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LEGISLATIVE RESOLUTION congratulating Roy Laine upon the occasion of celebrating his 100th Birthday

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 Roy Laine upon the occasion of celebrating his 100th Birthday, to be celebrated on Saturday, February 9, 2013, at the Wading River Fire House; and

WHEREAS, With his mother being born in Finland and his father in Sweden, Roy Laine was born on February 8, 1913; and

WHEREAS, Roy Laine married the late Mary Binger in 1940, and served during World War II in the United States Navy from 1943-1945; after the war, he entered civil service; and

WHEREAS, After having served as Postmaster of several different Offices in Queens, New York, Roy Laine was appointed Postmaster of the Wading River Post Office, where he served from 1960-1973; and

WHEREAS, Soon, Mary and Roy Laine became members of the Wading River Congregational Church, where he has served as a deacon and is still an active participant; he is especially known for singing hymns in a beautiful tenor voice; and

WHEREAS, Although Mary and Roy Laine did not have any biological children of their own, they were Godparents to several children, including Arlene Baer, Walter Binger and the late Dawn Bascomb; today, Roy is a loving uncle and a wonderful example for at least 19 nieces and nephews, 30 grandnieces and nephews, 37 great-grandnieces and nephews, along with

three great-great-grandnieces and nephews; and

WHEREAS, This exceptional centenarian, with his zest for life, has inspired and enhanced the lives of his family and friends; and

WHEREAS, This distinguished man 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 man has enriched the lives of those around him through his 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 Roy Laine upon the occasion of his 100th Birthday; and be it further

RESOLVED, That a copy of this Resolution, suitably engrossed, be transmitted to Roy Laine.