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LEGISLATIVE RESOLUTION congratulating Miriam B. Gellert upon the occasion of celebrating her 100th Birthday on July 17, 2010

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 Miriam B. Gellert upon the occasion of celebrating her 100th Birthday on Saturday, July 17, 2010, at the Ship Lantern Inn, Milton, New York; and WHEREAS, Born July 13, 1910, in Yonkers, New York, Miriam B. Gellert has been a resident of Poughkeepsie, New York for the past 77 years; and WHEREAS, Miriam B. Gellert graduated with a Bachelor of Science degree from New York University in 1931; she studied piano during her college years at Damrosch Institute which became Julliard, the internationally recognized music school; and

WHEREAS, Miriam B. Gellert married Joseph H. Gellert, a talented attorney, and supported him in his tenures as City of Poughkeepsie Judge, Dutchess County Attorney, Community College Trustee and counsel to the State Senate Banking Committee; and

WHEREAS, She taught piano in the Poughkeepsie area, and has been employed for many years at the Poughkeepsie and Purchase law firm of Gellert & Klein, P.C.; and

WHEREAS, A woman of great faith, Miriam B. Gellert is an active member of Vassar Temple in Poughkeepsie; in her free time, she enjoys reading and completing crossword puzzles; and

WHEREAS, Miriam B. Gellert is the proud mother of Arthur L. Gellert, the loving grandmother of Nina Gellert and James H. Gellert, and the great grandmother of "Hutch" Gellert; 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 woman 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 Miriam B. Gellert upon the occasion of celebrating her 100th Birthday on July 17, 2010; and be it further RESOLVED, That a copy of this Resolution, suitably engrossed, be transmitted to Miriam B. Gellert.