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LEGISLATIVE RESOLUTION congratulating Antonino Di Peri upon the occasion of celebrating his 100th Birthday on June 20, 2015

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, This Legislative Body is justly proud to congratulate Antonino Di Peri upon the occasion of celebrating his 100th Birthday with a Family Party in his honor on Saturday, June 20, 2015; and

WHEREAS, This exceptional centenarian, with his zest for life, has inspired and enhanced the lives of his family and friends; and

WHEREAS, Antonino Di Peri was born on June 2, 1915, in Marineo, Sicily, a small town in the province of Palermo; he married the love of his life, Maria, on October 19, 1946, and this year the couple will celebrate their 69th Wedding Anniversary; and

WHEREAS, Emigrating to America in September of 1956 aboard the Conte Grande, Antonino Di Peri and his young family settled in an apartment on Elizabeth Street in Little Italy before moving to the Lower East Side, during which time he began working as a residential painter; and

WHEREAS, After 13 years of distinguished service as a painter, Antonino Di Peri got a job working in the janitorial area of Marine Midland Bank in Manhattan where he worked until he retired at the age of 70; 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, With him throughout have been his wife, Maria, and their three children, Concetta, Antoinette and Frank, as well as their six grandchildren, Paul, Angelo, Laura, Anthony, Nicholas and Alexandra, and

two great-grandchildren, Jordan and Abigail, all of whom feel privileged to be a part his life and rejoice in his achievements; and

WHEREAS, A truly beloved man, Antonino Di Peri 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 Antonino Di Peri upon the occasion of celebrating his 100th Birthday; and be it further

RESOLVED, That a copy of this Resolution, suitably engrossed, be transmitted to Antonino Di Peri.