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LEGISLATIVE RESOLUTION congratulating W. Michael Hobin, World War II Veteran, upon the occasion of celebrating his 100th Birthday on June 10, 2016

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 W. Michael Hobin upon the occasion of his 100th Birthday to be celebrated with a Family Party held in his honor in Florida; and

WHEREAS, Son of Patrick and Emma Hobin, W. Michael Hobin was born on June 10, 1916, in Rutherford, New Jersey; he is one of seven children, the second youngest of four boys and three girls, and the only surviving sibling; and

WHEREAS, W. Michael Hobin married the late Dorothy Zeissner in 1940 in Spring Valley, New York; the couple was married for 49 years; and

WHEREAS, With him throughout have been his two daughters, four grandchildren, and three great-grandsons, all of whom feel privileged to be a part of his life and rejoice in his achievements; and

WHEREAS, During World War II, W. Michael Hobin served his country proudly as a Pilot in the United States Army Air Corps; his 26 military air raids consisted of 15-hour flights in B-17s over Germany, six of the raids were over Berlin; and

WHEREAS, This valiant soldier experienced a great deal as a pilot during his time served in the United States Army Air Corps and takes pride in his contributions in defending his country; and

WHEREAS, W. Michael Hobin became an accomplished instructor during his exceptional service and trained pilots to fly military aircraft such as

the T-6, C-45, B-25 and the C-47; and

WHEREAS, On October 1, 1944, W. Michael Hobin was involved in a dangerous training mission during a rainy night with thick fog; his plane experienced engine failure and caught fire which required that he parachute from the plane; when he landed, he broke his right leg and ankle and spent 83 days in the hospital; and

WHEREAS, During the Korean War, W. Michael Hobin served state-side, and retired from military service with the esteemed rank of Major; and

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

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

WHEREAS, W. Michael Hobin, who today is still living independently, 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, This distinguished 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; 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 nine decades, 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 W. Michael Hobin upon the occasion of celebrating his 100th Birthday; and be it further

RESOLVED, That a copy of this Resolution, suitably engrossed, be transmitted to W. Michael Hobin.