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LEGISLATIVE RESOLUTION congratulating Viola Mowers upon the occasion of celebrating her 100th Birthday on December 15, 2014

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, Viola Mowers was born in Canada on December 15, 1914, and celebrated her 100th birthday in Watertown, New York; and

WHEREAS, Viola married William Mowers in 1936, and they resided in Philadelphia, New York, where they raised their daughter, Martha Jean; today, Viola is the proud grandmother of three granddaughters, and five great-granddaughters; and

WHEREAS, Viola Mowers worked as a telephone operator in Philadelphia, New York, and at the J.J. Newberry's Department Store in Watertown, New York, as well as the Indian River Central School District Food Service Department; and

WHEREAS, This exceptional centenarian, with her zest for life, has inspired and enhanced the lives of her family and friends; and

WHEREAS, Viola Mowers enjoys reading, crossword puzzles, shopping and dining, and attends weekly Bible study and church services; 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 Viola Mowers upon the occasion of celebrating her 100th Birthday; and be it further

RESOLVED, That a copy of this Resolution, suitably engrossed, be transmitted to Viola Mowers.