

LEGISLATIVE RESOLUTION congratulating Kenneth S. Shaw upon the occasion of celebrating his 100th Birthday

WHEREAS, Senior citizens bring a wealth of 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, This Legislative Body is justly proud to congratulate Kenneth S. Shaw upon the occasion of his 100th Birthday, to be celebrated with a party held in his honor by the McLean Fire Department and the McLean Community Church, on Saturday, July 6, 2013, at the McLean Fire Station; and

WHEREAS, Kenneth S. Shaw was born in Summerhill, New York, to Claude and Bertha Shaw, on July 1, 1913; he was the third of five children; and

WHEREAS, After graduating from Homer Academy on June 26, 1934, Kenneth S. Shaw met and married his wife, Leila, in 1939; together they had two sons, Kenneth Jr. and Douglas; today he is the loving grandfather of two grandchildren; and

WHEREAS, Kenneth S. Shaw served his country as a member of the United States Army during World War II; he was honorably discharged in 1945, and two years later, purchased a home in McLean, New York, where he still resides today; and

WHEREAS, Kenneth S. Shaw continues to drive to the McLean Community Church every Sunday, the church he and his wife joined shortly after settling in McLean, New York; in addition, he is on the board of trustees of the McLean Cemetery Association; and

WHEREAS, Today, Kenneth S. Shaw is the last remaining charter member of the McLean Fire Department, formed in 1947; although not active in the department, he supports them in any way he can, and still comes to every annual meeting and banquet; and

WHEREAS, This exceptional centenarian, with his zest for life, has inspired and enhanced the lives of his family and friends, and experienced the incredible joys and sorrows characteristic of and reserved for those with the stamina and courage to savor a full life; 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 Kenneth S. Shaw upon the occasion of his 100th Birthday; and be it further

RESOLVED, That a copy of this Resolution, suitably engrossed, be transmitted to Kenneth S. Shaw.