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SENATE JOINT RESOLUTION NO. 173

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Commending Mary Kostel.

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WHEREAS, Mary Kostel is an upstanding citizen and longtime resident of the town of Clifton Forge; and

WHEREAS, the daughter of Greek immigrants, Mary Kostel was born in Cleveland, Ohio, on February 2, 1908, and therefore celebrates a huge milestone in 2008—her 100th birthday; and

WHEREAS, at age six Mary Kostel went with her family back to their native Sparta, Greece, and she lived there for the next 10 years until returning to America at age 16 to stay permanently; and

WHEREAS, Mary Kostel married her beloved husband, James Kostel, on January 19, 1927, and they were together for 60 years until his death in 1987; and

WHEREAS, Mary Kostel is the proud mother of three successful sons: George, a lawyer and banker and former member of the House of Delegates; Harry, now deceased, a lawyer; and Peter, now deceased, a dentist; and she has eight grandchildren and 14 great-grandchildren; and

WHEREAS, the picture of good health, Mary Kostel resides independently in Clifton Forge and still enjoys needlework and crochet as well as spending time with her large and loving family; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED by the Senate, the House of Delegates concurring, That the General Assembly hereby commend and congratulate Mary Kostel on the occasion of her 100th birthday; and, be it

RESOLVED FURTHER, That the Clerk of the Senate prepare a copy of this resolution for presentation to Mary Kostel as an expression of the General Assembly's best wishes for a festive celebration.

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