

Senate Resolution No. 1271

BY: Senator WALCZYK

CONGRATULATING Jean Elk upon the occasion of celebrating her 100th Birthday on July 22, 2023

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 Jean Elk upon the occasion of celebrating her 100th Birthday; and

WHEREAS, Jean Elk was born on July 22, 1923, in Brockville, Ontario, Canada; six years later, she and her parents moved to Syracuse, New York, where she graduated from Central High School in 1942; and

WHEREAS, Jean Elk then returned to Brockville and completed nursing school in 1945, and subsequently, moved back to Syracuse in 1946, and met the Superintendent of the Alexandria Bay Hospital, who invited her to work for the summer at the hospital; and

WHEREAS, The Alexandria Bay Hospital is a house with three bedrooms upstairs, two downstairs, and an entry room used as a nurse's station, and Jean Elk was the only registered nurse on her 3-11 pm shift, and she and a nurse's aide served seven doctors in the area; and

WHEREAS, Throughout her tenure, Jean Elk assisted with all types of medical operations including heart attacks, assisting with surgeries, stitching up wounds, and delivering children; and

WHEREAS, With her zest for life, this exceptional centenarian has inspired and enhanced the lives of her family and friends; she has truly enriched those around her through her joyous and sincere love for others and through the profound 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 Jean Elk upon the occasion of celebrating her 100th Birthday on July 22, 2023; and be it further

RESOLVED, That a copy of this Resolution, suitably engrossed, be transmitted to Jean Elk.