

STATE OF NEW YORK
LEGISLATURE OF ERIE COUNTY
BUFFALO, N.Y.

I HEREBY CERTIFY THAT at a regular session of the Legislature of Erie County held in the County Hall, in the City of Buffalo, a resolution was adopted, of which the following is a true copy:

WHEREAS, Marion L. Ahles was born in New England on September 13, 1916 and moved to Western New York at a young age where she eventually graduated from Springville Griffith Institute in 1933; and

WHEREAS, Marion L. Ahles met John Ahles in grade school, started dating in high school, married in 1940, and remained happily married for sixty three years raising two children together, and now Marion has nine grandchildren and sixteen great grandchildren with more on the way; and

WHEREAS, Marion L. Ahle's accomplishments include being a musician in her church choir, a machinist making parts for military aircraft during World War II, doing brickwork and electrical wiring on the home she and John built in Springville, working as a beautician in her own salon, managing a furniture re-upholstery business, founding and managing the Springville Rifle and Pistol Club, and receiving her scuba diving certification at age 60; and

WHEREAS, Marion L. Ahles, at 101 years old, continued teaching oil painting in Ashford several times a month, travelled to Spokane Washington for the birth of her sixteenth great grandchild, enjoyed daytrips with the Concord Senior Center, went boating on Keuka Lake, and stayed busy attending her grandchildren's concerts and athletic events; and

WHEREAS, Marion L. Ahles continues to enjoy an active life with hobbies such as beading, creating Christmas wreaths with the garden club, canning vegetables, teaching her children and grandchildren how to bake her favorite recipes, bird watching, reading scientific magazines, playing cards, and helping with household chores; and

WHEREAS, Marion L. Ahles was interviewed for a documentary by The Women's Health Initiative of the New York State University at Buffalo; and

WHEREAS, Marion L. Ahles credits her long life, and her recovery from a broken leg at 102 years old, to a "never fail" attitude, eating healthy, loving life and always being willing to learn new things,

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT

RESOLVED, the Erie County Legislature pauses in its deliberations to honor **Marion L. Ahles** as she celebrates her 103rd birthday, and wish her continued health and happiness as she continues to enrich the lives of her family, friends, and community.

John J. Mills
Erie County Legislator – 11th District

Robert M. Graber
Clerk of the Erie County Legislature