

## 2015-J955

LEGISLATIVE RESOLUTION congratulating Helen O'Brien 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, Helen O'Brien was born on September 26, 1915, to Francis Flannagan and John Greene, in Brooklyn, New York; and

WHEREAS, A proud New Yorker, Helen O'Brien happily raised her four children, Jack, Dan, Rene, and Jim in Brooklyn, before moving to Middletown, New York, over 40 years ago; today, she is the loving grandmother to six grandchildren and fourteen great-grandchildren; and

WHEREAS, Helen O'Brien was employed in the banking industry for over 20 years before retiring in 1969; 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 Helen O'Brien upon the occasion of her 100th Birthday; and be it further

RESOLVED, That a copy of this Resolution, suitably engrossed, be transmitted to Helen O'Brien.