

BY: Senator GRIFFO

CONGRATULATING Josephine Pantaleo 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 Josephine Pantaleo upon the occasion of celebrating her 100th Birthday; and

WHEREAS, Born on June 18, 1921, in Utica, New York, Josephine Pantaleo attended Brandegee Public School before graduating from Thomas R. Proctor High School in 1940; and

WHEREAS, Josephine and Vito Pantaleo were united in marriage on October 26, 1946, and together they raised two children; and

WHEREAS, Josephine Pantaleo worked at Oneita Knitting Mills, G.E. Air and Space, the Boston Department Store for ten years, and Duxbak Corporation for ten years; and

WHEREAS, With a steadfast and unwavering commitment to her heritage and her community, Josephine Pantaleo was a member of several Italian Societies in East Utica; she is a member of St. Cosmas and Damian Chapel and spent many years volunteering her time and energies sewing clothes for those in need; and

WHEREAS, In her free time, Josephine Pantaleo loved traveling and making cookies to give away; she also loved arts and crafts, playing cards with her family and friends, as well as making clothes and stuffed rabbits for her grandchildren; and

WHEREAS, Josephine Pantaleo currently resides at St. Luke's Rehab and Nursing Center and is a member of Mount Carmel Church; and

WHEREAS, In addition to being the proud mother of Roseleen and Colette (Daniel), Josephine Pantaleo is the loving grandmother of two grandchildren, Jason (Melissa) and Jessica, and a great-grandson, Jacob; and

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

RESOLVED, That a copy of this Resolution, suitably engrossed, be transmitted to Josephine Pantaleo.