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Senate Resolution No. 2887

BY: Senator COMRIE

HONORING Frank Lerro upon the occasion of being inducted into the "Century Club" at Chapin Home for the Aging

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, Attendant to such concern, and in full accord with its long-standing traditions, this Legislative Body is justly proud to congratulate 99-year-old Frank Lerro upon the occasion of being inducted into the "Century Club" at Chapin Home for the Aging, celebrated at its Second Annual Induction Ceremony on Friday, May 19, 2017, at the Chapin Home in Jamaica, New York; and

WHEREAS, Founded in 1869 by Mrs. Edwin Chapin, Chapin Home for the Aging has been serving the New York City/Long Island community at its Jamaica location since 1912; currently, it is capable of assisting 220 adults in its Skilled Nursing Facility and can hold 50 registrants in its Adult Day Health Care Center; and

WHEREAS, Throughout its esteemed history, Chapin Home has provided the aging men and women who have come to live there a true home, where

they may find the serenity and security that have always been envisioned as essential and appropriate to the latter part of life; and

WHEREAS, Frank Lerro was born on January 25, 1918, in Brooklyn, New York; he has been a member of the Chapin Home community since February of 2010; and

WHEREAS, During his life, Frank Lerro proudly served his country as a member of the United States Army First Division for the full duration of World War II; additionally, he held a career as a freelance graphic artist, teaching privately and had a one-man art exhibit at St. John's University; in his free time, he enjoys good food, his family and friends, watching classic western films and listening to country music; and

WHEREAS, Since living at Chapin Home, Frank Lerro has had art showings of his work during its yearly Creative Arts Festival; he has also received honorable mention in the Leading Age Arts contest; and

WHEREAS, With him throughout have been his wife and children, who have shown him love and support and rejoice in his many accomplishments; and

WHEREAS, Frank Lerro, with his zest for life, has inspired and enhanced the lives of his family and friends; his motto in life is "Garlic keeps you healthy. Put it on everything"; and

WHEREAS, This exceptional nonagenarian 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, Frank Lerro 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 Frank Lerro upon the occasion of being inducted into the "Century Club" at Chapin Home for the Aging; and be it further

RESOLVED, That a copy of this Resolution, suitably engrossed, be transmitted to Frank Lerro.