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LEGISLATIVE RESOLUTION congratulating Lillian Isabelle Butler upon the occasion of her 100th Birthday

WHEREAS, Truly an extraordinary person who has led an exemplary life of humanitarian service, Lillian Butler is defined by simple modesty and a boundless energy that is amazing and inspiring; and

WHEREAS, Born on June 23, 1909, in Brooklyn, New York, Lillian Butler graduated from Bay Ridge Girls High School in 1927 and then Hefly's Business School; she later worked as a secretary for the National City Company where she met and married the late Jack Butler; and

WHEREAS, Lillian Butler was a stay-at-home mom who enjoyed being with her children; she went back to work as a secretary in the Valley Stream Central School library and worked there until she retired in 1974; and

WHEREAS, Upon the death of her husband, Lillian Butler became a resident of Berne living with her daughter, Jeannette and her family; and

WHEREAS, A strong advocate of education, Lillian Butler donated books from her high school library and gave them to the Town of Berne's Library in order for the Town to become eligible for a library grant; and

WHEREAS, Lillian Butler has traveled on all continents except Antarctica; she is also a lover of ballroom dancing, musicals, and the opera; 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, With her throughout have been her children, Jeannette and John, her grandchildren, Kathleen, Karen and Terence, as well as her great-grandchildren, Allen, Elias, Mollie, Irene, Nicholas, Rachel, and Bryce, all of whom feel privileged to be a part of her life and rejoice in her achievements; 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 Lillian Isabelle Butler upon the occasion of her 100th Birthday; and be it further

RESOLVED, That a copy of this Resolution, suitably engrossed, be transmitted to Lillian Isabelle Butler.