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Jack M. Martins

Happy 100th Birthday to Michael Villani!

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Senator Jack M. Martins recently visited the Bristal at North Hills to wish Michael Villani a happy 100th birthday! Senator Martins brought birthday cake to share with the residents in celebrating Michael's birthday. Michael is known among the residents as one of the most friendly and loving people you will ever meet.

Born on July 10, 1912 and raised in Port Washington, Michael was the oldest of six children. When he was 9-years-old, his father came to him and said, "It is time for you to be the man of the house." That night his father passed away and Michael did what he could to help raise the family.

After finishing high school, he went to work at the post office and worked his way up the ladder, eventually becoming Post Master. Michael, who served 45 years in the post office, also served his country for three years in the Army.

Michael, who has two grandchildren and two great grandchildren, is an inspiration to all who know him and loves the Bristol because he "gets to see so many smiling faces every day." His hobbies include gardening and takes particular pride in his tomatoes.

On June 5, Senator Martins adopted a resolution on the floor of the Senate recognizing Michael's birthday. The resolution read, "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, his 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."

Happy birthday, Michael!