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LEGISLATIVE RESOLUTION congratulating Julia Podres upon the occasion of celebrating her 103rd 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, This exceptional centenarian, with her zest for life, has inspired and enhanced the lives of her family and friends; and

WHEREAS, Julia Podres was born on February 29, 1912, just up the road from where she continues to reside, spending her formative years working on the family farm in Witherbee, New York; and

WHEREAS, After graduating from Mineville High School, Julia Podres moved to Cleveland, Ohio, at the age of 18 to work for the Rothschild family; she served as the family's babysitter and cook for 18 years until she met and married her husband, Stephen Podres, Sr.; and

WHEREAS, The couple ran a campground at Lincoln Pond for nine years, and together they raised two children, Stephanie and Stephen, Jr.; today, she is a proud grandmother and recently became a great-grandmother on November 18, 2014; 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, Julia Podres 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 Julia Podres upon the occasion of her 103rd Birthday; and be it further

RESOLVED, That a copy of this Resolution, suitably engrossed, be transmitted to Julia Podres.