

BY: Senator GRIFFO

CONGRATULATING Carl W. Ripley upon the occasion of celebrating his 100th Birthday

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 Carl W. Ripley upon the occasion of his 100th Birthday to be celebrated at a party held in his honor on Saturday, May 5, 2018; and

WHEREAS, Carl Winfield Ripley was born to George and Nina Jennings Ripley on May 3, 1918, in Antwerp, New York; he and his two brothers, Watson and Robert, and two sisters, Doris and Harriet grew up in the Antwerp-Gouverneur-Richville, New York area; in 1936, Carl graduated from the Richville Union School; and

WHEREAS, After marrying his late wife, the former Laverna Reader on March 9, 1940, the couple moved to Harrisville, New York, where they raised their family; and

WHEREAS, Carl W. Ripley worked at Pine Camp where he built barracks until he was drafted; he proudly served his country as a Signalman 3rd Class in the United States Navy during World War II; and

WHEREAS, After his discharge on October 19, 1945, Carl W. Ripley was employed as both a shovel operator and yuke truck driver for Laughton Steel Corporation in Star Lake, New York; in February of 1978, he retired from this position after 37 years of service; and

WHEREAS, Carl W. Ripley then worked at Ray's Service Station, and was a guard at various paper mills; he was also the co-owner of R & S Market in Harrisville; and

WHEREAS, A true asset to his community, Carl W. Ripley was a vital member of the American Legion, the Harrisville Rod & Gun Club, the Mullin Flow Hunting Club, and the IOOB, as well as the Harrisville Volunteer Fire Department for 70 years; and

WHEREAS, A congregant of the Harrisville United Methodist Church, Carl W. Ripley enjoyed singing in the choir; and

WHEREAS, When he was not working or helping someone, Carl W. Ripley liked to stay active by bowling or hitting the links; he loved to watch

basketball and spent his summers at his camp on Lake Bonaparte; and

WHEREAS, With him throughout have been his five children, Charles, Kay, Carl "Skip" Jr., Karen "Sue," and Trudy; his 13 grandchildren, 17 great-grandchildren, and two great-great-grandchildren, all of whom have shown him love and support and rejoice in his many achievements; and

WHEREAS, Carl W. Ripley, with his zest for life, has inspired and enhanced the lives of his family and friends; 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, Carl W. Ripley 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 Carl W. Ripley upon the occasion of celebrating his 100th Birthday; and be it further

RESOLVED, That a copy of this Resolution, suitably engrossed, be transmitted to Carl W. Ripley.