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Senate Resolution No. 431

BY: Senator COMRIE

CONGRATULATING Kenneth Neilson 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, A resident of Hollis, New York, Kenneth Neilson celebrated his 100th Birthday on Monday, January 16, 2017; and

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

WHEREAS, Kenneth Neilson, with a true passion for books, developed a love for the Queens Library where several of his works can be found on the shelves including 1963's *The World of Walt Whitman Music*, 1982's *The World of Langston Hughes Music*, 1979's *The Littlest Giant*, 2007's *I Love Dandelions* and 2009's *Langston Hughes*; 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, Kenneth Neilson 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 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 Kenneth Neilson upon the occasion of celebrating his 100th Birthday; and be it further

RESOLVED, That a copy of this Resolution, suitably engrossed, be transmitted to Kenneth Neilson.