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Senate Resolution No. 3311

BY: Senator RITCHIE

CONGRATULATING Sister Catherine Laboure Goodbout,
SSJ upon the occasion of celebrating her 100th
Birthday on October 29, 2017

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

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, Attendant to such concern, and in full accord with its long-standing traditions, this Legislative Body is justly proud to congratulate Sister Catherine Laboure Goodbout, SSJ upon the occasion of celebrating her 100th Birthday; and

WHEREAS, Sister Catherine Laboure Goodbout was born on October 29, 1917, to Ernest and Mary LaPierre Goodbout, and is a native of Canton, New York; and

WHEREAS, Sister Catherine Laboure Goodbout graduated from Canton High School in 1936, and received a bachelor's degree in education from the State University of New York at Postdam; and

WHEREAS, She entered the Sisters of St. Joseph on March 24, 1950, taking her final vows on September 24, 1955; and

WHEREAS, Sister Catherine celebrated her 65th Anniversary as a Sister of St. Joseph in 2015; and

WHEREAS, She served as a teacher for many years at various elementary schools in the Ogdensburg Diocese including St. John's in Morristown, Holy Name in Ausable Forks, St. Joseph the Worker in Mineville, St. James in Gouverneur, St. Joseph's in Massena, St Andrew's in Norwood, and Holy Name School in Tupper Lake; and

WHEREAS, In addition to her long and varied teaching career, Sister Catherine Laboure Goodbout taught religious education classes and made home visits in various parishes in the Diocese of Ogdensburg; and

WHEREAS, Since her retirement in 1995, Sister Catherine Laboure Goodbout has lived at the Sisters of St. Joseph Motherhouse in Watertown, New York, and for many years, made home and hospital visits to shut-ins and patients of nursing homes and hospitals; and

WHEREAS, Sister Catherine Laboure Goodbout has inspired her family and fellow sisters with her strength and beauty and they look forward to celebrating many more birthdays with her; and

WHEREAS, This distinguished 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, This beloved woman 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 Sister Catherine Laboure Goodbout, SSJ upon the occasion of celebrating her 100th Birthday; and be it further

RESOLVED, That a copy of this Resolution, suitably engrossed, be transmitted to Sister Catherine Laboure Goodbout, SSJ.