

**BY:** Senator AKSHAR

**CONGRATULATING** William Howard Sprague 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 William Howard Sprague upon the occasion of his 100th Birthday to be celebrated June 10, 2022; and

**WHEREAS**, William Howard Sprague, born in Greene, New York, on June 10, 1922, 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**, Enlisting in the U.S. Army on November 23, 1942, William Howard Sprague served during World War II with the 28th Division Cannon company as a Survey and Instrument Man siting heavy artillery on enemy positions; he was part of the Battle of the Bulge and admirably earned Battle Honors from the sitting U.S. President; and

**WHEREAS**, Soon after his discharge from the military on September 23, 1945, William Howard Sprague married his beloved wife, the former Josephine Rozelle, on October 27, 1945; the two lived together in Lisle, New York, for many joyful years; and

**WHEREAS**, William Howard Sprague, with his zest for life, has inspired and enhanced the lives of his family and friends; and

**WHEREAS**, This exceptional centenarian 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**, William Howard Sprague 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 William Howard Sprague upon the occasion of celebrating his 100th Birthday; and be it further

**RESOLVED,** That a copy of this Resolution, suitably engrossed, be transmitted to William Howard Sprague.