LEGISLATIVE RESOLUTION congratulating Dr. Alexander Imich upon the occasion of celebrating his 110th 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, Dr. Alexander Imich was born on February 4, 1903, in Poland; and

WHEREAS, As a 15 year-old, Alexander Imich joined the Polish forces fighting the Russians and Bolsheviks; he learned to drive trucks for the army but went back to school when the Bolshevik forces were pushed back; and

WHEREAS, Alexander Imich earned a Ph.D. in zoology in 1929, and then began a career in chemistry; and

WHEREAS, During WWII, Dr. Alexander Imich and his wife, Wela, arrived in the United States in 1952; and

WHEREAS, In 1986, Dr. Alexander Imich moved to New York City into what is now the Esplenade on West End Avenue, and has lived there ever since; and

WHEREAS, Dr. Alexander Imich has been interested in parapsychology for more than 80 years; he has written many papers for journals and edited a book, INCREDIBLE TALES OF THE PARANORMAL, which was published in 1995; and

WHEREAS, Fluent in four languages, Dr. Alexander Imich is enormously engaging and has a real love of life and learning; his eyes still twinkle with each new idea, which he often describes as "fascinating, extraordinary, or illuminating"; and

WHEREAS, This exceptional supercentenarian, 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, This beloved man has enriched the lives of those around him through his joyous and sincere love for others and through the quiescent charm and wisdom which come 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 Dr. Alexander Imich upon the occasion of celebrating his 110th Birthday; and be it further

RESOLVED, That a copy of this Resolution, suitably engrossed, be transmitted to Dr. Alexander Imich.