

BY: Senator BOYLE

COMMEMORATING the 100th Anniversary of the Suffolk
County American Legion on March 1, 2019

WHEREAS, It is the sense of this Legislative Body to recognize that the quality and character of life in the communities across New York State are reflective of the concerned and dedicated efforts of those patriotic organizations and individuals who devote themselves to the welfare of the community and its citizenry; and

WHEREAS, Attendant to such concern, and in full accord with its long-standing traditions, this Legislative Body is justly proud to commemorate the 100th Anniversary of the Suffolk County American Legion to be celebrated on Friday, March 1, 2019, at the American Legion Post No. 94, Babylon, New York; and

WHEREAS, The American Legion Centennial Celebration is not only about honoring the past 100 years of its history, but also preparing to continue its legacy of service to Veterans and their families; events and activities at posts around the world will showcase The American Legion "Still Serving America;" and

WHEREAS, The American Legion was chartered by Congress in 1919, as a patriotic veteran's organization; and

WHEREAS, Focusing on service to veterans, service members and communities, the American Legion evolved from a group of war-weary veterans of World War I into one of the most influential nonprofit groups in the United States; and

WHEREAS, Over the years, the American Legion has influenced considerable social change in America, won hundreds of benefits for veterans and produced many important programs for children and youth; membership currently stands at over 2.4 million in 14,000 posts worldwide; and

WHEREAS, The Suffolk County American Legion is the leading advocate for veterans, a strong national defense, patriotic youth programs and Americanism; and

WHEREAS, This vital organization, from Amityville to Fishers Island, has served as a living commitment to service since its inception through programs such as Boys State, as well as Oratorical and Essay Contests; and

WHEREAS, The success of the Suffolk County American Legion is in direct correlation to the efforts of its members and volunteers, whose involvement is, and always has been, characterized by an impressive commitment, an unbridled enthusiasm, and an uncompromising standard of excellence in all endeavors on behalf of the organization and the community it serves; and

WHEREAS, Today, the Suffolk County American Legion continues its dedication to fostering the traditions of patriotism, excellence, and commitment which have made our nation strong; it is the custom of this Legislative Body to recognize the significance of their contributions and to note their worthy endeavors which have earned the recognition and applause of all the citizens of this great Empire State; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, That this Legislative Body pause in its deliberations to commemorate the 100th Anniversary of the Suffolk County American Legion on March 1, 2019; and be it further

RESOLVED, That a copy of this Resolution, suitably engrossed, be transmitted to the Suffolk County American Legion.