

BY: Senator STEC

CONGRATULATING Irene Beach 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, This Legislative Body is justly proud to congratulate Irene Beach upon the occasion of her 100th Birthday which was celebrated on Thursday, January 28, 2021; and

WHEREAS, A lifelong resident of Malone, New York, Irene Beach was the eldest of 12 children; she married her late husband George D. Beach, and together, they raised 11 children, Donald, Patsy, Yvonne, George, Gordon, Judy, Sally, Susan, Danny, Mary, and Mitzi; this kind and compassionate woman and her family also hosted two children from the Fresh Air Fund; and

WHEREAS, Today, Irene Beach is the loving grandmother of 13 grandchildren, 17 great-grandchildren, and nine great-great grandchildren; and

WHEREAS, This strong and independent woman truly cherished her role as the family matriarch, and always made holidays special with homemade baked goods and a home filled with unconditional love; and

WHEREAS, Irene Beach and her family spent many happy days at Lake Titus and made a point to get together on Sundays; and

WHEREAS, Irene Beach was also a devoted and vital part of her community actively participating in numerous cancer and heart fund drives and donating her time and energy to various local churches; and

WHEREAS, When Irene Beach was not helping someone, she enjoyed sewing, gardening, canning, crossword puzzles, and the casino, as well as leisurely road trips exploring the United States; and

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

RESOLVED, That a copy of this Resolution, suitably engrossed, be transmitted to Irene Beach.