

BY: Senator BONACIC

CONGRATULATING Lillian Kjellander 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 Lillian Kjellander, a resident of Mount Alverno Center Adult Home and Assisted Living Program in Warwick, New York, upon the occasion of celebrating her 100th Birthday with a party held in her honor on Saturday, April 7, 2018, with many close relatives and friends in attendance, in the Greenbrier Room at Mount Alverno; and

WHEREAS, Lillian Kjellander, was born on April 8, 1918, in Philadelphia, Pennsylvania; and

WHEREAS, Lillian and her husband, the late Eugene Kjellander, lived in Lehigh, Pennsylvania, and raised three wonderful children; today, Lillian is the loving grandmother of two grandchildren; and

WHEREAS, She was employed as a legal secretary and Eugene was a telephone installer; together, they enjoyed vegetable gardening; she always served her family fresh vegetables grown in her garden; she also froze them so she could enjoy them all year long; and

WHEREAS, Lillian Kjellander, 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, Lillian Kjellander 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 Lillian Kjellander upon the occasion of celebrating her 100th Birthday; and be it further

RESOLVED, That a copy of this Resolution, suitably engrossed, be transmitted to Lillian Kjellander.