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Senate Resolution No. 1909

BY: Senator WALCZYK

CONGRATULATING Josephine E. O'Connell upon the occasion of celebrating her 100th Birthday

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, It is the custom of this Legislative Body to commemorate and recognize certain milestones celebrated by citizens of this great Empire State; and

WHEREAS, Attendant to such concern, and in full accord with its long-standing traditions, this Legislative Body is justly proud to congratulate Josephine E. O'Connell upon the occasion of her 100th Birthday on Thursday, February 15, 2024; and

WHEREAS, Josephine E. O'Connell is a lifetime resident of the Town of Lake Pleasant, New York; she has the distinction of being a descendant of one of the town's founding families; and

WHEREAS, In honor of this momentous milestone, the town has declared February 15, 2024, to be "Josephine E. O'Connell Day"; and

WHEREAS, Appointed by President Harry S. Truman, Josephine E.

O'Connell faithfully served as Postmaster in Lake Pleasant from the age of 21 until her retirement; and

WHEREAS, To celebrate Josephine E. O'Connell's life and special day, her community sent birthday cards to her, keeping her mailbox full for more than a week; and

WHEREAS, As an active member of her community, Josephine E. O'Connell volunteered her time and efforts to assist the Red Cross, Hamilton County's medical services (TWIGS), and numerous school programs; and

WHEREAS, Josephine E. O'Connell, known for her joy and festivity throughout her century-long life, has inspired and enhanced the lives of her beloved 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, Josephine E. O'Connell has enriched the lives of those around her through her joyous and sincere love for others and through the vibrant charm and infinite wisdom which come 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

outstanding achievements of this Nation 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 Josephine E. O'Connell upon the occasion of celebrating her 100th Birthday; and be it further

RESOLVED, That a copy of this Resolution, suitably engrossed, be transmitted to Josephine E. O'Connell.