

BY: Senator KAPLAN

CONGRATULATING Phil Marcus 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 Phil Marcus upon the occasion of his 100th Birthday; and

WHEREAS, Born on March 24, 1921, Phil Marcus was raised in Brooklyn, New York, and attended The Cooper Union; he proudly served his country as a member of the United States Army helping to build an allied airstrip in China; and

WHEREAS, In 1948, Phil Marcus married his wife, Muriel, and together, they raised two daughters; for many years, he worked as an advertising director for a fine jewelry company; and

WHEREAS, At the age of 75, Phil Marcus furthered his education by obtaining his Bachelor of Arts degree from Queens College, and then taught English as a second language until he was 98; and

WHEREAS, Today, Phil Marcus remains active, spending time in New Hyde Park with family and friends from the Alley Pond Striders; and

WHEREAS, Phil Marcus, 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, Phil Marcus 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 Phil Marcus upon the occasion of celebrating his 100th Birthday; and be it further

RESOLVED, That a copy of this Resolution, suitably engrossed, be transmitted to Phil Marcus.