

BY: Senator GRIFFO

CONGRATULATING William Vaughn 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 William Vaughn, affectionately known as Curly, upon the occasion of his 100th Birthday to be celebrated on Saturday, July 30, 2022, at the Lee Legion; and

WHEREAS, William Vaughn was born on July 30, 1922; and

WHEREAS, A veteran of World War II, William Vaughn served under General Patton in the Central European Campaigns; he was awarded a Purple Heart, three Bronze Service Stars, Army Occupation Medal, and a World War II Victory Medal; and

WHEREAS, A life-long country musician, William Vaughn was inducted into the New York State Fiddlers Hall of Fame in 2006; proving his talent, he has played music alongside numerous notable celebrities such as Hawkshaw Hawkins and Kitty Wells; and

WHEREAS, William Vaughn, with his zest for life, has inspired and enhanced the lives of his family and friends; and

WHEREAS, He is the proud father of daughters Diane and the late Marlena, and sons Dennis, William Jr., and John; 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, William Vaughn 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 William Vaughn upon the occasion of celebrating his 100th Birthday; and be it further

RESOLVED, That a copy of this Resolution, suitably engrossed, be transmitted to William Vaughn.