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LEGISLATIVE RESOLUTION congratulating Phil Cornacchia 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, Phil Cornacchia was born on February 10, 1916, on the corner of First and Catherine Streets in Utica, New York; this momentous occasion will be celebrated on Sunday, February 7, 2016, at St. Mary of Mount Carmel/Blessed Sacrament; and

WHEREAS, Growing up during the Great Depression, Phil Cornacchia has lived through World Wars I and II, Korea, Vietnam, two wars in Iraq, and Afghanistan; he has lived through the administration of 17 of 44 United States presidents, and has witnessed all 27 of the New York Yankees' Championships; and

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

WHEREAS, Phil Cornacchia met his beloved wife, the late Margaret Cornacchia, in Easy Springs on Lincoln Avenue in 1938; the couple was married for 69 wonderful years, during which time they raised their two children, Philip D. and Donna; and

WHEREAS, Working all of his life, Phil Cornacchia sold newspapers and worked at Chanatry's and Murad's as a child to help his family; he spent a year and a half at the Civilian Conservation Corp., and worked at Roger's game farm in Sherburne where he planted duck farms and fought forest fires; and

WHEREAS, In addition, Phil Cornacchia served as a counter man at Bagg's Square, and spent four decades on the railroad beginning in 1941;

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, A lifelong member of St. Mary of Mount Carmel/Blessed Sacrament, Phil Cornacchia has been an usher for the church since 1942, and attends mass every Sunday; 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 Phil Cornacchia upon the occasion of celebrating his 100th Birthday; and be it further

RESOLVED, That a copy of this Resolution, suitably engrossed, be transmitted to Phil Cornacchia.