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LEGISLATIVE RESOLUTION congratulating Gerson Sobel upon the occasion of celebrating his 103rd Birthday on March 28, 2013

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, Gerson Sobel was born in New York City on March 28, 1910; he grew up in the Bronx, near Yankee Stadium; he later moved to Rockville Centre and is still living in the same home he moved to in 1941; and

WHEREAS, He was employed as an office supply salesman until retiring in 1975; and

WHEREAS, Following his retirement, Gerson Sobel remained active, devoting his time and energy to his favorite pastime, swimming; and

WHEREAS, In 1974, Gerson Sobel joined the Freeport Recreation Center; he began participating in the Center's swimming program; since that time, he has been the proud recipient of numerous awards for his outstanding athletic abilities in the water; and

WHEREAS, Gerson Sobel's passion for swimming dates back to the 1920s, when he was a member of the DeWitt Clinton High School Swim Team in Hell's Kitchen from 1924 until 1928; he went on to become Captain of the Water Polo Team at Syracuse University; 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 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, This beloved man 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 Gerson Sobel upon the occasion of celebrating his 103rd Birthday; and be it further

RESOLVED, That a copy of this Resolution, suitably engrossed, be transmitted to Gerson Sobel.