

BY: Senator BRESLIN

CONGRATULATING Edmund Steffler 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 Edmund Steffler upon the occasion of his 100th Birthday, to be celebrated with family and friends on Thursday, March 18, 2021, at The Hangar 743, Latham, New York; and

WHEREAS, Edmund Steffler was born in Watervliet, New York, on April 9, 1921, to Michael Stefanowicz and Sophie Miezwa who originally immigrated from Poland to Hazelton, Pennsylvania; and

WHEREAS, After graduating from Watervliet High School in 1939, Edmund Steffler began his valiant military service with the 105th Infantry, 27th Division on October 15, 1940; during this time, he proudly served his country as a member of the United States Army Air Corps in Hawaii and the Island of Tinian in a B-29 Superfortress heavy bombardment squadron during World War II; and

WHEREAS, Flying its final combat missions on August 14, 1945 when hostilities ended, post war B-29s carried relief supplies to Allied prisoner of war camps in Japan and Manchuria; Edmund Steffler was honorably discharged in November of 1945, with the esteemed rank of Captain; and

WHEREAS, Upon the completion of his military service, Edmund Steffler attended Siena College where he earned a Bachelor of Business Administration degree in Accounting in 1949; and

WHEREAS, Edmund Steffler went on to have a long and illustrious career in business and finance, working for Farm Credit Association and Equitable Life Insurance Company, before becoming Treasurer of Farm Family Insurance Company, a position he held until his retirement January 1, 1984, after 30 years of dedicated service; and

WHEREAS, This extraordinary man has spent his life instilling values of integrity, kindness, and courage in his children, grandchildren, and great grandchildren; his unwavering commitment to family and virtue had an invaluable impact on the countless lives they touched; and

WHEREAS, Furthermore, with a steadfast and unwavering commitment to his community, Edmund Steffler has been an active member of the Knights of Columbus, American Legion, Colonie Elks, and Our Lady of Assumption Church where he served as Eucharistic Minister and Usher; and

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

RESOLVED, That a copy of this Resolution, suitably engrossed, be transmitted to Edmund Steffler.