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LEGISLATIVE RESOLUTION congratulating Giacomo Mondo 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, Giacomo Mondo was born the youngest son of eight children to Italian immigrants Francis and Clara Mondo on July 4, 1915, in Brooklyn, New York; and

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

WHEREAS, In 1938, Giacomo Mondo, affectionately known to his family as "Pop", married Anna Brillante, also from Brooklyn, and together they raised three children, twin girls, Marie and Clara, and a son, Francis; today, he is the proud grandfather to eight grandchildren and 12 great-grandchildren; and

WHEREAS, Giacomo "Pop" Mondo honorably served in the United States Army from 1945 to 1946 in Germany during the Second World War as a tank mechanic in Delta Company, 25th Tank Battalion, 14th Armored Division; and

WHEREAS, Upon completing his tour of duty, Giacomo "Pop" Mondo returned to his family in New York and lived in Military Family Housing in Rego Park, Queens before settling down in Mineola where he worked as a truck driver for the Nabisco Company for more than 30 years; 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, After his retirement in 1978, Giacomo "Pop" Mondo and Anna

moved to White River Junction, Vermont where they resided for 11 years; in 1989, they returned to New York and settled in the community of Ridge in Suffolk County where he continues to reside today; and

WHEREAS, Giacomo "Pop" Mondo has always put his family and community ahead of himself; he ministered to the American Legion Post No. 1880 as the Post Chaplain for more than 20 years and was recently recognized by the Post Commander for his outstanding dedication and service; and

WHEREAS, In addition, this esteemed man faithfully served both his Vermont and New York communities for more than 30 years as a Fourth Degree Knight in the Knights of Columbus and most recently as a Eucharistic Minister at the Parish of Saint Anthony of Padua in Rocky Point; and

WHEREAS, An avid New York Yankees fan, Giacomo "Pop" Mondo has been witness to all 40 of their American League pennants and 27 World Championships from 1921 to 2009; 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 Giacomo Mondo upon the occasion of his 100th Birthday; and be it further

RESOLVED, That a copy of this Resolution, suitably engrossed, be transmitted to Giacomo Mondo.