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LEGISLATIVE RESOLUTION congratulating Gerald Shaw 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, Gerald Shaw was born to his loving parents, Claude and Bertha Shaw, on January 16, 1915, and will celebrate his 100th Birthday, with his loving family, at an Open House on January 17, 2015; and

WHEREAS, Gerald Shaw, and his three brothers and two sisters, grew up in Summerhill, New York, and graduated from Homer High School in 1933; and

WHEREAS, Along with his brothers, Gerald Shaw was drafted into the United States Army in 1941, he proudly served his country for four years; after his return, he married his loving wife of 67 years, Ada Rosecrans; and

WHEREAS, Gerald Shaw bought his first farm in 1946, and 25 years later he purchased another farm, where he built his current home; upon his retirement, Gerald and Ada wintered in Arizona; and

WHEREAS, Gerald Shaw is a member of the First Baptist Church in Moravia, New York, and the Niles Senior Citizens; 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, Gerald Shaw is well known for his strong work ethic, dedication to his wife, quiet demeanor, and is proud of his independence;

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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 Gerald Shaw upon the occasion of his 100th Birthday; and be it further

RESOLVED, That a copy of this Resolution, suitably engrossed, be transmitted to Gerald Shaw.