LEGISLATIVE RESOLUTION congratulating Anthony Mancinelli upon the occasion of celebrating his 102nd 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 Anthony Mancinelli upon the occasion of celebrating his 102nd Birthday on March 2, 2013; and

WHEREAS, Anthony Mancinelli was born in Italy on March 2, 1911, and moved to the United States with his family in 1919; and

WHEREAS, Anthony Mancinelli started barbering at age 12, looking to earn extra money to help his family; and

WHEREAS, For years, Anthony Mancinelli had his own barbershop on Liberty Street in Newburgh, New York; he sold that particular shop in 1987, and continued to work for other barbershops; today, at the remarkable age of 102, Anthony Mancinelli continues to cut hair at Antonio and Pasquale Mugnano's Barber Shop in Vails Gate, New York; and

WHEREAS, On October 25, 2007, Anthony Mancinelli officially broke the Guinness World Record for oldest practicing barber and he has been breaking his own world record ever since; and

WHEREAS, A true asset to society, Anthony Mancinelli is a widower, father, grandfather and great-grandfather; he has no plans on retiring in the near future; and

WHEREAS, This exceptional centenarian, with his zest for life, has inspired and enhanced the lives of his family and friends; 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 Anthony Mancinelli upon the occasion of celebrating his 102nd Birthday on March 2, 2013; and be it further

RESOLVED, That a copy of this Resolution, suitably engrossed, be transmitted to Anthony Mancinelli.