

**BY:** Senator COMRIE

**CONGRATULATING** Charles Lucas upon the occasion of celebrating his 102nd Birthday

**WHEREAS,** Senior citizens bring a wealth of experience and knowledge to the increasingly active roles they play today; their past contributions and future participation are a vital part of, and 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 Charles Lucas upon the occasion of his 102nd Birthday to be celebrated on Thursday, February 16, 2023; and

**WHEREAS,** A native of North Carolina, Charles Lucas graduated from Shaw University with a Bachelor of Arts in History and Sociology; upon graduating, he taught high school history and later accepted a professor of history position at Barber-Scotia College in Concord, North Carolina; and

**WHEREAS,** Charles Lucas later moved to Cleveland, Ohio, working for the Cedar Branch YMCA, ultimately introducing the first decentralized youth program; while in Ohio, he was initiated into the Delta Alpha Lambda Chapter of Alpha Phi Alpha Fraternity; and

**WHEREAS,** After moving to New York, Charles Lucas became employed by the NYC Human Resources Administration, where he served as Director of Social Services; and

**WHEREAS,** Becoming active in the Zeta Zeta Lambda Chapter of St. Albans, New York, Charles Lucas served as Vice President, Treasurer, and Editor to the Sphinx; he was also the Chapter's longest-serving historian, and wrote the original history of this branch of the organization, which was chartered in 1955; and

**WHEREAS,** A man of great faith, Charles Lucas is a member of the Church of St. James where he serves as Lay Reader and Consultant; and

**WHEREAS,** Active in his community, Charles Lucas has served in the capacity of President of the South Ozone Park Coalition of Block Association, and is the outgoing Chairman of the Board for the Alpha Phi Alpha Senior Citizens Center; and

**WHEREAS,** Charles Lucas, 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,** Charles Lucas has enriched the lives of those around him through his joyous and sincere love for others and through the profound 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 magnificent 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 Charles Lucas upon the occasion of celebrating his 102nd Birthday; and be it further

**RESOLVED,** That a copy of this Resolution, suitably engrossed, be transmitted to Charles Lucas.