

BY: Senator LITTLE

CONGRATULATING John Amoriell upon the occasion of celebrating his 108th 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 John Amoriell upon the occasion of his 108th Birthday, celebrated with a party in his honor on Monday, January 6, 2020, at Mercy Living Center, Tupper Lake, New York; and

WHEREAS, John Amoriell was born on December 31, 1911, to Sam and Mary (Maglione) Amoriell; he and his six brothers and sisters grew up in a four-house tenement on Washington Street in Tupper Lake, New York; and

WHEREAS, A shoe shiner at the age of 10 years old, John Amoriell later worked at the Oval Wood Dish Company for 15 cents an hour to pay his rent which was only 12 dollars a month; and

WHEREAS, In 1936, at the age of 19, John Amoriell followed in his father's footsteps and started working for the railroad; he began with the New York Central Railroad and finished his career with Conrail in 1969; and

WHEREAS, In 1937, John Amoriell married the former Mildred Exware, and together the couple raised two children, Sam and Annette; in 2010, the love of his life passed away at the age of 91; and

WHEREAS, A true asset to his community, John Amoriell cooked at the Winter Playhouse, a shelter built by the federal Public Works Administration as part of then President Franklin Delano Roosevelt's New Deal program; and

WHEREAS, John Amoriell, with his zest for life, has inspired and enhanced the lives of his family and friends; and

WHEREAS, John Amoriell attributes his long life to maintaining a schedule of hard physical work as a younger person and always keeping busy; 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, John Amoriell 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 John Amoriell upon the occasion of celebrating his 108th Birthday; and be it further

RESOLVED, That a copy of this Resolution, suitably engrossed, be transmitted to John Amoriell.