

Senate Resolution No. 1905

BY: Senator WALCZYK

CONGRATULATING Eleanor Cunningham 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 Eleanor Cunningham upon the occasion of her 100th Birthday on Monday, March 4, 2024; and

WHEREAS, Eleanor Randall was born to George and Delora Randall in Ogdensburg, New York, on March 4, 1924; and

WHEREAS, Spending her childhood during the Great Depression, Eleanor Randall enjoyed spending time on the nearby St. Lawrence River, fishing, swimming, and frogging with her father; as a teenager, she indulged her passion for music and learned to play the ukulele; prior to her marriage, she was employed by Cleveland Container in Ogdensburg; and

WHEREAS, In 1948, Eleanor Randall married Daniel Cunningham; the couple were blessed with four daughters, Karen, Patricia, Pamela, and Darcy; from this union, the family extended to include nine grandchildren and 15 great-grandchildren; and

WHEREAS, After her husband's death in 1978, Eleanor Cunningham was employed as a library clerk at the St. Lawrence Psychiatric Center where she later retired; throughout that decade, she was a member of the CB Radio Club; and

WHEREAS, Eleanor Cunningham's hobbies have been playing bingo, collecting antiques, and using modern technology; surfing the internet and spending time on Facebook are two pastimes she has truly enjoyed; and

WHEREAS, As an active constituent in her community, Eleanor Cunningham has been a member of Notre Dame Church; and

WHEREAS, Additionally, Eleanor Cunningham has been physically active, participating in tai chi into her 70s and playing tennis with her youngest grandchild in her 80s; and

WHEREAS, Throughout her century-long life, Eleanor Cunningham has inspired and enhanced the lives of her beloved 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, Eleanor Cunningham has enriched the lives of those around her through her joyous and sincere love for others and through the vibrant charm and infinite wisdom which come 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 outstanding achievements of this Nation 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 Eleanor Cunningham upon the occasion of celebrating her 100th Birthday; and be it further

RESOLVED, That a copy of this Resolution, suitably engrossed, be transmitted to Eleanor Cunningham.