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LEGISLATIVE RESOLUTION congratulating Mary Washburn on the occasion of celebrating her 100th Birthday on April 15, 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, This Legislative Body is justly proud to congratulate Mary Washburn upon the occasion of her 100th Birthday; she observed her milestone birthday with a celebration of her life at the Time Out Lodge in Fowler, New York; and

WHEREAS, Born on April 15, 1916, in Gouverneur, New York, Mary Washburn attended Gouverneur High School and graduated in the Class of 1933; and

WHEREAS, She belonged to a Jazz Band, Bun LaRue and his Eight Beautiful Girls, which entertained throughout the local area; and

WHEREAS, Mary Washburn attended the St. Lawrence School of Nursing and joined the Naval Reserves during World War II, where she was stationed at Camp Perry, Williamsburg, Virginia; and

WHEREAS, Her orders were to depart for the war zone as a nurse with the Seabees, however the war ended before her departure; and

WHEREAS, After the war, Mary Washburn attended Boston University and graduated with a master's degree in Rehabilitation Nursing; and

WHEREAS, After graduation, she worked in the Rochester area, and eventually for the New York State Public Health Department, retiring at the age of 55; and

WHEREAS, She then worked as a part-time, in-home physical therapist with the Jefferson County Public Health Department for 18 years, retiring in the 1970s; and

WHEREAS, In retirement, Mary Washburn enjoys spending time with her nephew, Dave Spilman, playing golf, Scrabble, taking exercise classes at the Gouverneur Recreation Center, and eating ice cream; and

WHEREAS, Mary Washburn, who resides in Hailesboro, New York, has inspired her family with her strength and beauty and they look forward to celebrating many more birthdays with her; and

WHEREAS, This remarkable woman, who has experienced the incredible joys and sorrows characteristic of and reserved for those with the stamina and courage to savor a full life, has inspired the lives of her many friends and family; and

WHEREAS, Mary Washburn has enriched the lives of those around her through her joyous and sincere love for life 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 Washburn 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 Washburn.