

BY: Senator GRIFFO

CONGRATULATING Terry R. Larkin upon the occasion
of celebrating his 100th Birthday

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

WHEREAS, This Legislative Body is justly proud to congratulate Terry R. Larkin upon the occasion of his 100th Birthday to be celebrated on Thursday, March 11, 2021, at Forestport Diner in Forestport, New York; and

WHEREAS, Born in 1921, Terry R. Larkin joined the United States Army on December 28, 1942, and proudly served his country as a member of the Army Air Corps 1881st Engineer Battalion in the Pacific during World War II where he saw action in Luzon, New Guinea, Bismarck Archipelago and Southern Philippines; and

WHEREAS, From December of 1943 to September of 1944, Terry R. Larkin participated in 10 major landings, and facilitated and enhanced tactical and strategic air power for the air forces and supported ground combat units in driving the Japanese out of their respective areas; and

WHEREAS, For his meritorious service, Terry R. Larkin was awarded the Asiatic Pacific Service Medal with BR Arrowhead, Good Conduct Medal, Philippines Liberation Ribbon with 2 Bronze Stars, Purple Heart and World War II Victory Medal; and

WHEREAS, Terry R. Larkin, with his zest for life, has inspired and enhanced the lives of his family and friends; and

WHEREAS, This exceptional centenarian 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, Terry R. Larkin 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 Terry R. Larkin upon the occasion of celebrating his 100th Birthday; and be it further

RESOLVED, That a copy of this Resolution, suitably engrossed, be transmitted to Terry R. Larkin.