

**BY:** Senator O'MARA

**CONGRATULATING** Betty Fadale upon the occasion of celebrating her 100th Birthday on February 17, 2021

**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 Betty Fadale upon the occasion of her 100th Birthday to be celebrated Wednesday, February 17, 2021; and

**WHEREAS,** Anna Elizabeth Cowan, affectionately known as Betty, was born on February 17, 1921, in Barnesboro, Pennsylvania; she was one of 11 children born to Charles and Anne Waddell Cowan; and

**WHEREAS,** During the late 1930s, Betty Cowan was a professional roller skater and moved to Elmira, New York to stay with her aunt; and

**WHEREAS,** Betty Cowan was employed as a nanny when she met her husband Anthony (Shorty) Fadale at Joycrest Skating Rink in Elmira; she became a war bride, marrying Shorty on August 5, 1941, in Winchester, Virginia; and

**WHEREAS,** After their marriage, Shorty and Betty Fadale moved into their home at 915 North Main Street, Elmira, New York, where she has lived ever since; and

**WHEREAS,** Betty Fadale enjoys spending time with her family, playing bingo, playing the horses, and scratch off tickets; and

**WHEREAS,** Furthermore, with a passion for cooking and baking, Betty Fadale made a career out of the latter, baking pies and pastries for the Elmira Country Club for 60 years, retiring at the age of 96; and

**WHEREAS,** Betty Fadale, with her zest for life, has inspired and enhanced the lives of her family and friends; she is the proud mother of three children, Constance (Randy), Carl (Mary) and Louis (Lesia), and the loving grandmother of her grandson. Gabriel; 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,** Betty Fadale 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 Betty Fadale upon the occasion of celebrating her 100th Birthday; and be it further

**RESOLVED,** That a copy of this Resolution, suitably engrossed, be transmitted to Betty Fadale.