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LEGISLATIVE RESOLUTION congratulating Margaret Finnegan Griffin upon the occasion of celebrating her 100th Birthday on April 8, 2013

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, This Legislative Body is justly proud to congratulate Margaret Finnegan Griffin upon the occasion of celebrating her 100th Birthday; and

WHEREAS, Margaret Finnegan Griffin of Oswego, New York, was born on April 8, 1913, to Daniel Finnegan and Ellen McCarthy Finnegan; and

WHEREAS, Affectionately known as Margie by family and friends, this extraordinary woman traveled to San Francisco during World War II to volunteer as a telephone operator, taking calls for the soldiers overseas; and

WHEREAS, She stayed in San Francisco for 60 years, running a car parking business with her husband until his death; she also worked for the Pacific Bell telephone company until her retirement; and

WHEREAS, While in California, Margie Griffin was a member of the San Francisco YMCA, volunteered her time and energies for them, and enjoyed trips to other parts of California, as well as to Las Vegas, Nevada and Arizona; and

WHEREAS, After her retirement, Margie Griffin returned to Oswego in 2003, and today, resides in St. Luke's Health Services where a 100th Birthday Celebration will be held in her honor with many of her nieces, nephews and friends in attendance; and

WHEREAS, This lively centenarian, enjoyed cooking, traveling, hiking and biking into her 90s; she traveled to Ireland in the 1980s with her brother to visit the place of her parents' birth; and

WHEREAS, Margie Griffin remains active at St. Luke's doing word searches and participating in a daily exercise program; 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 woman has enriched the lives of those around her through her joyous and sincere love for life 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 Margaret Finnegan Griffin upon the occasion of celebrating her 100th Birthday; and be it further

RESOLVED, That a copy of this Resolution, suitably engrossed, be transmitted to Margaret Finnegan Griffin.