

BY: Senator GRIFFO

CONGRATULATING Sidney J. DeRollo 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 Sidney J. DeRollo upon the occasion of his 100th Birthday to be celebrated on Sunday, October 27, 2024; and

WHEREAS, Sidney J. DeRollo was born on October 27, 1924; and

WHEREAS, Born in Frankfort, New York to parents Bridget DeRollo and Rocco DeRollo, Sidney J. DeRollo attended schools in the Frankfort-Schuyler Central School District and graduated from Frankfort-Schuyler High School; and

WHEREAS, Sidney J. DeRollo, with a true sense of pride for his country, enlisted in the United States Army on February 22, 1943, where he served in North Africa, France, Italy, and England during World War II; and

WHEREAS, For his courageous service during the war, Sidney J. DeRollo was awarded the European-African-Middle Eastern Campaign Medal, Good Conduct Medal, and World War II Victory Medal before his Honorable Discharge from the military on January 27, 1946; and

WHEREAS, Before returning home to the United States following his service in World War II, Sidney J. DeRollo remained in England for a stint while he attended Shrivensham University; and

WHEREAS, Back in the United States, Sidney J. DeRollo attended Mount St. Mary's College in Maryland where he studied Pre-Medicine; and

WHEREAS, On December 27, 1947, Sidney J. DeRollo married his high school sweetheart and love of his life, Lena Maneen; together, the couple had eight beloved children: Ronald DeRollo (Terri DeRollo), Sydney Solomon (Mark Solomon), Robert DeRollo, Rocco DeRollo (Mary Holmes), James DeRollo (Diane DeRollo), Susan DiSano, Bridget DeRollo, and Michael DeRollo (Dorri DeRollo); and

WHEREAS, Sidney J. DeRollo and his cherished wife Lena celebrated a remarkable 75 years of marriage on December 27, 2022; throughout their

lifetime, they have dedicated their lives to their community and established an unwavering commitment to family and the upholding of family traditions; and

WHEREAS, Sidney J. DeRollo and wife, Lena DeRollo, both faithfully attended Catholic Church in Frankfort, New York, every Sunday; for years, Sidney was a lectern of the mass and a Eucharistic Minister of Holy Communion; and

WHEREAS, Their family has grown exponentially with a total of 18 grandchildren and 14 great-grandchildren, all of whom Sidney J. DeRollo admires deeply; and

WHEREAS, On January 21, 2023, Sidney J. DeRollo lost the love of his life and a piece of his heart in his wife, Lena DeRollo; and

WHEREAS, Sidney J. DeRollo, 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, Sidney J. DeRollo has enriched the lives of those around him through his joyous and sincere love for others and through the profound 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 magnificent 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 Sidney J. DeRollo upon the occasion of celebrating his 100th Birthday; and be it further

RESOLVED, That a copy of this Resolution, suitably engrossed, be transmitted to Sidney J. DeRollo.