BY: Senator RITCHIE

**CONGRATULATING** Ralph D'Amico upon the occasion of celebrating his 102nd 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 sense of this Legislative Body to honor and pay tribute to those outstanding individuals who have helped build and shape this 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 Ralph D'Amico upon the occasion of his 102nd Birthday, to be celebrated with a family dinner; and

WHEREAS, Born on April 13, 1917, Ralph D'Amico is a lifelong resident of Oswego, New York; this exceptional centenarian, with his zest for life, has inspired and enhanced the lives of his family and friends; and

WHEREAS, Ralph D'Amico worked as a manager of Nestles Credit Union; now retired, he has taken up his passion and has become an avid golfer; and

WHEREAS, Ralph D'Amico is the proud parent of two children, Michael and Kathleen, and the loving grandfather of two granddaughters and three great-granddaughters, all of whom feel privileged to be a part of his life and rejoice in his achievements; 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 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 Ralph D'Amico upon the occasion of celebrating his 102nd Birthday; and be it further

 $\mbox{\it RESOLVED,}$  That a copy of this Resolution, suitably engrossed, be transmitted to Ralph D'Amico.