

BY: Senator GRIFFO

CONGRATULATING Richard "Dick" L. Marley upon the occasion of celebrating his 100th Birthday on May 2, 2024

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 Richard "Dick" L. Marley upon the occasion of his 100th Birthday to be celebrated on Thursday, May 2, 2024 at Turning Stone Resort Casino and with friends and family at the Delta Lake Inn for brunch; and

WHEREAS, Richard Marley was born on May 2, 1924 at Memorial Hospital in Utica, New York; and

WHEREAS, Serving the United States at the age of 18, Richard Marley enlisted in the Army in November of 1942 and was honorably discharged in February of 1946; he was stationed at West Point, serving as an official driver, transporting generals and other high-ranking officials or dignitaries to various events and activities; and

WHEREAS, Rising through the ranks, Richard Marley rose to the rank of corporal; after his honorable discharge, he moved with his family to Prospect, New York in late 1946; he returned to work at the new Griffiss Air Force Base, working there until he retired in 1970; and

WHEREAS, From 1971 to 1985, Richard Marley went to work at Mohawk Valley Community College as an auditor in the Business Office and the head of Office Services; he then moved to Clinton in 1982, shortly before his retirement in 1985; and

WHEREAS, With him throughout have been his partner, Mary Jane Presite, three children, five grandchildren, and two great-grandchildren, all of whom feel privileged to be a part of his life and rejoice in his achievements; and

WHEREAS, At age 55, Richard Marley began golfing and skiing, and he has been a member of the Oneida Golf Club for nearly 23 years; and

WHEREAS, Richard Marley, 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, Richard Marley 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 Richard "Dick" L. Marley upon the occasion of celebrating his 100th Birthday on May 2, 2024; and be it further

RESOLVED, That a copy of this Resolution, suitably engrossed, be transmitted to Richard "Dick" L. Marley.