

BY: Senator PERSAUD

CONGRATULATING Mary Donnel upon the occasion of celebrating her 101st Birthday

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 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 justly proud to congratulate Mary Donnel upon the occasion of her 101st Birthday to be celebrated Tuesday, July 27, 2021; and

WHEREAS, Born on July 27, 1920, Mary Donnel was married to her beloved husband, Iris Thomas Donnel, for more than five decades before he passed away 25 years ago; and

WHEREAS, Mary Donnel, with her zest for life, has inspired and enhanced the lives of her family and friends; she is the proud mother of two children, Nancy Luca and the late Mary Ingram, as well as a loving grandmother to six grandchildren and two great-grandchildren; and

WHEREAS, While she is passionate about many things, her greatest passion is her family, whom she loves to cook for; she also enjoys traveling, meeting new people, and dressing up for church; 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, Mary Donnel 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 Mary Donnel upon the occasion of celebrating her 101st Birthday; and be it further

RESOLVED, That a copy of this Resolution, suitably engrossed, be

transmitted to Mary Donnel.