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LEGISLATIVE RESOLUTION congratulating William Night, Esq. 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, This exceptional centenarian, with his zest for life, has inspired and enhanced the lives of his family and friends; and

WHEREAS, William Night, affectionately known as Bill, was born in August of 1915; and

WHEREAS, A graduate of Syracuse Law School, William Night was admitted to practice law on October 6, 1938; he valiantly served his country as a member of the United States Navy with honor and distinction during the Second World War; and

WHEREAS, As an attorney, William Night was an outstanding trial lawyer and was exceptionally skillful in the courtroom; he was dogmatic in representing his clients while maintaining a sterling reputation; and

WHEREAS, William Night practiced in Binghamton, New York, for nearly the entire length of his career; he spent more than three decades at Night and Keller, an enduring partnership established in 1954; and

WHEREAS, Throughout his illustrious career in law, William Night was known as a premier trial attorney and primarily represented insurance companies; he partnered with at least two future Supreme Court Judges and several prominent attorneys; and

WHEREAS, In addition to his 70 years of private practice, William Night also served as Regional Counsel for the Civil Service Employee Association (CSEA) for 25 years; in that capacity, he developed an additional specialty practice in civil service and administrative law; and

WHEREAS, Subsequently, William Night was a well-respected arbitrator serving as such with, among others, AAA, the Town of Binghamton Zoning Board of Appeals and the Appellate Division, Third Department; and
WHEREAS, In 1973, William Night became Regional Counsel for the State University of New York which allowed him to develop an additional expertise in educational law; as result of his broad and extensive experience, he was regularly asked to write and lecture in several areas of the law; 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, William Night has truly 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; today, he remains a voracious reader; 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 William Night, Esq. upon the occasion of celebrating his 100th Birthday; and be it further

RESOLVED, That a copy of this Resolution, suitably engrossed, be transmitted to William Night, Esq.