

LEGISLATIVE RESOLUTION congratulating Nathaniel Clark upon the occasion of celebrating his 102nd Birthday on February 14, 2016

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, This Legislative Body is justly proud to congratulate Nathaniel Clark upon the occasion of his 102nd Birthday which he celebrated on Valentine's Day, Sunday, February 14, 2016; and

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

WHEREAS, Nathaniel Clark was born on February 14, 1914, as the youngest of three sons, in Marlborough, New York; and

WHEREAS, After completing his studies at the Lewis Hotel Training School in Washington, D.C., Nathaniel Clark went to work for the Hotel Moody in Claremont, New Hampshire; and

WHEREAS, Nathaniel Clark later returned to Marlborough and worked as a laborer with various companies, including the De Laval Separator Company in Poughkeepsie; 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, In 1941, Nathaniel Clark married his loving wife, the former Audrey Masterjohn, and shortly after, was drafted into the United States Army to serve in the second World War; and

WHEREAS, After training in Georgia and Texas, Nathaniel Clark was assigned overseas; he arrived in France on September 2, 1945, the same day the Japanese surrendered; and

WHEREAS, Upon the conclusion of the war, Nathaniel Clark returned home and began working at his father-in-law's store, Masterjohn Food Market, where he would eventually take over operations; the store closed in 1957, during which time he began working as a carpenter until his retirement in the mid-1970s; and

WHEREAS, Predeceased by his wife, Nathaniel Clark 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 Nathaniel Clark upon the occasion of celebrating his 102nd Birthday; and be it further

RESOLVED, That a copy of this Resolution, suitably engrossed, be transmitted to Nathaniel Clark.