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LEGISLATIVE RESOLUTION congratulating Mary Kelly Thero upon the occasion of her 100th Birthday

WHEREAS, The daughter of James T. Kelly and Anna Nealon Kelly, Mary Kelly Thero was born at her Watervliet, New York home on the corner of 23rd Street and 7th Avenue on May 1, 1912; and

WHEREAS, She attended St. Patrick's Grade School in Watervliet and was a member of Troy, New York's Catholic Central High School's Class of 1929; and

WHEREAS, Mary Kelly and the late John J. Thero, Sr. were married at St. Patrick's Church in Watervliet on April 12, 1934 and had two sons, John J. Thero, Jr. and James D. Thero, eight grandchildren and 10 great-grandchildren; and

WHEREAS, Mary went to work in 1943 when her husband went into the service; she worked as the Office Manager of several fine women's clothing stores, including Lord and Tann in Troy, the Imperial in Schenectady, and Dahl's Clothing in Niskayuna and, as a Clerk at Hoffman's LTD Clothing in Latham and, after working for 57 years, retired in 2000; and

WHEREAS, Mary Kelly Thero is a past member of the Mother's Clubs of St. Paul's in Troy and LaSalle Institute, also in Troy, and of the Latham Home Bureau and, she is currently a valued member of the Latham Woman's Club, where she is endearingly called "Grandma" by many and where her patience, generosity, kindness and wonderful sense of humor are well-known and much appreciated; and

WHEREAS, In addition to enjoying the Latham Woman's Club, she likes sewing, needle point, knitting, bridge, gardening, reading and crossword puzzles; 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, 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, 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 Kelly Thero upon the occasion of her 100th Birthday; and be it further

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