

BY: Senator RITCHIE

CONGRATULATING Mason Mosher 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 Mason Mosher upon the occasion of his 100th Birthday; he celebrated this momentous occasion on Monday, July 30, 2018; and

WHEREAS, Born on July 30, 1918, in Wilna, New York, Mason Mosher graduated from Gouverneur High School and received a scholarship to the School of Agriculture, now known as Canton College; and

WHEREAS, Upon the completion of his studies, Mason Mosher began working on a relative's farm in New Jersey; he then returned to New York, where he was employed in a number of jobs before purchasing a farm in Watertown with his wife, Emeline, in 1945; and

WHEREAS, Mason Mosher has many cherished memories of his farming days, including helping farm neighbors who had experienced barn fires, the transition from farming with horses to using tractors, and his World War II deferment because of the importance of farming to the national war effort; and

WHEREAS, In keeping with his life-long commitment to farming, upon his retirement, Mason Mosher sold his farm to an Amish family, keeping the land within the agricultural community; and

WHEREAS, Mason Mosher and his wife raised three children, Rose, Marc, and the late Earl; and

WHEREAS, Mason Mosher, 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, Mason Mosher has enriched the lives of those around him through his joyous and sincere love for others and through the quiescent 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 Mason Mosher upon the occasion of celebrating his 100th Birthday; and be it further

RESOLVED, That a copy of this Resolution, suitably engrossed, be transmitted to Mason Mosher.