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LEGISLATIVE RESOLUTION congratulating Marlo Schermerhorn upon the occasion of celebrating his 100th Birthday on July 6, 2010

WHEREAS, This Legislative Body is justly proud to congratulate Marlo Schermerhorn upon the occasion of celebrating his 100th Birthday on Tuesday, July 6, 2010; 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 vital parts of, and valuable assets to, the fabric of community life and activity; and

WHEREAS, A native of northern Indiana, Marlo Schermerhorn was born on July 6, 1910; and

WHEREAS, Marlo Schermerhorn attended the Conservatory of Music at Ithaca College, in Ithaca, New York, and graduated in 1931; upon graduation from Ithaca College he was hired as the Lancaster, New York, School District's first accredited instrumental music teacher; and

WHEREAS, A founding father of the Lancaster School District band formed in 1942, Marlo Schermerhorn remained active in the band until his retirement in 1965; the Lancaster band offered yearly concerts and participated in local parades and presented half-time shows, and was well-known throughout Western New York; and

WHEREAS, Marlo Schermerhorn met his wife, Cleta, while both were students at the Conservatory of Music at Ithaca College; they have been happily married for 78 years based on a relationship of mutual respect; and

WHEREAS, Still active at the age of 100, Marlo Schermerhorn seldom misses a Lancaster band performance; he was honored on his birthday at the dedication of the new Lancaster bandshell, named in memory of his former student, longtime Lancaster band instructor Richard E. Pascucci; and

WHEREAS, Together, Marlo and Cleta Schermerhorn are the proud parents of a son, Devon "Pete"; they have two beloved granddaughters, Michele and Toby; and

WHEREAS, This exceptional centenarian, with his zest for life, has

inspired and enhanced the lives of his family and friends; and
WHEREAS, This distinguished man, who has experienced the incredible
joys and sorrows characteristic of and reserved for those with the
stamina and courage to savor a full life, has inspired the lives of his
many friends and family; and

WHEREAS, This beloved senior citizen 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 recog-
nize 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 Marlo Schermerhorn upon the occasion of celebrating his
100th Birthday; and be it further

RESOLVED, That a copy of this Resolution, suitably engrossed, be tran-
smitted to Marlo Schermerhorn.