

BY: Senator GRIFFO

CONGRATULATING Anna Marie Fiorile upon the occasion of celebrating her 100th 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, It is the custom of this Legislative Body to commemorate and recognize certain milestones celebrated by citizens of this great Empire State; and

WHEREAS, Attendant to such concern, and in full accord with its long-standing traditions, this Legislative Body is justly proud to congratulate Anna Marie Fiorile upon the occasion of celebrating her 100th Birthday; and

WHEREAS, Anna Marie Pezzorello was born on December 30, 1920, to Dominica (Anna) Fiore and Frank Pezzorello in Utica, New York where she grew up with her many brothers and sisters and attended Proctor High School; after graduating, she held several part-time jobs such as selling birds at Neisner's in Downtown Utica; and

WHEREAS, Anna Marie Fiorile married the love of her life, Pasquale R. Fiorile, and together they lovingly raised two daughters, Anna Maria Cortese and Patricia M. Klein and two sons, Vincent Fiorile and Joseph E. Fiorile; today she is the proud grandmother of three granddaughters, Jeanine, Carrie Ann and Gina; one grandson, Joseph; and one great-grandson, Liam; and

WHEREAS, Anna Marie Fiorile's greatest joy in life is spending time with her family and has always surrounded them with love; she took great pride in teaching them the value of hard work, responsibility, honesty and decency, the rules she has always strived to live by; and

WHEREAS, A skillful cook, Anna Marie Fiorile truly relished her role as a homemaker, and took great pride feeding her family nutritious meals, and her famous meatballs and sauce on Sundays; and

WHEREAS, In addition to taking care of her family, Anna Marie Fiorile was always ready and willing to lend her friends and neighbors a helping hand, whether it was bringing them food or helping them clean their house; and

WHEREAS, Anna Marie Fiorile, with her zest for life, has inspired and enhanced the lives of her family and friends; 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, Anna Marie Fiorile 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 Anna Marie Fiorile upon the occasion of celebrating her 100th Birthday; and be it further

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