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LEGISLATIVE RESOLUTION congratulating Frederick L. Gray upon the occasion of graduating from Watertown High School at the age of 97

WHEREAS, Within every community there exist certain individuals who, through their hard work, dedication and service play an instrumental role in enriching the lives of others; and

WHEREAS, One such individual is Frederick L. Gray, a Watertown native who received his diploma from Watertown High School on Monday, June 10, 2013, at the age of 97 years; and

WHEREAS, Frederick L. Gray was a student at Watertown High School; he would have been a member of the Class of 1934 but instead of graduating, he put his family ahead of himself and joined the Civilian Conservation Corps to help support his family during the Great Depression; and

WHEREAS, Frederick L. Gray led a dedicated life of service not only to his family, but to the entire country as a decorated member of the United States Army's 19th Infantry Regiment, 24th Infantry Division, during World War II, earning a Bronze Star and an Oak Leaf Cluster; and

WHEREAS, Upon his discharge from the United States Army, Frederick L. Gray returned to Watertown to make his home in the North Country, working in various positions at New York Air Brake until his retirement; and

WHEREAS, Frederick L. Gray is well respected by the students and administration of the Watertown City School District, as well as his family, friends and neighbors, for his life accomplishments and his selfless service to his family, his community and his nation; and

WHEREAS, It is the sense of this Legislative Body that when individuals of such noble aims and accomplishments are brought to our attention, they should be celebrated and recognized by all the citizens of this great Empire State; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, That this Legislative Body pause in its deliberations to

congratulate Frederick L. Gray upon the occasion of graduating from Watertown High School at the age of 97; and be it further RESOLVED, That a copy of this Resolution, suitably engrossed, be transmitted to Frederick L. Gray.