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LEGISLATIVE RESOLUTION congratulating Lucile Schwendy upon the occasion of celebrating her 104th 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, Lucile Hirschy was born on October 20, 1911, to Julia and William Hirschy on their family farm on Ridge Road, Castorland, New York; as a young child, she attended the local one-room schoolhouse, and later, she was driven in her father's milk wagon to take the train to Lowville Academy, where today, she is the oldest living graduate; and

WHEREAS, After graduating in 1929, Lucile Hirschy attended the Watertown School of Commerce; she was then employed at the Carthage National Savings Bank in Castorland, New York; and

WHEREAS, In 1935, Lucile Hirschy married Royal Schwendy; she fondly remembers attending barn dances, where he played the fiddle; and

WHEREAS, The couple first lived in Castorland, New York, and then in Naumberg, New York, where Lucile Schwendy enjoyed playing the roles of wife, mother and homemaker; in 1959, the family moved to Beaver Falls, New York, where Royal Schwendy managed the Community Hall; and

WHEREAS, For the last eight decades, Lucile Schwendy has been a faithful member of the Beaver Falls United Methodist Church, as well as the United Methodist Women organization; and

WHEREAS, In 1999, Lucile and Royal Schwendy relocated to Brookside Senior Living Community in Lowville, where she liked to knit, make quilts, read, and decipher the daily Word Jumble; she also regularly attended chair exercise sessions and rooted for the New York Yankees; and

WHEREAS, In 2006, her beloved husband of 71 years, Royal Schwendy, passed away at the age of 95; since 2013, Lucile Schwendy has been a much loved resident of the Residential Health Care Facility at Lewis County General Hospital; and

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

WHEREAS, Along with her deceased husband, Royal, and daughter, Joan, with her throughout have been her three children, Bruce, Sandra, and John; her 14 grandchildren, and 18 great-grandchildren as well as five great-great-grandchildren; and

WHEREAS, Lucile Schwendy's love of music, nature, down home cooking, and passion for knitting, sewing, and the Bible, has been passed down through multiple generations; she has always led by example with her patience, kindness, and gentle soul; 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 Lucile Schwendy upon the occasion of celebrating her 104th Birthday; and be it further

RESOLVED, That a copy of this Resolution, suitably engrossed, be transmitted to Lucile Schwendy.