

BY: Senator MURRAY

CONGRATULATING Dolphus Knowles 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, Attendant to such concern, and in full accord with its long-standing traditions, this Legislative Body is justly proud to congratulate Dolphus Knowles upon the occasion of his 100th Birthday celebrated on February 28, 2024; and

WHEREAS, Dolphus Knowles was born on February 28, 1924, and resides in Hamilton, New York, where he spent most of his life; and

WHEREAS, Devoted to serving his community, Dolphus Knowles has been an exceptional member of the Brookhaven community for many years; and

WHEREAS, Dolphus Knowles recently was honored with a birthday celebration by town officials when they, along with Mr. Knowles' friends, fellow VFW Post members, and members of his loving family including his wife Adele, all celebrated his 100th birthday on February 26, 2024, proclaiming this day as "Dolphus Knowles Day"; and

WHEREAS, Having served honorably in the United States Army during World War II, Dolphus Knowles served with bravery and dedication in a smoke screen unit; and

WHEREAS, Dolphus Knowles spent many years after the war as a public servant working for the United States Postal Service; and

WHEREAS, Dolphus Knowles is a member of the Veterans of Foreign Wars Post 8300 in East Patchogue, New York, and holds the commendable status of being the oldest living member of this Post; 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, Dolphus Knowles has enriched the lives of those around him through his service to his country and community 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 Dolphus Knowles upon the occasion of celebrating his 100th Birthday; and be it further

RESOLVED, That a copy of this Resolution, suitably engrossed, be transmitted to Dolphus Knowles.