

**BY:** Senator BONACIC

**CONGRATULATING** Benjamin Valenti upon the occasion  
of celebrating his 100th Birthday on May 11, 2017

**WHEREAS,** It is the custom of this Legislative Body to commemorate and recognize certain milestones celebrated by citizens of this great Empire State; and

**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 Benjamin Valenti upon the occasion of his 100th Birthday to be celebrated with a dinner held in his honor with his family members and friends at Limoncello at the Orange Inn, Goshen, New York, on Thursday, May 11, 2017; and

**WHEREAS,** Born on May 11, 1917, Benjamin Valenti of Warwick, New York, proudly served his country during World War II; he was awarded a Purple Heart after being wounded when his Jeep exploded during the Invasion of Normandy; and

**WHEREAS,** Following his valiant military service, Benjamin Valenti worked for the United States Post Office as a Supervisor; on March 10, 1951, he married the love of his life, Prudence Valenti; and

**WHEREAS,** Benjamin Valenti, with his zest for life, has inspired and enhanced the lives of his family and friends; he enjoys solving crossword puzzles and dining out, but most of all, he loves spending quality time with his family; 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,** Benjamin Valenti 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 Benjamin Valenti upon the occasion of celebrating his 100th

Birthday; and be it further

**RESOLVED,** That a copy of this Resolution, suitably engrossed, be transmitted to Benjamin Valenti.