

BY: Senator BOYLE

CONGRATULATING Thomas Parham upon the occasion of celebrating his 100th 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 custom of this Legislative Body to commemorate and recognize certain milestones celebrated by citizens of this great Empire State; and

WHEREAS, This Legislative Body is justly proud to congratulate Thomas Parham upon the occasion of his 100th Birthday to be celebrated at an event on Saturday, May 22, 2021, at New Jerusalem Baptist Church in Brentwood, New York; and

WHEREAS, Born on May 14, 1921, Thomas Parham proudly served his country in the United States Army during World War II in several capacities including Infantryman, Ordinance Corps, Quarter Master and Fireman; and

WHEREAS, For many years, Thomas Parham worked in the dry-cleaning industry and was a school bus driver for 15 years; and

WHEREAS, Today, Thomas Parham continues to drive his own car and is an active part of his community as a Deacon at New Jerusalem Baptist Church; he also enjoys traveling to Florida, sports and spending time with his beloved wife, nine children, 32 grandchildren, and great-grandchildren; and

WHEREAS, Thomas Parham, 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, Thomas Parham 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 Thomas Parham upon the occasion of celebrating his 100th Birthday; and be it further

RESOLVED, That a copy of this Resolution, suitably engrossed, be transmitted to Thomas Parham.