Senate Resolution No. 1703

BY: Senator GRIFFO

CONGRATULATING Louise Marraffa 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 Louise Marraffa upon the occasion of her 100th Birthday, to be celebrated on Friday, March 20, 2026; and

WHEREAS, Louise Marraffa was born on March 20, 1926; and

WHEREAS, A lifelong resident of Utica, New York, and graduate of Proctor High School, Louise Marraffa married her beloved husband, Angelo Marraffa, on October 9, 1948, at Saint Agnes Church in Utica; and

WHEREAS, Beginning in 1975, the loving couple enjoyed creating countless memories on their vacations to Florida until Angelo's passing in 2010; and

WHEREAS, A loyal and passionate professional, Louise Marraffa worked at Tehan's Wholesale from 1955 until her retirement in 1998; and

WHEREAS, Nearing this extraordinary milestone, Louise Marraffa's interests include playing bingo and painting; and

WHEREAS, Louise Marraffa, with her zest for life, has undoubtedly inspired and enhanced the lives of her family and friends; and

WHEREAS, With her throughout her meaningful life has been her late husband, Angelo; her children, John, Joe, and Dan; her grandchildren, Jeanna, John Jr., Mathew, Paige, Jeffery, and Lauren; and her great grandchildren, Nico and JJ, all of whom have felt privileged to be a part of her fruitful 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, Louise Marraffa has enriched the lives of those around her through her joyous and sincere love for others and through the vibrant 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 magnificent 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 Louise Marraffa upon the occasion of celebrating her 100th Birthday; and be it further

RESOLVED, That a copy of this Resolution, suitably engrossed, be transmitted to Louise Marraffa.