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LEGISLATIVE RESOLUTION congratulating Floyd H. Coulter 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 Floyd H. Coulter of Frewsburg, New York, upon the occasion of celebrating his 100th Birthday; and

WHEREAS, Floyd H. Coulter, affectionately known as "Dutch," was born on December 22, 1913, in Onoville, New York, to George and Emmaline Coulter; he was the third of six children, and attended grade school in a one-room schoolhouse in Bone Run, New York; and

WHEREAS, Once he completed the 8th grade, Floyd H. Coulter began working on various farms, as well as the railroad where his duties included unloading and loading railcars; and

WHEREAS, After 14 years of vigorous work, Floyd H. Coulter served his country as a member of the United States Air Force, and working with the Strategic Air Command installing communication towers; and

WHEREAS, During his time in the military, Floyd H. Coulter served in Germany with the peace-keeping forces after World War II; it was here he met and married the love of his life, Lieselotte Dammel Coulter; and

WHEREAS, Floyd H. Coulter retired after 21 years of distinguished service to the United States Air Force with the esteemed rank of Chief Master Sergeant; he returned to the western part of the state, and settled in Frewsburg, New York, where he built his home; and

WHEREAS, Floyd H. Coulter worked full-time at Crescent-Tool Corpo-

ration in Jamestown, New York, as a machinist and maintenance electrician, retiring at the age of 65; and

WHEREAS, Floyd H. Coulter continued to work independently for the next 26 years performing electrical installation and repairs for local farmers, friends, and family; he officially retired at the age of 91; and

WHEREAS, Floyd H. Coulter and his wife, Lieselotte, together raised two children, George and Barbara; they have been further blessed with three grandchildren, Erik, Amber, and Adam; and five great-grandchildren, Taren, Peyton, Olyvia, Hazen, and Aubree; and

WHEREAS, Floyd H. Coulter also enjoys hunting, fishing, vegetable gardening, and raising livestock; in his younger years he was a square dance caller, and played both the accordion and harmonica; he appreciates the company of animals and has owned many dogs and cats over the course of his 100 years, including a horse named Bucky for his daughter Barbara; and

WHEREAS, Floyd H. Coulter is a devoted family man who is extremely trustworthy and committed to helping those in need; he enjoys telling stories about his life with humor and zeal, and meets each day with purpose and meaning; 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 Floyd H. Coulter upon the occasion of celebrating his 100th Birthday; and be it further

RESOLVED, That a copy of this Resolution, suitably engrossed, be transmitted to Floyd H. Coulter.