

**STATE OF NEW YORK**  
**LEGISLATURE OF ERIE COUNTY**  
**BUFFALO, N.Y. FEBRUARY 16TH, 2023 A.D.**

**I HEREBY CERTIFY THAT** at a regular session of the Legislature of Erie County held in the County Hall, in the City of Buffalo, on the 16th day of February 2023 A.D., a resolution was adopted, of which the following is a true copy:

**Celebrating Paul Woods on his 100<sup>th</sup> Birthday**

**WHEREAS**, the Erie County Legislature commemorates and recognizes certain milestones celebrated by citizens of this great country; and

**WHEREAS**, the longevity of life is a blessing for an individual and for a community that benefits from the wisdom, knowledge, creativity, and experiences of its members; and

**WHEREAS, Paul Woods**, was born in Bazemore, Alabama on February 20, 1923, to Nora Fields Woods and Anderson Sherman Woods. Paul has two brothers, four sisters, seven half-brothers, and sisters; and

**WHEREAS**, in 1941 when Paul was just seventeen, he joined the ranks of the United States Army and was immediately shipped to the Philippines to fight in World War II and the Pacific Theater earning an unprecedented three Bronze Stars and a Liberation of the Philippines Medal; and

**WHEREAS, Paul Woods** married Mary, the love of his life, for over fifty-nine years, and this wonderful marriage was blessed with fifteen children, twenty-eight grandchildren, eighteen great-grandchildren, one great-great-grandchild; and

**WHEREAS**; Paul and Mary came to Buffalo in 1953 with three little children in tow where Paul was employed by Bethlehem Steel in 1954 and in 1966 the couple built a new home on a five-acre farm in Angola, Paul emphasized education as the answer to ignorance and prejudice with his children; and

**WHEREAS, Paul Woods**, during his long and productive life, has been honored as Foster Parent of the Year by New York State and honored by the Erie County Legislature, Mayor of the City of Buffalo, Mayor of the Village of Angola, the City of Buffalo Common Council for his service to his country, thirty-three years at Bethlehem Steel and fifty-nine years of marriage.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED**, the Erie County Legislature pauses in its deliberations to honor and celebrate **Paul Woods** on his 100<sup>th</sup> birthday and wishes him many more happy, productive years.

**MINORITY LEADER JOHN J. MILLS**  
 Erie County Legislator, District 11