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LEGISLATIVE RESOLUTION congratulating Bernard W. Burke on the occasion of celebrating his 101st Birthday on April 30, 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 Bernard W. Burke on the occasion of celebrating his 101st Birthday on April 30, 2016; and

WHEREAS, Bernard W. Burke was born on April 30, 1915, and grew up in Brownville and Dexter, New York; and

WHEREAS, Bernard W. Burke was a dedicated boy scout from 1929 to 1934 and a member of Troop 55, under scoutmaster Ross A. Liddle, a World War I Navy veteran; and

WHEREAS, In 1931, Bernard W. Burke advanced to the rank of Eagle Scout and was honored at a ceremony at the Dexter Presbyterian Church; and

WHEREAS, Bernard W. Burke has donated his extensive boy scout memorabilia to the William Hillcourt Scout Museum in Constantia, New York, and has shared his extensive memories of his scouting experiences with museum trustees; and

WHEREAS, This remarkable man has inspired his family with his positive outlook on life, and they look forward to celebrating many more birthdays with him; and

WHEREAS, Bernard W. Burke, who has experienced the incredible joys and sorrows characteristic of and reserved for those with the stamina and courage to savor a full life, has inspired the lives of his many friends and family; and

WHEREAS, He has truly enriched the lives of those around him through his joyous and sincere love for life 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 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 Bernard W. Burke upon the occasion of celebrating his 101st Birthday; and be it further

RESOLVED, That a copy of this Resolution, suitably engrossed, be transmitted to Bernard W. Burke.