LEGISLATIVE RESOLUTION congratulating Goldie Steinberg upon the occasion of celebrating her 113th 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, Attendant to such concern, and in full accord with its long-standing traditions, this Legislative Body is pleased to congratulate Goldie Steinberg upon the occasion of celebrating her 113th Birthday; she marked this remarkable milestone at a party with family, friends, and members of the community, at the Grandell Rehabilitation and Nursing Center in Long Beach, New York; and

WHEREAS, Goldie Steinberg is officially the 14th oldest person in the world, the ninth oldest person in the United States, and the second oldest person in the State of New York; and

WHEREAS, Born on October 30, 1900, in Kishinev, Romania, Goldie Steinberg immigrated to the United States in 1923 after her uncle offered the opportunity to her and her sister; and

WHEREAS, Goldie Steinberg resided in Bensonhurst, Brooklyn, with her husband, the late Phillip Steinberg, who died in 1967; she worked as a seamstress, making clothing for children, until her retirement at the age of 83; and

WHEREAS, Goldie Steinberg is the loving mother of one son and one daughter, and the proud grandmother of four grandchildren and seven great-grandchildren; she credits her incredible longevity to the love and happiness of her family; and

WHEREAS, This exceptional centenarian, with her zest for life, has inspired and enhanced the lives of her family and friends; she is an avid reader, crochets daily, and is a devoted fan of the New York Yankees; and

WHEREAS, A much-loved and active resident of the Grandell Rehabilitation and Nursing Center since 2004, Goldie Steinberg is well-known for her kindness, as well as her concern for the well-being of all around her; she knits for the staff and makes sure that the needs of the younger residents are taken of; 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 woman 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, Goldie Steinberg was three years old when the Wright Brothers took their famous first flight; she was a teenager during World War I, and 44 years old at the end of World War II; she was a senior citizen when Neil Armstrong walked on the moon in 1969; 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 Goldie Steinberg upon the occasion of her 113th Birthday; and be it further

RESOLVED, That a copy of this Resolution, suitably engrossed, be transmitted to Goldie Steinberg.