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LEGISLATIVE RESOLUTION congratulating Ruth Theresa Harbeck 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, This Legislative Body is justly proud to congratulate Ruth Theresa Harbeck upon the occasion of her 100th Birthday to be celebrated with a party held in her honor with many family members and friends in attendance on Sunday, April 12, 2015; and

WHEREAS, Ruth Theresa Harbeck was born on April 3, 1915, in Albany, New York; and

WHEREAS, Ruth Theresa Harbeck attended No. 5 in Albany, before graduating from Albany High School in 1934, where she played violin in the choir; and

WHEREAS, After graduating she worked at DeWitt Clinton in the telegraph office of the Hotel before pursuing her career at the Legislative Index Company in Albany in 1954, before retiring in 1984, as a Stenographer; and

WHEREAS, Today, this remarkable woman is a communicant of the Bethlehem Lutheran Church and a former member of St. Paul's Church in Albany, where she participated in the choir and designed the church newsletter for the public; and

WHEREAS, A dedicated member of her community, Ruth Theresa Harbeck volunteered at the Elsmere School in Albany, registering voters for election day, and volunteering at the Tri-Village Little League concession's stand; and

WHEREAS, Ruth Theresa Harbeck enjoys sewing, gardening, fishing, camp-

ing, traveling, and sightseeing; and

WHEREAS, On August 5, 1939, Ruth married Howard Harbeck; today, she is the proud mother of two sons, Howard, Jr. and Kerry, and the loving grandmother of three grandchildren, Michael, Garrett, and Jason, and seven great-grandchildren, Stephen, Holly, Logan, Angela, Jaeden, Gavin, and Chase; 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 Ruth Theresa Harbeck upon the occasion of celebrating her 100th Birthday; and be it further

RESOLVED, That a copy of this Resolution, suitably engrossed, be transmitted to Ruth Theresa Harbeck.