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LEGISLATIVE RESOLUTION congratulating Rose Scalmassi Ferrara upon the occasion of her 100th Birthday to be celebrated on January 24, 2015

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 Rose Scalmassi Ferrara upon the occasion of her 100th Birthday to be celebrated with a party held in her honor on January 24, 2015, at St. John's Meadows in Rochester, New York; and

WHEREAS, Rose Scalmassi was born in Seneca Falls, New York, to Peter and Maria Scalmassi, along with four siblings, Camilla, Josephine, Lena, and Joseph; and

WHEREAS, On September 18, 1944, Rose married Michael "Mickey" J. Ferrara at St. Patrick's Church in Seneca Falls, New York; together, they were the proud parents of four children, Mary F., Jo Ann, Michael P., and Paul; and

WHEREAS, Rose Ferrara worked as a hairdresser with her sister, Camilla, in the first female owned business in Seneca Falls; and

WHEREAS, At the age of 65, Rose Ferrara retired from Seneca Knitting Mills after many years of distinguished service; and

WHEREAS, Active in her community, Rose Ferrara was a lifelong member of St. Patrick's Church, Seneca Falls, New York, and St. Anne's Church, Rochester, New York, where she volunteered to deliver communion; and

WHEREAS, In 1998, Rose Ferrara moved from Seneca Falls to St. John's Meadows Senior Living Community where she volunteered her time and energies to the MEADOWS MONTHLIES and sewing for other residents; one year, she was named Volunteer of the Year; and

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

WHEREAS, Today, she is the loving grandmother of four grandchildren, Sara, Christina, Courtney, and Alex, all of whom feel privileged to be a part of her life and rejoice in her achievements; 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 Rose Scalmassi Ferrara upon the occasion of her 100th Birthday; and be it further

RESOLVED, That a copy of this Resolution, suitably engrossed, be transmitted to Rose Scalmassi Ferrara.