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LEGISLATIVE RESOLUTION congratulating Albina St. Germain upon the occasion of celebrating her 105th 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, Surrounded by family and friends, this remarkable woman celebrated her 105th birthday with a party held in her honor at St. Augustine Church on February 6, 2016; and

WHEREAS, Albina Archambault was born on February 5, 1911; she grew up on a farm in Moffitsville, New York, where she helped her family raise both cattle and horses, as well as harvest vegetables from the garden, apples from their orchards, and berries from the patches; and

WHEREAS, Life was not easy on the farm, but Albina Archambault and her eight siblings were happy and enjoyed traveling to church with their parents; and

WHEREAS, When Albina Archambault was 17, she moved to Troy, New York, and worked as a waitress at a private school for girls; she loved to visit the farm on her vacations and assist the close-knit family with spring cleaning; and

WHEREAS, Albina Archambault met her future husband, David St. Germain at a dance; the couple married in 1932, and joyously raised their daughter, Charlene, in Dannemora, New York, until David's death in 1962; and

WHEREAS, Eventually, Albina St. Germain moved to Plattsburgh, New York, where she worked as a nurse's aide in the maternity department at Physicians Hospital, now known as the University of Vermont Medical Center, Champlain Valley Physicians Hospital; and

WHEREAS, In addition to her work at the hospital, Albina St. Germain

volunteered her time and energies with the Retired Senior Volunteer Program for four decades; and

WHEREAS, A truly compassionate and kind soul, Albina St. Germain made quilts for victims of domestic violence and child abuse, sewed christening bibs for children at St. Peter's Parish, and helped feed patients at the hospital; and

WHEREAS, One Christmas, Albina St. Germain and her friend made 100 mittens and winter hats in less than a month for the children at Cumberland Head Elementary School; and

WHEREAS, Albina St. Germain has always enjoyed exploring and traveling throughout the world; she especially loved Rome and Ireland; and

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

WHEREAS, Grateful for her loving family, Albina St. Germain lives with her granddaughter Lu-Ann and her husband, Gordy Santor in South Platt-surgh; and

WHEREAS, With her throughout has been her daughter, Charlene, grandchildren, and great-grandchildren, as well as great-great-grandchildren, all of whom feel privileged to be a part of her life and rejoice in her accomplishments

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 Albina St. Germain upon the occasion of celebrating her 105th Birthday; and be it further

RESOLVED, That a copy of this Resolution, suitably engrossed, be transmitted to Albina St. Germain.