

BY: Senator MARTINS

CONGRATULATING Marianno Sarro upon the occasion of celebrating his 100th Birthday

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 Marianno Sarro upon the occasion of his 100th Birthday, celebrated on Saturday, May 24, 2025; and

WHEREAS, Marianno Sarro, affectionately known as "Mud" by all who knew him, was born a century ago on May 24, 1925 to Louis and Crucifisa Sarro in Oyster Bay, New York where he grew up and attended Oyster Bay High School with his three brothers and three sisters; and

WHEREAS, Showing an affinity for music, Marianno Sarro found a particular talent and passion for playing the drums; and

WHEREAS, After his graduation from high school, Marianno Sarro was drafted into the military, and proudly served three years in the Navy where he was later stationed in Guam; and

WHEREAS, Upon his return from his service, Marianno Sarro's father bought him a set of drums and his passion for music grew with his talent for the drums; wanting to follow his growing love for music he attended Hartnett Music School in Manhattan where he studied piano and percussion; and

WHEREAS, While attending music school, Marianno Sarro met the love of his life Catherine (Kate) Yannucci; and

WHEREAS, Marianno and Kate Sarro married on February 9, 1946 and remained in Oyster Bay where he worked for Sunset Meat Market, a long-standing butcher shop owned by his dad that served the local community; and

WHEREAS, The couple started their family in Oyster Bay having two sons, Louis and Ronald and then, in 1955, they moved to Bethpage, New York where, in 1956 and 1963, they were blessed with two more sons, Gary and James, respectively; and

WHEREAS, With a growing family to support, Marianno Sarro worked many years for the Long Island Lighting Company and Northrop Grumman,

and retired from the Nassau County Highway Department in 1990; and

WHEREAS, Throughout his working life, Marianno Sarro continued to play the drums professionally on the weekends while giving drum lessons at night during the week as a secondary source of income; one of his students eventually became the long-standing drummer for the well-known 1960's pop group called "The Brooklyn Bridge"; and

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

WHEREAS, Following in their father's footsteps, Marianno Sarro's four sons learned to play the drums, two of whom earned music degrees and also played professionally; 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, Filled with an incredible sense of love and devotion, Marianno Sarro remained by the side of his beloved wife throughout their 70-year marriage, caring for her until she passed in 2016; and

WHEREAS, In addition to being a wonderful father to his four boys, Marianno Sarro is a doting grandfather to his six cherished grandchildren and great grandfather to his nine beloved great grandchildren; and

WHEREAS, Marianno Sarro's undying love for his family, healthy lifestyle, and razor sharp humor undoubtedly keeps him young at heart and contributes to his longevity; and

WHEREAS, Marianno Sarro 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 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 Marianno Sarro upon the occasion of celebrating his 100th Birthday; and be it further

RESOLVED, That a copy of this Resolution, suitably engrossed, be transmitted to Marianno Sarro.