

## 2015-J4487

LEGISLATIVE RESOLUTION congratulating Bill Bannister upon the occasion of celebrating his 103rd 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 Bill Bannister of Dunkirk, New York, upon the occasion of celebrating his 103rd Birthday; and

WHEREAS, Bill Bannister was born on November 29, 1912, in Dunkirk, New York, to loving parents, William and Sophie Bannister; and

WHEREAS, Bill Bannister attended Dunkirk Public Schools and would go on to work for the Allegheny Ludlum Steel Corporation until being drafted to join the United States Navy during World War II; he bravely served his Nation to preserve our freedoms and way of life aboard the USS Doyle; and

WHEREAS, Following the end of the war, Bill Bannister returned to the Allegheny Ludlum Steel Corporation where he would retire in 1972; and

WHEREAS, In 1938, Bill Bannister married the love of his life, Florence, and together they were the proud parents of two children, Thomas Bannister and Marilyn Panek; and

WHEREAS, Bill Bannister is the loving grandfather of Rachel Thomas and Robert Bannister; he has been further blessed with four great-grandchildren, Lauren, Emma, Brooke, Nicole and special niece and God Child, Gloria Yeager; and

WHEREAS, Bill Bannister has always enjoyed spending time on his 1955 Lyman Boat, which he kept in pristine condition, and fishing with his children; in 2015, his family, out of the kindness of their hearts,

donated his boat to the Bemus Point Boat Museum; and

WHEREAS, Bill Bannister has reached an impressive milestone and feels the secret to a long healthy life begins with luck and a glass of red wine each night; 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 Bill Bannister upon the occasion of celebrating his 103rd Birthday; and be it further

RESOLVED, That a copy of this Resolution, suitably engrossed, be transmitted to Bill Bannister.