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LEGISLATIVE RESOLUTION congratulating Mary Potts 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, Attendant to such concern, and in full accord with its long-standing traditions, this Legislative Body is justly proud to congratulate Mary Potts upon the occasion of celebrating her 100th Birthday to be celebrated with a party held in her honor at the Hudson Lodge of Elks, in Hudson, New York, on Saturday, April 16, 2011; and

WHEREAS, Mary Potts was born on April 15, 1911, in Alife, Italy; and

WHEREAS, In 1912, Mary Potts arrived in the United States with relatives who had previously migrated and settled in Hudson, New York; and

WHEREAS, During World War II, Mary Potts joined the workforce and was one of the first women insurance agents in the city of Hudson; later, in 1976, she was the first woman to serve as Commissioner of the Office of Aging; and

WHEREAS, Mary Potts went on to hold a wide array of positions throughout her lifetime, some of which included operating Howard Hotel and Restaurant and later Fern's Restaurant and Bar, a Matron at the Columbia County Jail, and a Clerk for New York State Compensation Board; and

WHEREAS, With a life-long passion for politics, Mary Potts was a delegate to Lyndon B. Johnson's Inauguration, served as the local coordinator for Robert Kennedy Jr.'s 1968 visit to Hudson, and was invited to Hyde Park, New York, in 1970, to meet with Eleanor Roosevelt; and

WHEREAS, Furthermore, from 1976-1980, Mary Potts served proudly as President of the Mt. Carmel Sodality; 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 Mary Potts upon the occasion of celebrating her 100th Birthday; and be it further

RESOLVED, That a copy of this Resolution, suitably engrossed, be transmitted to Mary Potts.