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LEGISLATIVE RESOLUTION congratulating Marie Zalesky upon the occasion of celebrating her 108th 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, Marie Zalesky was born on September 20, 1907; she celebrated her 108th Birthday, surrounded by friends, family, and fellow Jeffersonville Senior Club members, with a party held in her honor at Villa Roma, and at the Roscoe Regional Rehabilitation Facility; and

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

WHEREAS, Married to her husband, Joseph, for over 55 years, Marie Zalesky has lived in the Town of Delaware her whole life; and

WHEREAS, Affectionately known as the "Bingo Lady", Marie Zalesky is Sullivan County's oldest RSVP Volunteer, serving for 40 years and donating thousands of hours of her time and energy to her beloved community; and

WHEREAS, Marie Zalesky began her incredible philanthropic career by visiting patients in local hospitals, nursing homes and homebound seniors; years later, she donated her artfully created needlework, made reassuring phone calls to those who needed comfort, provided medical transportation, delivered meals on wheels, tutored school children, and assisted at the local library, as well as aided people in their tax preparations; and

WHEREAS, For the last three decades, Marie Zalesky has been an active volunteer at the local branch of the Catskill Regional Medical Center Hospital, where she brings patients water, newspapers, or anything else

they might need; and

WHEREAS, This remarkable woman was chosen as the Town of Delaware's Senior of the Year in 1998, 2003, and 2007 through the Sullivan County Retired and Senior Volunteer program; and

WHEREAS, Today, Marie Zalesky maintains a positive attitude and continues to serve her neighbors in Callicoon, New York; 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 Marie Zalesky upon the occasion of celebrating her 108th Birthday; and be it further

RESOLVED, That a copy of this Resolution, suitably engrossed, be transmitted to Marie Zalesky.