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CONGRATULATING Genevieve Wadas upon the occasion
of celebrating her 102nd 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 Genevieve Wadas upon the occasion of celebrating her 102nd Birthday; and

WHEREAS, Genevieve Klodnicki was born on April 4, 1919, to Polish immigrant parents Antoni and Sofia Klodnicki in Utica, New York, where she participated in numerous activities through the Utica park system, especially team sports; a talented athlete, she could often be found playing in softball or basketball tournaments throughout Oneida County; she actually met her future husband during a game at Union Hall in New York Mills, New York; and

WHEREAS, After graduating from Utica Free Academy in 1937, Genevieve Klodnicki earned her secretarial certificate from the Utica School of Commerce the following year; she then began her long career as a stenographer working for various local attorneys; and

WHEREAS, On February 9, 1942, Genevieve Klodnicki married the late Edward Louis Wadas, Sr. in Washington, D.C., where she found work in government, and her husband proudly served his country as a reconnaissance tank commander in the United States Army during World War II; and

WHEREAS, Genevieve and Edward Wadas truly loved each other and wrote to each other every day; to this day, she still has 136 92 V- Mail (Victory Mail) letters which remind her of her loving 41-year marriage; and

WHEREAS, Upon the completion of his military service, Genevieve and Edward Wadas returned to Oneida County and settled in New York Mills where they built a home and raised their three children; she continued her work with the government at Griffiss Air Force Base, in Rome, New York, where she received numerous Superior Performance Awards from the Commander; and

WHEREAS, After her much deserved retirement, Genevieve Wadas was a member of the New York Mills Historical Society and stayed active by attending New York Mills High School basketball games, reading, playing cards with her girlfriends, puzzling, and knitting and crocheting, which

she liked to teach to her neighbors; and

WHEREAS, Above all, Genevieve Wadas loves to spend time with her beloved family: her three children, Edward (Candice) Wadas, Jr., Jean Brandon, and Thomas J. (Michele) Wadas; six grandchildren, Heidi (Jeff), Holly, Hilary (Mark), Emily (Peter Anthony), Benjamin, and David; and five great-grandchildren, Kamryn, Kathryn, Kendall, Charlotte, and Sofia; and

WHEREAS, Genevieve Wadas, 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, Genevieve Wadas 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 Genevieve Wadas upon the occasion of celebrating her 102nd Birthday; and be it further

RESOLVED, That a copy of this Resolution, suitably engrossed, be transmitted to Genevieve Wadas.