

BY: Senator GRIFFO

CONGRATULATING Vivian L. Caswell 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, This Legislative Body is justly proud to congratulate Vivian L. Caswell upon the occasion of her 100th Birthday which was celebrated with a party at the MVHS Nursing and Rehabilitation Center; and

WHEREAS, Vivian L. Caswell was born to Daisy and H. Ray Cole on June 1, 1921, in Utica, New York, where she worked at Woolworths and performed with Betty Rosen's Follies for \$2.00 a show; and

WHEREAS, Vivian L. Caswell married Robert Everson Caswell on September 20, 1941; throughout their 69-year union, they were the proud parents of four daughters, Jill Diane, Jacquelyn, Robyn and Beth; during this time, she sold jewelry, toys and Tupperware at home parties and in 1960, she earned her beautician license and operated a salon for many years from her home on Kenwood Road; and

WHEREAS, With a great sense of humor, a kind, generous, and faithful heart, Vivian L. Caswell volunteered her time and energy as a Hospice volunteer, wrote poems and created various arts and crafts projects; and

WHEREAS, Above all, Vivian L. Caswell has always enjoyed spending time with her beloved family, especially her eight grandchildren, nineteen great-grandchildren, and five great-great-grandchildren; and

WHEREAS, Vivian L. Caswell, 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, Vivian L. Caswell 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 Vivian L. Caswell upon the occasion of celebrating her 100th Birthday; and be it further

RESOLVED, That a copy of this Resolution, suitably engrossed, be transmitted to Vivian L. Caswell.