

Assembly Resolution No. 1225

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congratulating Michael Masciola 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,** Attendant to such concern, and in full accord with its long-standing traditions, this Legislative Body is justly proud to congratulate Michael Masciola upon the occasion of his 100th Birthday, to be celebrated on Friday, June 5, 2026; and

**WHEREAS,** Michael Masciola was born on June 5, 1926, in Harrison, New York; a lifelong citizen of Harrison, Michael Masciola attended Harrison schools; and

**WHEREAS,** Upon turning 18, Michael Masciola felt a strong urge to serve his Nation and he proudly enlisted in the United States Navy, serving during World War II aboard the destroyer USS Soley; and

**WHEREAS,** After returning home to Harrison, New York, Michael Masciola began working at A&P Grocery Store; and

**WHEREAS,** Michael Masciola met his beloved wife, Jean, while working at A&P Grocery Store, and together they shared the joy of 64 years of marriage and raised five cherished children; and

**WHEREAS,** With an entrepreneurial spirit, Michael Masciola and Jean owned and operated the Franklin Park Deli in Harrison, New York, between 1969 to 1981; their deli business became a local staple, and the hard work demonstrated by Michael Masciola and Jean made them well-known and loved members of their community; and

**WHEREAS,** After leaving the deli business, Michael Masciola worked for the Harrison Central School District as a groundsman; and

**WHEREAS,** Despite retiring, Michael Masciola still felt a desire to utilize his strong work ethic and connect with his community; he accomplished this by making the decision to open and operate his own landscaping business after his retirement, serving Harrison, New York, and the surrounding area; and

**WHEREAS,** Michael Masciola knows the importance of community work, and he and his wife would dedicate time to volunteering with the Meals on Wheels program in Harrison, New York; and

**WHEREAS,** When not working, Michael Masciola enjoys refinishing furniture, building Adirondack chairs, and crafting wooden patriotic figures holding the American flag; and

**WHEREAS,** Since the tragic events of September 11, 2001, Michael Masciola has demonstrated his patriotism and commitment to remembrance each year by placing the American flag along the fence overlooking the I-95 thruway on Nelson Avenue in Harrison, New York; and

**WHEREAS,** Michael Masciola has eight grandchildren and their spouses, and 14 great-grandchildren, all of whom affectionately call him "Pop"; and

**WHEREAS,** Guided by simple but powerful values, Michael Masciola reminds himself and others to never stop moving, have faith, cherish family, and love your country; by following these values, Michael Masciola spends his time with purpose, generosity, and pride; and

**WHEREAS,** Michael Masciola, with his zest for life, has inspired and enhanced the lives of his family and friends; 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,** Michael Masciola has enriched the lives of those around him through his joyous and sincere love for others and through the vibrant charm and infinite 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 Michael Masciola upon the occasion of celebrating his 100th Birthday; and be it further

**RESOLVED,** That a copy of this Resolution, suitably engrossed, be transmitted to Michael Masciola.