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Senate Resolution No. 1086

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CONGRATULATING Carmen Covino upon the occasion of celebrating his 100th Birthday

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, Carmen Covino, affectionately known as Carl, was born on March 6, 1917; he celebrated this momentous occasion with a Surprise 100th Birthday Party organized by his friends and family at a senior center in Hamburg, New York; and

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

WHEREAS, Carl Covino valiantly served as a member of the United States Army during both the Korean War and World War II; and

WHEREAS, During his illustrious military career, Carl Covino achieved the rank of Corporal T5, and fought under the direction of renowned senior officer General George Patton; and

WHEREAS, After training in North Carolina in 1943, Carl Covino

served as a machine gunner in the First Army until the Battle of Saint-Lo when the Allied forces broke through; as a member of the Third Army, he went to Bastogne, Belgium and finally the Battle of the Bulge; and

WHEREAS, Carl Covino was decorated with the European-African-Middle Eastern Campaign and Silver Star attachment, the World War II Victory Medal, and the French Legion of Honor for his steadfast courage and bravery; and

WHEREAS, Upon the completion of his military service, Carl Covino married Anastasia "Sally" Hawrylczak, who served as a Private First Class with the United States Women's Army Corps from 1943 to 1946; and

WHEREAS, Carl Covino retired from Bethlehem Steel in 1979, after 45 years of distinguished service as both an overhead crane operator and a stock shear man; 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, This 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; and

WHEREAS, In addition to his beloved wife of 62 years, the late Anastasia "Sally" Covino, with him throughout have been his four

children and three grandchildren, all of whom feel privileged to be a part of his life and rejoice in his achievements; 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 Carmen Covino upon the occasion of celebrating his 100th Birthday; and be it further

RESOLVED, That a copy of this Resolution, suitably engrossed, be transmitted to Carmen Covino.