

LEGISLATIVE RESOLUTION congratulating Anna Mario upon the occasion of celebrating her 105th Birthday on February 3, 2012

WHEREAS, This Legislative Body is justly proud to congratulate Anna Mario upon the occasion of celebrating her 105th Birthday; 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 vital parts of, and valuable assets to, the fabric of community life and activity; and

WHEREAS, The daughter of Maria Josephine and Denato Nicolo Turilli, Anna Mario was born on February 3, 1907, on Elizabeth Street in New York City; she was one of seven brothers and sisters; and

WHEREAS, For many years, Anna Mario worked as a machine operator for a lingerie company in New York; she continued to work as a machine operator until she was 65 years of age; and

WHEREAS, In 1936, at the age of 29, Anna Mario married the late Angelo Mario and moved to Brooklyn, New York, where she would live for the next 60 years; while living in Brooklyn, she was active in the St. Francis' Senior Citizens Club where she served as its Treasurer; and

WHEREAS, On July 13, 1937, Anna Mario gave birth to her only child, Elaine; she has four beloved grandchildren: Richard, Carol, Linda and Christine; she also has eight great-grandchildren; and

WHEREAS, At the age of 90, Anna Mario moved to Port Jefferson, Long Island, to be near her family; she is active in the Miller Place Senior Club and held the office of President of the Echo Senior Citizens Club; and

WHEREAS, Currently an active member of the Senior Clubs of the Rose Caracappa Community Center and the Robert E. Reid Senior Recreation Center, Anna Mario continues to lead a very active life; and

WHEREAS, Anna Mario maintains her own apartment and goes shopping on a weekly basis; she enjoys cooking and entertaining her grandchildren and great-grandchildren; and

WHEREAS, On February 3, 2007, a celebration at the Watermill Caterers in Smithtown, Long Island, was given in honor of Anna Mario's 100th Birthday; over 165 guests attended the auspicious occasion where Anna greeted every guest by name and danced every dance; and

WHEREAS, This exceptional centenarian, with her zest for life, has inspired and enhanced the lives of her family and friends; and

WHEREAS, This distinguished woman, who has experienced the incredible joys and sorrows characteristic of and reserved for those with the stamina and courage to savor a full life, has inspired all those around her; and

WHEREAS, This beloved senior citizen has enriched the lives of those who have been privileged to know her through her joyous and sincere love for others, and through the quiescent charm and 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 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 Anna Mario upon the occasion of celebrating her 105th Birthday; and be it further

RESOLVED, That a copy of this Resolution, suitably engrossed, be transmitted to Anna Mario.