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CONGRATULATING Rhoda Fidler upon the occasion of celebrating her 100th 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, This Legislative Body is justly proud to congratulate Rhoda Fidler upon the occasion of celebrating her 100th Birthday; and

WHEREAS, Born in 1922, Rhoda Wander grew up in Brooklyn, New York, in the midst of the Great Depression; she inherited a social conscience from her mother, Anna Rudnick, and a dynamic fortitude from her father, Samuel Wander, founder of a manufacturing company which remains in existence to this day; and

WHEREAS, In 1944, Rhoda married her high school sweetheart, Jay Fidler, who at the time was proudly serving as a second lieutenant in the United States Army; together, the couple raised their three wonderful children in New Jersey and Westchester, New York; and

WHEREAS, A truly vital and devoted member of her community, Rhoda Fidler worked as an Aide to Representatives Ogden Reid, Richard Ottinger and Nita Lowey, volunteering actively and serving in governmental leadership capacities well into her eighties; and

WHEREAS, This extraordinary woman has been the recipient of numerous awards and accolades for her steadfast and unrelenting commitment to both her community and profession; she received the Westchester Ethical Culture Society's Inaugural Ethics in Action Award and was inducted into the Westchester Senior Hall of Fame in 2006, in recognition of her remarkable service to others; and

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

RESOLVED, That a copy of this Resolution, suitably engrossed, be transmitted to Rhoda Fidler.