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LEGISLATIVE RESOLUTION congratulating Lorena Perkins upon the occasion of celebrating her 102nd Birthday

WHEREAS, It is the intent of this Legislative Body to commemorate and recognize certain milestones celebrated by citizens of this great Nation and Empire State; and

WHEREAS, Attendant to such concern, this Legislative Body is justly proud to congratulate Lorena Perkins upon the occasion of celebrating her 102nd Birthday; and

WHEREAS, A life-long resident of Cattaraugus County, Lorena was born on January 29, 1914, in the town of Mansfield, New York, to loving parents, Floyd and Dora Howe; she attended grade school in Conewango Valley with her five sisters, Viola, Nora, Cecelia, Lillian and Eddie, and one step-brother, Marion; and

WHEREAS, In 1938, after graduating from high school, Lorena met and married the love of her life, Eugene Perkins who was a farmer and woodsman; after the couple wed, she moved into the Perkins' large dairy farm near Ellicottville, New York; and

WHEREAS, Lorena Perkins contributed immeasurably to the family farm as a homemaker working around the farmhouse, cooking delicious meals for the family, planting flowers and gardening; and

WHEREAS, After the death of Eugene's father, the farm was sold and the Perkins family moved to Lincoln Street in Salamanca, New York, where they lived for 18 years; her husband worked as the head sawyer at Fancher Furniture Company; and

WHEREAS, Lorena and Eugene Perkins were married for 50 wonderful years and were the loving parents of three children, Joanna, Carol and Allen; they have been further blessed with grandchildren and great-grandchildren; and

WHEREAS, Lorena Perkins has always had a love for craft stitching, regularly exercising and taking care of her parakeets over the years; she attributes her longevity to living a simple life while never once drinking or smoking; and

WHEREAS, Lorena Perkins is known by her family, friends and the community as a devoted and trustworthy individual who always thinks of others before herself; and

WHEREAS, Lorena Perkins is beloved by all those who have had the honor of being in her presence and she has enriched the lives of those around her through her smile, charm and wisdom which comes only from profound fullness of years; and

WHEREAS, It is the intent of this Legislative Body to publicly recognize and honor the lives of beloved citizens who have reached a remarkable age and who have witnessed and celebrated the outstanding innovations, cultural developments, and awesome achievements of this country during the last century; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, That this Legislative Body pause in its deliberations to congratulate Lorena Perkins upon the occasion of celebrating her 102nd Birthday; and be it further

RESOLVED, That a copy of this Resolution, suitably engrossed, be transmitted to Lorena Perkins.