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LEGISLATIVE RESOLUTION congratulating Theresa Sciarillo upon the occasion of her 100th Birthday

WHEREAS, Theresa Sciarillo was born to Mary and James Gulla in Oneida, New York on May 18, 1913 and her family has a 100th Birthday party planned for May 18, 2013 in celebration of this joyous milestone; and

WHEREAS, Her father took a job at Revere Copper in 1916 and the family moved to Henry Street in Rome where Theresa grew up; and

WHEREAS, Tragically, shortly after moving to Rome, she lost her brother, Joseph, and her father James to influenza, and, years later, her brother Patrick to tuberculosis; and

WHEREAS, Guided by her mother's steady hand, she, her brother Pat, and sisters Mini, Sue, and Kay survived the Depression difficulties with an enduring family love; and

WHEREAS, With much affection, Theresa Sciarillo recalls Henry Street, the Rome area then known as Bulls Island, populated with European immigrants, Native Americans, and African American families, an area which served her love of making lifelong friends; and

WHEREAS, Although her parents spoke Italian and English, Theresa learned to speak Polish as well; she credits growing up in that time and place and her beloved family and neighbors with giving her many values which guide her to this day; and

WHEREAS, Theresa Sciarillo was, for many years, a devoted parishioner of St. John the Baptist Church in Rome, New York; and

WHEREAS, She married James P. Sciarillo, from Oneida, New York in 1935; they had three children, James Jr., Lucille, and Joseph and were married for sixty-four years prior to James passing in 1999; and

WHEREAS, In 1948, Theresa took a job as a switchboard operator at the Rome hospital, where she continued to work until 1975, retiring as the Hospital Administrator's Secretary; and

WHEREAS, As most young couples of their day, Theresa and James lived at several locations in Rome and, in 1945, moved to Chatham Street where they eventually bought their first home; they lived and raised their family in that home on Chatham Street for fifty-four years; and

WHEREAS, Subsequently, in 2010, Theresa went to live with her daughter, Lucille Connolly; and

WHEREAS, Theresa still reads, now with a Kindle, follows the news, and keeps tabs on her grand and great-grandchildren; and

WHEREAS, Born in a time when horses were still common, Theresa Sciarillo marvels at changes which have occurred during her lifetime; and

WHEREAS, Those who know her best credit her long life to her will to overcome trial and to her ability to make friends and find life interesting; and

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

WHEREAS, 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, 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 Theresa Sciarillo upon the occasion of her 100th Birthday; and be it further

RESOLVED, That a copy of this Resolution, suitably engrossed, be transmitted to Theresa Sciarillo.