

BY: Senator GRIFFO

CONGRATULATING Mary Zeppieri 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, Attendant to such concern, and in full accord with its long-standing traditions, this Legislative Body is justly proud to congratulate Mary Zeppieri upon the occasion of her 100th Birthday celebrated with a party in her honor on Sunday, March 18, 2023, at Dibble's Restaurant in Vernon, New York; and

WHEREAS, Mary Zeppieri was born on March 18, 1923, in Veroli, Italy, to a family of 10 children; and

WHEREAS, Mary Zeppieri married her life partner, Alfred Zeppieri, and they had five remarkable children; and

WHEREAS, While also raising her children, Mary Zeppieri worked at the Master Craft Plant during World War II; in later years, she volunteered for 21 years for the Foster Grandparents Program and retired at the age of 91; and

WHEREAS, A cherished member of her community, former Oneida Mayor, Army Carinci, presented Mary Zeppieri with a Citizen Achievement Award in recognition of outstanding charitable work; she has also been a devoted and long-time member of Saint Joseph's Church; and

WHEREAS, A vibrant individual who remains so full of life, Mary Zeppieri resided at Oneida Towers and now is currently at the Oneida Healthcare Center's Extended Care Facility; and

WHEREAS, Mary Zeppieri, with her zest for life, has inspired and enhanced the lives of her family and friends; and

WHEREAS, With her throughout have been her five children, Edda Hall, Robert Zeppieri, Phyllis Zeppieri, Silvio Zeppieri, and Carl Zeppieri, all of whom feel privileged to be a part of her life and rejoice in her many achievements; 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, Mary Zeppieri has enriched the lives of 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 Mary Zeppieri upon the occasion of celebrating her 100th Birthday; and be it further

RESOLVED, That a copy of this Resolution, suitably engrossed, be transmitted to Mary Zeppieri.