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CONGRATULATING Frances Benzo upon the occasion of celebrating her 101st 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, This Legislative Body is justly proud to congratulate Frances Benzo upon the occasion of her 101st Birthday which was celebrated on December 25, 2019; and

WHEREAS, Born to Julia and Cosmo Greco on December 25, 1918, Frances Greco graduated from Utica Free Academy; she married Pasquale Benzo at St. Mary of Mount Carmel Church, and together, they raised three children, Pasquale, Mary Rose and Robert; and

WHEREAS, Frances Benzo worked at UNIVAC for many years, and served as a volunteer for the gift shops at both Faxton Hospital and Sitrin Health Care Center; she was also a faithful member of Blessed Sacrament Church where she took great pride in ironing the priest's garments; and

WHEREAS, Frances Benzo was an avid reader and enjoyed knitting, cooking and baking, and helped with the Bingo games at the Sons of Italy on Bleecker Street; above all, she has always loved spending time with her cherished family, especially her five grandchildren, Pasquale, Julie (Michael), Lisa (Dave), Steven, and Michael (Holly); and her four great-grandchildren, Sofia, Hope, Natalie, and Lauryn; and

WHEREAS, Frances Benzo, 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, Frances Benzo 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 Frances Benzo upon the occasion of celebrating her 101st Birthday; and be it further

RESOLVED, That a copy of this Resolution, suitably engrossed, be transmitted to Frances Benzo.