

**BY:** M. of A. Simpson

**CONGRATULATING** John Neggia 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 John Neggia upon the occasion of his 100th Birthday, to be celebrated at a surprise party at the Mineville VFW on Saturday, January 17, 2026; and

**WHEREAS,** John Neggia was born on January 17, 1926; and

**WHEREAS,** A commendable World War II veteran, John Neggia was 18 years old when he joined the U.S. Army on April 5, 1944; he was part of the I Company, 1st platoon, 76th Infantry Division and overcame countless adversities to return safely home; and

**WHEREAS,** After spending over one year and four months in Europe fighting in the war, John Neggia arrived back home on May 22, 1946; he is currently the last surviving World War II veteran of his local VFW Post 5802; and

**WHEREAS,** A proud American and veteran, John Neggia hopes to remind citizens of our State and Nation that Memorial Day is not a celebration, but a time to remember, mourn, and honor military personnel who have died while serving in the armed forces; and

**WHEREAS,** John Neggia, 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,** John Neggia has enriched the lives of those around him through his joyous and sincere love for others and through the vibrant charm and profound 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 John Neggia upon the occasion of celebrating his 100th Birthday; and be it further

**RESOLVED,** That a copy of this Resolution, suitably engrossed, be transmitted to John Neggia.