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LEGISLATIVE RESOLUTION congratulating Ruth Genevieve Wiley 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, Ruth Genevieve Wiley was born on June 15, 1915, in Schenectady, New York, to William and Anna Olney; and

WHEREAS, Upon graduating from Watervliet High School in 1934, Ruth Genevieve Wiley began working in the catalog department of Montgomery Ward; and

WHEREAS, On an evening in 1945, while out with a friend, Ruth Genevieve Wiley met a handsome young soldier, Abbott Wiley, home on leave following the end of the Second World War; the date was September 27, 1945; just three weeks later, on October 20, 1945, the couple married at the Third Avenue Methodist Church in Troy, New York, and will celebrate their 70th Wedding Anniversary in the Fall of this year; and

WHEREAS, The loving couple settled in Valley Falls, New York, where Abbott owned and operated Wiley Brothers Lumber Co., and Ruth raised their three young children; a loving wife and doting mother, she devoted herself to making a loving home for her family and truly cherished her role as a homemaker; and

WHEREAS, An exceptional centenarian with a zest for life, Ruth Genevieve Wiley has inspired and enhanced the lives of her family and friends; she 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, Ruth Genevieve Wiley has been an active member of the Valley

Falls Methodist Church since 1948; she served as the church treasurer for 30 years, orchestrated all church suppers, and was responsible for the church booth at the Schaghticoke Fair; 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, With her throughout have been her husband, Abbott, and their children, Lynn (Dennis), Carol and William (Sharon), as well as seven grandchildren, Mark, Jennifer, William, Andrew, Melanie, Marina and Bryan, and two great-grandchildren, Alex and Madeline, all of whom feel privileged to be a part of her life and rejoice in her achievements; 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 Genevieve Wiley upon the occasion of her 100th Birthday; and be it further

RESOLVED, That a copy of this Resolution, suitably engrossed, be transmitted to Ruth Genevieve Wiley.