

LEGISLATIVE RESOLUTION congratulating Joseph A. Cuozzo upon the occasion of his 100th Birthday

WHEREAS, The son of Gabriel and Margaret Cuozzo, Joseph A. Cuozzo was born in Herkimer, New York in 1913; his parents subsequently moved the family to Fonda, New York, where he attended Fonda Fultonville Schools and was active in the Fonda Men's Baseball and Basketball leagues; and

WHEREAS, Joseph A. Cuozzo moved to Amsterdam, New York after his marriage to Roberta Wilmot Cuozzo in 1954; he and his wife of 59 years are the proud parents of three children, James Cuozzo, Josanne Reaves, and Michelle Cuozzo, and the loving grandparents of three grandchildren, Cara Reaves, Toren Reaves and Brennan Reaves; and

WHEREAS, He was, in addition, predeceased by a brother, Anthony and a sister Mary Ann; and

WHEREAS, Joseph Cuozzo worked in construction for several years working on many county and state paving construction jobs before serving as a City Clerk in the city of Amsterdam from 1970 through 1974; he was also a Committeeman in Amsterdam's Fifth Ward for more than 40 years; and

WHEREAS, Joseph A. Cuozzo also served as the Treasurer and President of the JFK Club in Amsterdam for several years and was active in Montgomery County politics; and

WHEREAS, He enjoys working outdoors and gardening and has been a life-long fan of both harness and thoroughbred horse racing at Saratoga Springs, New York; and

WHEREAS, Joseph A. Cuozzo's home has been the Mohawk Valley for his entire life and he is justly proud to have never missed voting on an election day; and

WHEREAS, He has voted in 14 Presidential elections since Herbert Hoover's election in 1933 and in 13 Gubernatorial elections in New York State since Franklin Roosevelt's election in 1932; and

WHEREAS, Joseph A. Cuozzo is known as a solid family man who has never been afraid of hard work; he has survived six wars, a great depression, and the advent of talking pictures; he has watched 79 Kentucky Derbies and, of New York State's population of 19.57 million, he is one of only 4,605 people statewide who is a member of the Centenarian Club; 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, who has experienced the incredible joys and sorrows characteristic of and reserved for those with the stamina and courage to savor a full life, has inspired the lives of his many friends and family; 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 Joseph A. Cuozzo upon the occasion of his 100th Birthday; and be it further

RESOLVED, That a copy of this Resolution, suitably engrossed, be transmitted to Joseph A. Cuozzo.