

**BY:** Senator O'MARA

**CONGRATULATING** Phyllis H. Rigby upon the occasion  
of celebrating her 100th Birthday

**WHEREAS,** It is the custom of this Legislative Body to honor and pay tribute to those distinguished citizens who have reached a remarkable milestone in their lives, celebrating longevity with dignity, grace, and a wealth of experience; and

**WHEREAS,** Attendant to such concern, and in full accord with its long-standing traditions, this Legislative Body is justly proud to congratulate Phyllis H. Rigby upon the occasion of her 100th Birthday, to be celebrated on Saturday, June 6, 2026; and

**WHEREAS,** Phyllis H. Rigby was born Phyllis Hurlburt on June 6, 1926, in Owego, New York, the daughter of Ray Edwin Hurlburt and Anna Laura Grover Hurlburt; and

**WHEREAS,** She grew up alongside her two sisters, Rae Holliday and Barbara Spateholts, and from an early age demonstrated the character and determination that would guide her throughout her life; and

**WHEREAS,** A dedicated student, Phyllis H. Rigby graduated from Whitesville Central School in 1943, and continued her education at Alfred University, where she earned her bachelor's degree in 1948, graduating cum laude; she further distinguished herself by obtaining a master's degree in Guidance from Alfred University in 1957; and

**WHEREAS,** On September 4, 1946, she married Roger E. Rigby, and together they shared 48 years of devoted marriage until his passing in September 1994; their enduring partnership was blessed with four children: Ronald E. Rigby, Linda Sue Rigby Schiefer, Darcy Jean Rigby Baroudi, and Brenda Rigby Riehle; and

**WHEREAS,** Her legacy continues through her eight grandchildren and eleven great-grandchildren, each of whom reflects the values of family, dedication, and kindness she has instilled; and

**WHEREAS,** Phyllis H. Rigby devoted more than 36 years of her life to the noble profession of education, teaching business courses and shaping the lives of countless students; her career included service at Avoca Central School, Whitesville Central School, Alfred State College, and most notably Scio Central School, where she served for more than three decades; and

**WHEREAS,** Beyond her professional accomplishments, Phyllis H. Rigby has been an active and engaged member of numerous organizations, including lifetime membership in the National Education Association and the New York State Retired Teachers Association, as well as involvement in the Allegany County Retired Teachers Association, the American Association of University Women, and several local civic and social

organizations; and

**WHEREAS,** Phyllis H. Rigby's commitment to service is further exemplified through her volunteer work, including her contributions to the Jones Memorial Hospital Auxiliary Board and her longstanding membership of over 60 years with the Scio Methodist Church; and

**WHEREAS,** In her leisure time, Phyllis H. Rigby has enjoyed traveling, reading, volunteering, and spending cherished moments with her family; she remains socially active, regularly participating in card games with friends, reflecting her vibrant spirit and enduring zest for life; and

**WHEREAS,** With her century of life experience, Phyllis H. Rigby has witnessed and contributed to a period of extraordinary change, serving as a source of wisdom, inspiration, and stability to all who know her; and

**WHEREAS,** It is the sense of this Legislative Body that when individuals of such noble character and accomplishment are brought to our attention, they should be celebrated and recognized by all the citizens of this great State; now, therefore, be it

**RESOLVED,** That this Legislative Body pause in its deliberations to congratulate Phyllis H. Rigby upon the occasion of celebrating her 100th Birthday; and be it further

**RESOLVED,** That a copy of this Resolution, suitably engrossed, be transmitted to Phyllis H. Rigby.