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CONGRATULATING Antoinette M. Passiatore LaPaglia,
of Utica, New York, upon the occasion of celebrating
her 105th Birthday on February 5, 2026

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 continued presence are a vital part of, and valuable asset to, the fabric of community life; and

WHEREAS, Attendant to such concern, and in full accord with its long-standing traditions, this Legislative Body is justly proud to congratulate Antoinette M. Passiatore LaPaglia, of Utica, New York, upon the occasion of celebrating her 105th Birthday on Thursday, February 5, 2026; and

WHEREAS, Born in Utica, New York, on February 5, 1921, Antoinette M. LaPaglia is the daughter of Giovanni Passiatore and Antoinette Pietrapolo, and following the early passing of her mother, she was lovingly raised by her stepmother, Palmina Passiatore; and

WHEREAS, Antoinette Passiatore attended Brandegee School in Utica through the eighth grade, and at the young age of sixteen, she met the love of her life, Carmen LaPaglia; the two were married on June 21, 1937, at St. Mary of Mount Carmel Church in Utica, beginning a devoted partnership grounded in faith, perseverance, and family; and

WHEREAS, A devoted mother, Antoinette LaPaglia was blessed with children whom she loved deeply; she endured the loss of her son, John, born April 18, 1938, who predeceased her on January 5, 1995; her daughter, Florence, who passed away in infancy; and her daughter, Florence, born August 19, 1943, who predeceased her on December 13, 2003; she is the proud mother of her surviving son, Carmen LaPaglia, born February 25, 1941, who resides in Erie, Pennsylvania, with his wife, Sally; and

WHEREAS, Antoinette LaPaglia's legacy continues through her 13 grandchildren, 21 great-grandchildren, and four great-great-grandchildren, a remarkable testament to a life devoted to family, love, and perseverance, even as she has endured the loss of one grandchild; and

WHEREAS, Throughout her working life, Antoinette LaPaglia was known for her strong work ethic and dedication, having been employed at Oneida Knitting Mill in the 1940s, General Electric from 1956 to 1983, and later serving in various schools, retiring at the age of 86; she also cleaned homes throughout the Utica area, always extending kindness and

care to others; and

WHEREAS, For the past four years, Antoinette LaPaglia has resided at Wiley Hall Assisted Living Facility where she continues to receive good care and remains active in spirit, often cooking for fellow residents and maintaining her lifelong devotion to helping others; and

WHEREAS, A woman of deep and abiding faith, Antoinette LaPaglia prays the rosary daily and watches the Catholic channel, drawing strength and comfort from her faith through both joy and loss; and

WHEREAS, Antoinette LaPaglia's life reflects a steadfast commitment to family, faith, and service, and her enduring message is one of peace, compassion, and respect for all people, encouraging others to have faith and treat one another with kindness; and

WHEREAS, With her grace, resilience, and unwavering spirit, Antoinette M. Passiatore LaPaglia has enriched the lives of all who know her and stands as a shining example of a life well lived; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, That this Legislative Body pause in its deliberations to congratulate Antoinette M. Passiatore LaPaglia, of Utica, New York, upon the occasion of celebrating her 105th Birthday on February 5, 2026; and be it further

RESOLVED, That a copy of this Resolution, suitably engrossed, be transmitted to Antoinette M. Passiatore LaPaglia.