

BY: Senator JACOBS

CONGRATULATING Catherine Abate upon the occasion
of celebrating her 109th 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 Catherine Abate upon the occasion of her 109th Birthday celebrated with a party held in her honor on Thursday, November 15, 2018, at Elderwood Assisted Living in Hamburg, New York; during the festivities, she was presented with 109 cupcakes which she and her friends took great pleasure in eating; and

WHEREAS, In addition to this momentous occasion, Catherine Abate was granted a wish by The Senior Wishes Foundation of Western New York; she was taken for a ride through her old neighborhood and ate a spaghetti dinner at one of her favorite Italian restaurants, Ilio DiPaolo's; and

WHEREAS, Catherine Abate was born on November 15, 1909, in Italy; she and her family emigrated to the United States where they settled in Buffalo, New York; and

WHEREAS, Throughout her life, Catherine Abate worked hard but also understood the importance of having fun; she has always been quick with a joke, and loves to try new experiences and learn new things; during the summer she enjoyed an outing to the Erie County Fair and participated in a wine tour; and

WHEREAS, Catherine Abate, 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, Catherine Abate 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 Catherine Abate upon the occasion of celebrating her 109th Birthday; and be it further

RESOLVED, That a copy of this Resolution, suitably engrossed, be transmitted to Catherine Abate.