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LEGISLATIVE RESOLUTION congratulating Louise DeCarlo upon the occasion of her 100th Birthday

WHEREAS, Louise DeCarlo was born on March 22, 1911, to Mary and Fred Gowett in Peru, New York, and grew up primarily in Plattsburgh, New York; and

WHEREAS, This exceptional centenarian, with her zest for life, has inspired and enhanced the lives of her family and friends; and

WHEREAS, Louise DeCarlo has been a beloved resident of Meadowbrook Healthcare in Plattsburgh, New York for the past 10 years; many who know her consider the secret to her longevity to be family, delicious food, and always looking like a lady; and

WHEREAS, In her room at Meadowbrook she is surrounded by family photos hung on the walls; even at 100, she takes great pride in her appearance; a lifelong lover of jewelry and fashion, she continues to value dressing appropriately and her hair and nails are always perfectly done; and

WHEREAS, Though life has brought Louise DeCarlo many challenges, this distinguished woman, who has experienced the incredible joys and sorrows characteristic of and reserved for those with the stamina and courage to savor a full life, has inspired the lives of her many friends and family; and

WHEREAS, Louise DeCarlo has outlived three husbands; with her first husband, Francis Favero, who was killed in an automobile accident, she had four children, Dorothy St. Denis, Doris Saville, Franklin P. Favero and Arlen J. Favero; and

WHEREAS, With her second husband, the late Joseph Paolucci, the family grew to include three more children, Marie P. Maxwell; Nancy Ratta; and the late Joseph Paolucci Jr.; and

WHEREAS, When Louise married a third time, and she and her husband, Joseph DeCarlo, lived in Rouses Point, New York; though he too has since passed away, her family has grown to include five generations, with many cherished grandchildren, great-grandchildren, and great-great-grandchildren, as well as a multitude of treasured nieces and nephews; and

WHEREAS, Known for her fabulous food and her fondness for having lots

of people over for meals, Louise DeCarlo took on multiple steady jobs to help provide for her family and to ensure that her children would receive Catholic educations and be able to participate in extra-curricular activities; and

WHEREAS, Louise DeCarlo is also well-known for her welcoming home, for being kind to many, and for always doing something for somebody else; and

WHEREAS, This beloved lady 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 Louise DeCarlo upon the occasion of her 100th Birthday; and be it further

RESOLVED, That a copy of this Resolution, suitably engrossed, be transmitted to Louise DeCarlo.