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LEGISLATIVE RESOLUTION congratulating Cosimo J. Venneri 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 Cosimo J. Venneri upon the occasion of celebrating his 100th Birthday to be celebrated with a party in his honor on February 22, 2015; and WHEREAS, Cosimo J. Venneri was born on February 27, 1915, in Brooklyn, New York; and

WHEREAS, After graduating from St. Francis High School in Brooklyn, this esteemed man proudly served his country as a member of the United States Navy during World War II; and

WHEREAS, Following his military service, Cosimo J. Venneri became self employed as a dress contractor; he operated a factory which employed 50 workers and fulfilled such varied and important roles as seamstress, presser, cutter and accountant to make his business a success; and

WHEREAS, Cosimo J. Venneri, despite his busy professional life, believes in giving back to his community; he is a long-time member of Kiwanis Club of West End and uses a computer to manage his responsibilities; and

WHEREAS, A music lover, Cosimo J. Venneri is known for his love of singing and playing the violin, as well as being a great dancer; and

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

WHEREAS, With him throughout have been his wife, Mildred Venneri;

their two children, Anthony and Claire (Joe); and their two grandchildren, Tara (Rodolphe) and Gabrielle (Chris) ; as well as their four great-grandchildren, Craig, Daniel, Thomas, and Christian, all of whom feel privileged to be a part of his life and rejoice in his achievements; 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 Cosimo J. Venneri upon the occasion of his 100th Birthday; and be it further

RESOLVED, That a copy of this Resolution, suitably engrossed, be transmitted to Cosimo J. Venneri.