

Senate Resolution 486

By: Senators Miller of the 49th, Wilkinson of the 50th, Dugan of the 30th, Gooch of the 51st and Hufstetler of the 52nd

A RESOLUTION

1 Commending and congratulating Henry Erlich on the grand occasion of his 100th birthday;
2 and for other purposes.

3 WHEREAS, Henry Erlich was born on March 10, 1919, in Kraków, Poland, and recently
4 enjoyed the delightful distinction of celebrating his 100th birthday; and

5 WHEREAS, Henry and his family survived detainment and forced labor in the Kraków
6 Ghetto and the cruelty and horrors of the Plaszów and Theresienstadt concentration camps
7 before being liberated by the Russian Army in 1945; and

8 WHEREAS, he moved with his wife, Sabena, to the United States in 1948 aboard the *SS*
9 *Ernie Pyle*; and

10 WHEREAS, the devotion, patience, and understanding he has demonstrated have provided
11 the foundation of success from which his family members have developed and flourished as
12 evidenced by his two remarkable children, Mark and Helena; and

13 WHEREAS, this distinguished gentleman has given inspiration to many through his high
14 ideals, morals, and deep concern for his fellow citizens; and

15 WHEREAS, Henry possesses the vast wisdom which only comes through experience and the
16 strength of character which is achieved through overcoming the many challenges of life; and

17 WHEREAS, a resident of Bridgeport, Connecticut, he is a person of magnanimous strengths
18 with an unimpeachable reputation for integrity, intelligence, fairness, and kindness; and

19 WHEREAS, a kind and generous person, Henry brings joy and happiness to his family and
20 to the many friends and neighbors who have the great pleasure of knowing him; and

21 WHEREAS, he has witnessed a dramatic change in the world over the course of his lifetime,
22 and we salute his contribution to its progress by his own hard work and good citizenship; and

23 WHEREAS, by the example Henry has made of his life, he makes this world a better place
24 in which to live, and it is only fitting and proper that he be appropriately recognized during
25 this very special and memorable time.

26 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE that the members of this body
27 commend Henry Erlich for his unselfish, dedicated, and loving service to the members of his
28 family and community; congratulate him on the remarkable occasion of his 100th birthday;
29 and extend their most sincere best wishes for continued health and happiness.

30 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Secretary of the Senate is authorized and directed
31 to make an appropriate copy of this resolution available for distribution to Henry Erlich.