

BY: Senator JACOBS

CONGRATULATING Lenore Izetta Carroll upon the occasion of celebrating her 100th 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, It is the custom of this Legislative Body to commemorate and recognize certain milestones celebrated by citizens of this great 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 Lenore Izetta Carroll upon the occasion of celebrating her 100th Birthday; and

WHEREAS, Lenore Izetta Marshall, affectionately called Nonnie, was born on March 17, 1920 in Truro, Nova Scotia; after graduating from high school, she wanted to study at university but could not afford it, so she took classes at Provincial Normal College, a teacher's college; and

WHEREAS, Even though she planned on becoming a teacher, Nonnie was employed as a teller at a Military Bank, in Divert, Nova Scotia; and

WHEREAS, While working one day, she met Henry (Hank) Carroll; he was doing some banking and she introduced herself to him; subsequently, on August 5, 1945, Nonnie married Hank Carroll, in Brantford, Ontario; and

WHEREAS, After receiving letters of recommendation from Royal Bank in Nova Scotia, Nonnie Carroll accepted a job offer at Royal Bank in Brantford, Ontario; and

WHEREAS, Hank Carroll, who was employed with Hussman, was relocated to the United States; while working in America, the couple resided in Schenectady, Memphis, Oklahoma, and Florida before their final move to Grand Island, New York, in 1978, where they lived longer than in any other place; Nonnie and Hank considered their final home God's Island; and

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

WHEREAS, Nonnie and Hank Carroll were blessed with three children, Roger Carroll, Debbie Tirado, and Jim Carroll; today, Nonnie is the proud grandmother of eight grandchildren and 12 great-grandchildren; and

WHEREAS, Nonnie Carroll, who is a cancer survivor, was very active with the Altar Society at St. Stephen's Church, in Grand Island, serving as President three times under three different pastors; she was also

active with both the Ladies of Charity and Catholic Charities; and

WHEREAS, She assisted in organizing the first Blood Clinic at St. Stephen's Church when the Red Cross needed help in getting blood donors from Grand Island, and also volunteered her time helping out with flu shot clinics; and

WHEREAS, Nonnie Carroll served two terms as President of Grand Island's Golden Age Club, and as the hostess for the Golden Age Center's daily lunches for many years; and

WHEREAS, Hank and Nonnie Carroll delivered Meals on Wheels for eight years and organized endless basket raffles, split clubs and other fundraisers for any organization with which they were affiliated; furthermore, they were both members of the crew responsible for decorating the Golden Age Center float for Grand Island's Annual 4th of July Parade; and

WHEREAS, Nonnie Carroll also organized a group, which met twice a year, to prepare the Town's tax bills for mailing, which was both a big help to the Town Clerk, and saved taxpayer dollars; and

WHEREAS, Together, Nonnie and Hank Carroll were members of the Grand Island Historical Society, and assisted with the Annual 4th grade Tour of Grand Island and River Lea; and

WHEREAS, This exceptional centenarian, who was the recipient of the 2013 Citizen of the Year Award by the Grand Island Chamber of Commerce, 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, Nonnie Carroll 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 Lenore Izetta Carroll upon the occasion of celebrating her 100th Birthday; and be it further

RESOLVED, That a copy of this Resolution, suitably engrossed, be transmitted to Lenore Izetta Carroll.