

LEGISLATIVE RESOLUTION honoring centenarian Maria Virginia Driscoll upon occasion of her designation for special recognition by Dominican Village of Amityville, New York

WHEREAS, The quality and richness of life in the communities of New York State are enriched and sustained through the contributions of individuals whose long and purposeful lives personify the values of family, faith and citizenship; and

WHEREAS, A citizen of such worthy purpose and good works is Maria Driscoll, an exceptional centenarian whose zest for life and concern for others has enriched the lives of all those who have had the opportunity to know and love her; and

WHEREAS, It is the sense of this Legislative Body to recognize and commend such individuals as Maria Driscoll, who have touched the lives of so many; and

WHEREAS, Attendant to such concern, and in full accord with its long-standing traditions, this Legislative Body is justly proud to honor 100 years young Maria Driscoll upon the occasion of her designation for special recognition by Dominican Village, and Long Island's Amityville community, at Dominican Village's Annual Dinner Dance on May 2, 2009; and

WHEREAS, Sponsored by the Sisters of St. Dominic and located in Western Suffolk County, Dominican Village is a non-sectarian, not-for-profit, Independent and Assistant Living Retirement Community, with Respite Care, which provides a beautiful living environment, enabling Maria Driscoll and its other residents to live their lives with relaxation, a choice of activities, opportunities for socializing, and a sense of purpose; and

WHEREAS, Born on February 22, 1908, Maria Driscoll is the daughter of James Beattie and Agnes Walsh; her father had immigrated from Scotland and her mother was from Ireland; she had two brothers, James and William; and

WHEREAS, Maria Driscoll met Joseph Driscoll at a USO dance in Manhattan in 1933; they married and moved to Brooklyn and later to Valley Stream, where they raised their three children; today, she has 11 grandchildren and 14 great-grandchildren; and

WHEREAS, Maria and Joseph Driscoll were founding members of Blessed Sacrament Parish; Maria returned to work in 1954, and held a position in the Valley Stream School District for 23 years; once retired, she took a part-time position in the Office of the Diocese of Rockville Centre; and

WHEREAS, Maria Driscoll moved to Dominican Village in 2003; since that time she has been a vital contributor to the community; she is the representative of her building at the Resident Council meetings and enjoys playing bridge, bingo and Mahjongg; and

WHEREAS, This distinguished woman 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, This beloved lady has enriched the lives of those around her through her joyous and sincere love for others and through the quiescent 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 Maria Virginia Driscoll upon the occasion of celebrating

her 101st Birthday on February 22, 2009; and be it further

RESOLVED, That a copy of this Resolution, suitably engrossed, be transmitted to Maria Virginia Driscoll.