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LEGISLATIVE RESOLUTION congratulating Lynn W. Graham upon the occasion of celebrating his 100th Birthday

WHEREAS, It is the intent of this Legislative Body to commemorate and recognize certain milestones celebrated by citizens of this great Nation and 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 Lynn W. Graham of Scio, New York, upon the occasion of celebrating his 100th Birthday; and

WHEREAS, Lynn W. Graham was born on March 7, 1915, in Angelica, New York, to James Fredrick "Fred" Graham and Elma Melissa Cline Graham, and attended Angelica Central School; and

WHEREAS, Lynn W. Graham enlisted in the United States Army in November of 1936; following five years of distinguished service, he enrolled as a member of the Army's Enlisted Reserve Corps for one year; and

WHEREAS, On November 30, 1942, he returned to active duty and was assigned to the 47th Battalion's Service Company, as a member of the 14th Armored Division; and

WHEREAS, After landing in Marseille, France, on October 29, 1944, the 14th Armored Division fought its way through the Vosges Mountains and captured Gernersheim, Germany, in March of 1945; the division then crossed the Danube and Isar Rivers near Moosburg, and liberated over 110,000 Allied prisoners held at Stalag VIIA, Germany's largest prisoner-of-war camp, earning the nickname, "The Liberator Division"; and

WHEREAS, For his service, Lynn W. Graham, who reached the rank of Corporal, is credited with the Central Europe and Rhineland campaigns; he was awarded the Army Good Conduct Medal, the American Defense Service Medal, the American Campaign Medal, the European-African-Middle East

Campaign Medal with two service stars, the World War II Victory Medal, and the U.S. Marksman Badge with carbine bar; and
WHEREAS, Following his return home, Lynn W. Graham became a Tool and Die maker at Turbodyne Corporation, later known as the Studebaker-Worthington Company, in Wellsville for 39 years, before retiring in February of 1980; and

WHEREAS, Lynn and his wife, the late Geraldine Eva Graham, married on November 13, 1941; the couple celebrated 67 years together and had one daughter, Lynda Lee Rogers; Lynn has been further blessed with a granddaughter, Christine Anne Rogers-Raetsch; and

WHEREAS, Along with being a loving father, Lynn W. Graham is known to his friends and family as a good neighbor, an avid fisherman and hunter, a gardener who enjoys growing blueberries, and for his enjoyment of many card games and Sudoku puzzles; and

WHEREAS, It is the intent of this Legislative Body to publicly recognize and honor the lives of beloved citizens who have reached a remarkable age and who have witnessed and celebrated the innovations, cultural developments, and awesome achievements of this country during the last century; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, That this Legislative Body pause in its deliberations to congratulate Lynn W. Graham upon the occasion of celebrating his 100th Birthday; and be it further

RESOLVED, That a copy of this Resolution, suitably engrossed, be transmitted to Lynn W. Graham.