Assembly Resolution No. 815

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CONGRATULATING Joseph Germano 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 Joseph Germano upon the occasion of his 100th Birthday to be celebrated on Thursday, June 19, 2025; and

WHEREAS, Joseph, lovingly called "Joe" by friends and family, was born on June 19, 1925, in Mamaroneck, New York, where he was also proudly raised and attended school; and

WHEREAS, One month before his 18th birthday, Joseph enlisted in the U.S. Marine Corps; Joseph attended boot camp at Paris Island and served in the Pacific Theatre as a high-speed radio operator with the 24th Communication Marines on the flagship USS Eldorado; and

WHEREAS, Joseph participated in several successful invasions, including invasions of Iwo Jima, Okinawa, and the Philippine Islands; and

WHEREAS, After 15 months of sea duty and admirable service, Joseph was honorably discharged as a Corporal at the Philadelphia Navy Yard in February of 1946; and

WHEREAS, Upon returning to Mamaroneck, New York, Joseph met Miss Luisa Acocella, and in 1950 they married, eventually sharing the joy of raising their four beloved children Patricia, Diane, Lisa, and JoAnne; and

WHEREAS, In 1950, Joseph left his job as a wheel-alignment technician and founded the Mamaroneck Garage, a complete service station and body shop for cars and trucks; at its peak, he supervised 27 employees and oversaw the 24/7/365 operation of 15 tow trucks; and

WHEREAS, Joseph retired from his successful career at Mamaroneck Garage in 1994 at the age of 70; and

WHEREAS, Joseph has always demonstrated his utmost commitment to his community, proven by his decision to start and grow his family and his business in Mamaroneck, New York - the same community that he was raised

in; and

WHEREAS, In addition to being an avid golfer, Joseph is a committed member of St. Vito's Church in Mamaroneck, and he participates in American Legion, Elks Club, Rotary Club, Veterans of Foreign Wars, and the Washingtonville Housing Alliance; and

WHEREAS, Joseph, through these activities and many others, has been a vital part of the life and spirit of the Village of Mamaroneck for decades; his enthusiasm for the community, his service to others through his business career, and his energy and warmth have been a gift to everyone he has touched; 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, Joseph 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 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 Joseph Germano upon the occasion of celebrating his 100th Birthday; and be it further

RESOLVED, That a copy of this Resolution, suitably engrossed, be transmitted to Joseph Germano.