

**BY:** Senator GRIFFO

**CONGRATULATING** Alice R. Gafner upon the occasion  
of celebrating her 103rd 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 Alice R. Gafner upon the occasion of celebrating her 103rd Birthday; and

**WHEREAS,** A lifetime resident of Rome, New York, Alice R. Gafner grew up on a local farm in Westmoreland; she began teaching at the young age of 18 in a one-room schoolhouse in Coonrod; and

**WHEREAS,** In 1982, after an illustrious career in the field of education which traversed more than three decades, Alice R. Gafner retired from the Rome City School District, truly touching the lives of her countless students; and

**WHEREAS,** Alice R. Gafner, with her zest for life, has inspired and enhanced the lives of her family and friends; she is the proud mother of three children and two grandchildren; 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,** With a great sense of humor as well as a sincere love for others and God, Alice R. Gafner continues to exercise daily and remains in her own home with the help of her friend Celia; and

**WHEREAS,** Alice R. Gafner 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 Alice R. Gafner upon the occasion of celebrating her 103rd Birthday; and be it further

**RESOLVED,** That a copy of this Resolution, suitably engrossed, be transmitted to Alice R. Gafner.