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Senate Resolution No. 2449

BY: Senator LAVALLE

CONGRATULATING Annie Henry upon the occasion of celebrating her 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, This Legislative Body is justly proud to congratulate Annie Henry upon the occasion of celebrating her 100th Birthday on Saturday, August 5, 2017, during the 90th Annual Gordon Heights Family Day; and

WHEREAS, This exceptional centenarian, with her zest for life, has inspired and enhanced the lives of her family and friends; she 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, Annie Henry was born on August 2, 1917, in Talladega, Alabama; despite the obstacles of the Jim Crow south, this phenomenal woman not only completed high school, but went on to Talladega College from 1936 to 1939, as well as Cortez Peters Business School in 1941; and

WHEREAS, After working as a teacher at Talladega High School in

1940, Annie Henry valiantly served her country as a member of the United States Women's Army Corps during the Second World War as a technician, fifth grade; and

WHEREAS, Annie Henry and her husband, Vincent, moved to Gordon Heights to start their life together in 1946; and

WHEREAS, A true asset to her community, Annie Henry is the longest serving employee of the Gordon Heights Fire District, where she gave 31 years of dedicated service as its secretary treasurer; and

WHEREAS, With a steadfast and unwavering commitment to Gordon Heights, Annie Henry served as a community volunteer for nearly two decades; she served the Faith Baptist Church as both a Deaconess and Director of its Afterschool Program, and was a Longwood School District Food Service employee for 18 years; and

WHEREAS, Today, Annie Henry continues to reside in Gordon Heights with her beloved daughter, Carmen; and

WHEREAS, This beloved woman has enriched the lives of those around her through her 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 Annie Henry upon the occasion of her 100th Birthday; and be it further

RESOLVED, That a copy of this Resolution, suitably engrossed, be transmitted to Annie Henry.