

BY: Senator YOUNG

CONGRATULATING Eleanor Arlene Esch upon the occasion of celebrating her 100th 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 Eleanor Arlene Esch upon the occasion of celebrating her 100th Birthday; and

WHEREAS, Eleanor Esch was born on February 8, 1917, on a farm in East Liberty, Ohio, to loving parents, William A. Bernel and Ida E. Eisenhart Bernel; she attended Akron High School in Ohio and graduated with the Class of 1936; and

WHEREAS, Eleanor Esch worked nearly 10 years for her brother's family-owned business, Bernel Foam Products in Buffalo, New York; she served as the Office Manager and would later retire in 1965; and

WHEREAS, Eleanor Esch married the love of her life, Warren Curtis Esch on June 16, 1939, in Akron, Ohio; she was a loving and dedicated wife, and was always helping others in need; some of her favorite pastimes include sewing, and playing the piano, which she learned as a child, followed by the organ in later years; and

WHEREAS, Eleanor Esch has achieved many milestones over her last 100 years including: in April of 1990, she was one of the original founders of the Cassadaga Food Pantry and still volunteers today; she received the 2007 Axel W. Carlson Award "Unsung Hero Award" by the Community Foundation; she was for years an active member and served on the Deaconate Board for the Cassadaga Community Baptist Church; and she was a member of the Cassadaga Kiwanis Club, holding several different offices and was a recipient of the 1998 Kiwanian of the Year Award; and

WHEREAS, Furthermore, Eleanor Esch was a member of the Cassadaga-Stockton-Lily Dale Senior Citizens for more than 20 years, serving as Vice President and President, holding these top offices for five years; in 1990, she was chosen as Senior Citizen of the Year; and was the puppet lady and volunteered for the Reading Program at the Cassadaga and Sinclairville Elementary Schools; 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 outstanding 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 Eleanor Arlene Esch upon the occasion of celebrating her 100th Birthday; and be it further

RESOLVED, That a copy of this Resolution, suitably engrossed, be transmitted to Eleanor Esch.