

BY: Senator COMRIE

HONORING Irving Natofsky upon the occasion of being inducted into the "Century Club" at Chapin Home for the Aging

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 99-year-old Irving Natofsky upon the occasion of being inducted into the "Century Club" at Chapin Home for the Aging, celebrated at its Second Annual Induction Ceremony on Friday, May 19, 2017, at the Chapin Home in Jamaica, New York; and

WHEREAS, Founded in 1869 by Mrs. Edwin Chapin, Chapin Home for the Aging has been serving the New York City/Long Island community at its Jamaica location since 1912; currently, it is capable of assisting 220 adults in its Skilled Nursing Facility and can hold 50 registrants in its Adult Day Health Care Center; and

WHEREAS, Throughout its esteemed history, Chapin Home has provided the aging men and women who have come to live there a true home, where they may find the serenity and security that have always been envisioned as essential and appropriate to the latter part of life; and

WHEREAS, Irving Natofsky was born on May 8, 1918, in New York City, New York; he has been a member of the Chapin Home community since May of 2017; and

WHEREAS, During his life, Irving Natofsky held a career as a United States Postal Worker and as a watchmaker in the Diamond District of New York City; in his free time, he is an active participant of local synagogues, which earned him the name "The Rabbi"; and

WHEREAS, With him throughout have been his friends, who have shown him love and support and rejoice in his many accomplishments; and

WHEREAS, Irving Natofsky, with his zest for life, has inspired and enhanced the lives of his family and friends; he is always a pleasant person who loves to be around others; and

WHEREAS, This exceptional nonagenarian 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, Irving Natofsky 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 Irving Natofsky upon the occasion of being inducted into the "Century Club" at Chapin Home for the Aging; and be it further

RESOLVED, That a copy of this Resolution, suitably engrossed, be transmitted to Irving Natofsky.