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CONGRATULATING Anthony J. Festa 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 Anthony J. Festa upon the occasion of his 100th Birthday to be celebrated on Saturday, January 8, 2022, at the Italian Fraternal Lodge in Mechanicville, New York; and

WHEREAS, Born on January 8, 1922, Anthony J. Festa proudly served his country as a member of the United States Army, fighting in the Pacific Theater during World War II; and

WHEREAS, Anthony J. Festa returned to his hometown and made a beautiful life with his late wife, Marie and their five children; a self-taught electrician, he worked at the West Virginia Pulp and Paper factory in Mechanicville for numerous years and held leadership roles in the labor union; and

WHEREAS, Proud of his heritage, Anthony J. Festa has always and still enjoys making large batches of meatballs and other Italian specialties and is a long-time member of the local Italian Fraternal Society, which named the bocci court in his honor in 2019; and

WHEREAS, With him throughout have been his three daughters, Rita, Donna and Joann; two sons, David and James, nine grandchildren and seven great-grandchildren, all of whom feel privileged to be a part of his life and rejoice in his achievements; and

WHEREAS, Anthony J. Festa, 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, Anthony J. Festa has enriched the lives of those around him through his joyous and sincere love for others and through the vibrant charm and infinite 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 Anthony J. Festa upon the occasion of celebrating his 100th Birthday; and be it further

RESOLVED, That a copy of this Resolution, suitably engrossed, be transmitted to Anthony J. Festa.