

BY: Senator LITTLE

CONGRATULATING John Amoriell upon the occasion of celebrating his 105th 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 John Amoriell upon the occasion of his 105th Birthday celebrated on December 31, 2016; and

WHEREAS, John Amoriell was born on December 31, 1911, to Sam and Mary (Maglione) Amoriell; he and his six brothers and sisters grew up in a four-house tenement on Washington Street in Tupper Lake, New York; and

WHEREAS, John Amoriell left school before the fifth grade, and sold berries for 10 to 25 cents to provide for himself and his family during the Great Depression; and

WHEREAS, In 1937, John Amoriell married the former Mildred Exware, and together the couple raised two children, Sam and Annette; in 2010, the love of his life passed away at the age of 91; and

WHEREAS, In 1945, the Amoriells bought a home on Washington Street; John lived there until he moved to Mercy Living Center in September of 2014; and

WHEREAS, For many years, John Amoriell was both a worker and machine operator on the Adirondack Railroad; after the line closed, he went to work on the main line, continuing a career which spanned approximately 36 years; and

WHEREAS, While he was working, John Amoriell and his wife were privileged to be able to travel in a trailer provided by the railroad; they visited small cities such as Utica, Amsterdam, Little Falls, Herkimer, Schenectady, and Poughkeepsie, New York; and

WHEREAS, After his much deserved retirement in 1969, John Amoriell relished hunting and fishing in the great outdoors until the age of 91; and

WHEREAS, Today, John Amoriell reflects on his long and distinguished life; he fondly remembers a beautiful life with his beloved wife and family; he enjoys his new home at Mercy Living Center where he likes to

do his bookwork, watch television and occasionally visit with family and friends; and

WHEREAS, John Amoriell, 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, John Amoriell 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 John Amoriell upon the occasion of celebrating his 105th Birthday; and be it further

RESOLVED, That a copy of this Resolution, suitably engrossed, be transmitted to John Amoriell.