

BY: Senator BROOKS

CONGRATULATING Michael G. Marino upon the occasion of celebrating his 102nd 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, Attendant to such concern, and in full accord with its long-standing traditions, this Legislative Body is justly proud to congratulate Michael G. Marino upon the occasion of his 102nd Birthday to be celebrated on Thursday, March 4, 2021; and

WHEREAS, Michael G. Marino, affectionately known as Mikey, was born on March 4, 1919, in Brooklyn, New York; and

WHEREAS, On January 1, 1941, Michael G. Marino was drafted into the National Guard in upstate New York; and

WHEREAS, With a need for more soldiers, Michael G. Marino's status was changed to the United States Army, where he proudly served his country during World War II in the division known as The Apple Knockers because all its members were from the State of New York; and

WHEREAS, Michael G. Marino served his basic training at Fort McClellan in Alabama, 27th Division New York State, 150th Infantry Regiment; in March of 1942, he was sent to El Paso, California, where he trained for several months; and

WHEREAS, While waiting for his assignment, Michael G. Marino was sent to the Hawaiian Islands before participating in the Battle of Saipan in the Marianas Islands where he valiantly fought from June to July of 1944; and

WHEREAS, This brave soldier was seriously injured during action and was taken south of the equator by ship and treated at the New Caledonia Hospital, South Pacific Islands; upon discharge, he was sent to Biloxi, Mississippi to train as a mechanic for one month; he then requested, and was granted, a transfer to New Jersey to serve out his time as a clerk; Staff Sergeant Michael G. Marino proudly served his country for four years and 9 months; and

WHEREAS, Michael and Gloria Marino were united in marriage and together raised their three daughters, Maria, Valentina and Gloria, and one son, Michael, at the home where he continues to reside today on Hawthorne Street in Massapequa, New York; and

WHEREAS, Michael G. Marino, 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, Michael G. Marino 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 Michael G. Marino upon the occasion of celebrating his 102nd Birthday; and be it further

RESOLVED, That a copy of this Resolution, suitably engrossed, be transmitted to Michael G. Marino.