

BY: Senator KAPLAN

CONGRATULATING Sister Francis Piscatella upon the occasion of celebrating her 109th 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 Sister Francis Piscatella upon the occasion of her 109th Birthday which was celebrated on Wednesday, April 20, 2022; and

WHEREAS, A resident of East Williston, New York, Sister Francis Piscatella was born on April 20, 1913; and

WHEREAS, Due to the COVID-19 pandemic, family and friends of Sister Francis Piscatella were not able to visit her in person for her last two birthdays; this year she was surrounded by loved ones, including three generations of nieces and nephews; and

WHEREAS, Devout in her faith, Sister Francis Piscatella is the second oldest nun in the United States, having spent 91 years with the Sisters of St. Dominic of Amityville convent; and

WHEREAS, Upon joining the convent at just 18 years old, she became a math instructor, teaching both high school and college students; she retired from Molloy College at the age of 84 after 52 years of devoted service as an educator; and

WHEREAS, Sister Francis Piscatella, 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, Sister Francis Piscatella has enriched the lives of those around her through her joyous and sincere love for others and through the vibrant charm and infinite 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 Sister Francis Piscatella upon the occasion of celebrating her 109th Birthday; and be it further

RESOLVED, That a copy of this Resolution, suitably engrossed, be transmitted to Sister Francis Piscatella.