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LEGISLATIVE RESOLUTION congratulating Mary Crisalli Sansone upon the occasion of celebrating her 100th Birthday on June 14, 2016

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, Mary Crisalli Sansone will celebrate this auspicious milestone with her friends and family at a 100th Birthday Party held in her honor on June 14, 2016, at the Dyker Beach Golf Course, Brooklyn, New York; and

WHEREAS, Mary Crisalli was born on June 14, 1916; and

WHEREAS, A social worker by profession, a community activist by choice, Mary Crisalli Sansone combined her best achievements in her life-long fight for social justice and human rights; and

WHEREAS, Mary Crisalli Sansone's strong leadership, astute organizing ability, and knowledge are the main ingredients for a lasting partnership in a strong and progressive society; and

WHEREAS, Inspired by her wise father, Rocco Crisalli, Mary Crisalli Sansone lives by the mantra education, organization + emancipation; and

WHEREAS, Ahead of her time and a true public servant, Mary Crisalli Sansone created the Congress of Italian-American Organization (CIAO), a social services group; and

WHEREAS, In 1988, Mary Crisalli Sansone founded Community, Understanding for Racial and Ethnic Equality (CURE), a not-for-profit corporation dedicated to reducing ethnic and racial tension and conflict while promoting mutual respect and understanding among diverse groups within the community; and

WHEREAS, This exceptional centenarian, with her zest for life, has

inspired and enhanced the lives of her family and friends; 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 Mary Crisalli Sansone upon the occasion of celebrating her 100th Birthday; and be it further

RESOLVED, That a copy of this Resolution, suitably engrossed, be transmitted to Mary Crisalli Sansone.