

BY: Senator GRIFFO

CONGRATULATING Palma D. De Sarro 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 Palma D. De Sarro upon the occasion of celebrating her 100th Birthday; and

WHEREAS, Palma D. De Sarro was born on March 20, 1921 to Francesco and Anna (Branch) Ureno; she was the oldest of five children; and

WHEREAS, In 1940, Palma D. De Sarro graduated from Thomas R. Proctor High School; after graduation, she was offered a position with the federal government in Washington, D.C. but decided to stay in the Utica area where she worked at Griffiss Air Force Base during World War II; and

WHEREAS, On July 20, 1946, Palma married World War II United States Marine Corps. veteran Anthony De Sarro and together they were the proud parents of four children; they were married for 44 wonderful years until his passing in 1990; and

WHEREAS, After her children were grown, Palma D. De Sarro was employed with Oneida County for almost 20 years until her retirement; and

WHEREAS, In addition to her four children, today Palma D. De Sarro is the loving grandmother of 11 grandchildren and 10 great-grandchildren; and

WHEREAS, A lifelong parishioner of St. Mary of Mount Carmel/Blessed Sacrament Parish, in Utica, Palma D. De Sarro was very active in her church as well as many community clubs and organizations; and

WHEREAS, Palma D. De Sarro is an avid reader, and still loves to play scrabble and card games; and

WHEREAS, With her zest for life, Palma D. De Sarro 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, Palma D. De Sarro 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 Palma D. De Sarro upon the occasion of celebrating her 100th Birthday; and be it further

RESOLVED, That a copy of this Resolution, suitably engrossed, be transmitted to Palma D. De Sarro.