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LEGISLATIVE RESOLUTION commending Carlton F. Rider for 70 years of dedicated service as a member of the American Legion, as well as for his valuable service to his community, to be celebrated on his 100th Birthday, January 29, 2016

WHEREAS, Members of the Armed Services from the State of New York, who have served so valiantly and honorably in wars in which this country's freedom was at stake, as well as in the preservation of peace in peacetime, deserve a special salute from this Legislative Body; and

WHEREAS, It is the intent of this Legislative Body to commend those who have served in times of active conflict; Carlton F. Rider is one such individual; and

WHEREAS, This Legislative Body is justly proud to commend Carlton F. Rider for 70 years of dedicated service as a member of the American Legion, as well as for his valuable service to his community, to be celebrated on his 100th Birthday, January 29, 2016, at the American Legion Post No. 168, St. Johnsville, New York; and

WHEREAS, Carlton F. Rider, the sixth of eight siblings, was born on January 29, 1916, to Wallace and Maude Rider in St. Johnsville, New York; and

WHEREAS, Carlton F. Rider, affectionately known as Carlie, is a 1935 graduate of St. Johnsville High School where he excelled in baseball; in addition to athletics, he received an award for having the highest American History average; and

WHEREAS, After graduating high school, Carlton F. Rider worked for Luxer Textiles, which is now Belmont Mills, as a weaving and knitting machine operator; and

WHEREAS, In 1936, upon receiving an athletic scholarship, Carlton F. Rider was a member of the St. Bonaventure University baseball team; he

also played in the American-Canadian League in 1939; and

WHEREAS, Carlton F. Rider proudly served his country as a member of the United States Army during World War II from January 16, 1942 until November 8, 1945; and

WHEREAS, During his military service, Carlton F. Rider was a soldier with a Cavalry outfit in such important campaigns as Normandy, Northern France, and the Rhineland, and was promoted to the esteemed rank of First Sergeant; and

WHEREAS, The recipient of numerous decorations and citations for his courageous efforts, Carlton F. Rider was awarded the American Service Medal, Good Conduct Medal and European-African-Middle Eastern Service Medal; and

WHEREAS, He was also presented with a Certificate of Merit and Citation for his exceptional meritorious conduct in performance of outstanding service in France, Holland and Germany; and

WHEREAS, After being honorably discharged from his military service, Carlton F. Rider returned to his former job at Luxer Textiles holding such positions as machine operator, Supervisor of Transportation and Office Management Costing Coordinator, before retiring in 1995; and

WHEREAS, Since 1945, Carlton F. Rider has been a devoted member of Morris J. Edwards American Legion Post No. 168, St. Johnsville, New York; he is also a 70 year member of the Masonic Lodge in St. Johnsville; and

WHEREAS, In 1948, Carlton F. Rider married Catherine Stever, and together, they were the proud parents of one son, Calvin Rider, and one step-daughter, Natalie Weaver; and

WHEREAS, An integral part of his community, Carlton F. Rider has contributed his time and energy to the St. Johnsville Volunteer Fire

Department as a member, and later, as Captain; he also served with the Fire Police, the American Red Cross, and was elected to the position of Trustee on the St. Johnsville Village Board; furthermore, at one time,

he was President of the Mohawk Valley Baseball League; and

WHEREAS, A man of faith, Carlton F. Rider is a longtime member of the Grace Congregational Church, where he served as Vice Chairman of the Council, Officer/Trustee and President of the Men's Club; and

WHEREAS, Having exhibited his patriotism both at home and abroad, Carlton F. Rider has truly demonstrated his love for his country and merits forevermore the highest respect of this State and Nation; and

WHEREAS, Our Nation's veterans deserve to be recognized, commended and thanked by the people of the State of New York for their service and for their dedication to their communities, their State and their Nation; and

WHEREAS, It is the sense of this Legislative Body that when individuals of such noble aims and accomplishments are brought to our attention, they should be celebrated and recognized by all the citizens of this great Empire State; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, That this Legislative Body pause in its deliberations to commend Carlton F. Rider for 70 years of dedicated service as a member of the American Legion, as well as for his valuable service to his community, and to extend to him best wishes on a very Happy 100th Birthday; and be it further

RESOLVED, That a copy of this Resolution, suitably engrossed, be transmitted to Carlton F. Rider.