

**BY:** Senator GALLIVAN

**CONGRATULATING** Elsie Finch Hartmann upon the occasion of celebrating her 100th 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,** This Legislative Body is justly proud to congratulate Elsie Finch Hartmann upon the occasion of her 100th Birthday to be celebrated on Sunday, January 9, 2022; and

**WHEREAS,** In recognition of this momentous occasion, Elsie Finch Hartmann's sincerest wish is to receive 100 birthday cards from friends, family and the local community; and

**WHEREAS,** A 1939 graduate of Dansville High School, located in Danville, New York, Elsie Finch went on to attend Rochester Business Institute, majoring in their secretarial program; upon finishing, she held the esteemed position of Clerk at Gleason Works in Rochester, New York; and

**WHEREAS,** When the Marine Corps opened their ranks to women at the beginning of WWII, this extraordinary woman proudly served her country at the Marine headquarters in Arlington, Virginia; and

**WHEREAS,** The quality and character of life in this Nation, and the great State of New York, is reflective of the purposeful lives and good works of those patriotic and civic-minded community members who dedicate their lives and careers to the service of others; Elsie Finch Hartmann is one such individual; and

**WHEREAS,** Upon the end of the war, Elsie Finch returned home and married her high school sweetheart, "Mush" Hartmann; together the couple raised their six children on the family farm in West Sparta; and

**WHEREAS,** In addition, Elsie Finch Hartmann remains an active and devoted member of both Dansville Presbyterian Church and within her beloved community-at-large; and

**WHEREAS,** Elsie Finch Hartmann, 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,** Elsie Finch Hartmann 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 Elsie Finch Hartmann upon the occasion of celebrating her 100th Birthday; and be it further

**RESOLVED,** That a copy of this Resolution, suitably engrossed, be transmitted to Elsie Finch Hartmann.