAS, It is the custom of this Legislative Body to commemorate and recognize certain milestones celebrated by citizens of this great Empire State; and

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 Spinelli upon the occasion of her 100th Birthday celebrated on Monday, May 15, 2017; and

WHEREAS, Mary Spinelli was born on May 15, 1917, to the late John and Theresa Surace; and

WHEREAS, A lifelong resident of Rome, New York, Mary Spinelli was educated in the Rome School System; after working many jobs in the city, she held a position at RADC, at the Griffiss Air Force Base, for 27 years until her retirement at the age of 65; and

WHEREAS, On August 5, 1938, Mary Spinelli married the love of her life, Anthony Spinelli; together, the couple raised two children; after 48 years of marriage, Anthony passed away in 1986; and

WHEREAS, When Mary Spinelli was not working, she enjoyed spending time outside, whether it was tending to her flower gardens, shoveling snow in the winter, or travelling to Arizona; and

WHEREAS, This warm woman's secret to longevity is hard work, kindness to others, a loving family, and her strong faith; and

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

WHEREAS, With her throughout have been her two children, Phyllis (Nick) Domenico, and Anthony (Georgia) Spinelli; her seven grandchildren, and her 12 great-grandchildren; as well as her late husband, Anthony Spinelli, all of whom have shown her love and support and rejoice in her many achievements; 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 Spinelli 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 Spinelli 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 Spinelli.