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LEGISLATIVE RESOLUTION honoring Muriel Ginsberg upon the occasion of celebrating her 100th Birthday on November 12, 2009

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, Attendant to such concern, and in full accord with its long-standing traditions, this Legislative Body is justly proud to honor Muriel Ginsberg upon the occasion of celebrating her 100th Birthday at the Wild Center on Thursday, November 12, 2009; and

WHEREAS, Throughout her lifetime, Muriel Ginsberg has been a key civic and business leader, volunteering her time and sharing her resources generously to aid many local groups and projects; and

WHEREAS, Muriel Ginsberg is known by many as the grand lady of the Park Street retail community, as she successfully operated Tupper Lake's premier department store that carried her family's name; and

WHEREAS, After earning a degree from Syracuse University and working in New York City, Muriel Ginsberg returned home to Tupper Lake to work side by side with her parents at Ginsberg's Department Store; and

WHEREAS, Muriel Ginsberg worked closely with her parents Mose and May over the years until their passing in the mid-1970s, she then managed the store by herself until 1981, when she sold it; and

WHEREAS, Muriel Ginsberg wore many hats while managing the store, doing everything from buying wares, to working the floor as a sales clerk, to designing the store windows; she was also a big believer in the importance of advertising, and designed most of the ads published over the years for the store; and

WHEREAS, The Ginsberg's Department Store had been in the family for 84

years, it was not only a family enterprise but a commercial landmark; in the late 1970s it was recognized as the "oldest family business" in New York State; and

WHEREAS, Following in the footsteps of her father, Muriel Ginsberg also devoted great efforts to community service heading fund drives annually for the Girl Scouts and the Mercy General Hospital Auxiliary and spearheading campaigns for the Tupper Lake Business and Professional Women's Club; and

WHEREAS, In 1983, Muriel Ginsberg established the Mose and May Ginsberg scholarship which has produced substantial awards since then each year to deserving male and female graduates; and

WHEREAS, Muriel Ginsberg has also given her robust support to numerous community projects, including the creation of the Rotary Club Track and Field and the new Wild Center; and

WHEREAS, In her retirement years, Muriel Ginsberg was active in the restoration of the Beth Joseph Synagogue and its development as a museum and performing site; and

WHEREAS, In recognition of her efforts of in-depth magnitude, Muriel Ginsberg has received many awards and accolades throughout her lifetime; 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 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, 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 Muriel Ginsberg upon the occasion of celebrating her 100th Birthday on November 12, 2009; and be it further

RESOLVED, That a copy of this Resolution, suitably engrossed, be transmitted to Muriel Ginsberg.