

BY: Senator GRIFFO

CONGRATULATING Marianna Femia upon the occasion of celebrating her 107th 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 Marianna Femia upon the occasion of celebrating her 107th Birthday; and

WHEREAS, Born more than a century ago on September 26, 1910, as the oldest of nine children to Antonio and Fortunata (Lafaro) Trunflo, Marianna Trunflo, affectionately known as Anna, was raised and educated in Utica, New York, graduating in 1928 from Utica Free Academy, where she was an avid tennis player; and

WHEREAS, Anna Trunflo was united in marriage to Vincenzo "Jim" Femia on July 14, 1945, at St. Mary of Mt. Carmel Church; after 38 wonderful years of steadfast love and devotion to one another and their three children, Jim passed away on August 12, 1983; and

WHEREAS, For nearly two decades, Anna Femia served as a bookkeeper for Damsky's Wholesale Company, before continuing her skills to maintain her husband's business records; and

WHEREAS, A true asset to her community, Anna Femia volunteered for many years at St. Elizabeth's Hospital in the Gift Store; she was recognized with the Employee Nelson Award for volunteering more than 3,900 hours, retiring at the age of 99; and

WHEREAS, Anna Femia is a devout Catholic, attending daily and Sunday masses, Novenas and church functions at her home parish of St. Mary of Mt. Carmel/Blessed Sacrament Church; her unwavering faith has guided her into the loving and compassionate person she is today; and

WHEREAS, Currently a resident of The Villas in Clinton, New York, Anna Femia is truly a woman of many hats; she has been a devoted daughter to her parents, a loving wife, an understanding mother, a nonnie, grandmother, sister, aunt, cousin and friend; and

WHEREAS, Anna Femia, 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, Anna Femia 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 Marianna Femia upon the occasion of celebrating her 107th Birthday; and be it further

RESOLVED, That a copy of this Resolution, suitably engrossed, be transmitted to Marianna Femia.