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Senate Resolution No. 3587

BY: Senator KENNEDY

COMMEMORATING the 100th Anniversary of Merchants
Mutual Insurance Company of Buffalo, New York

WHEREAS, It is the sense of this Legislative Body to recognize the achievements of those individuals and businesses which substantially contribute to the economic vitality of their communities and the entire Empire State; and

WHEREAS, Attendant to such concern, and in full accord with its long-standing traditions, this Legislative Body is justly proud to commemorate the 100th Anniversary of Merchants Mutual Insurance Company of Buffalo, New York; and

WHEREAS, For the last century, Merchants Mutual Insurance Company has diligently worked to provide its loyal customers with all of their small-business insurance needs; and

WHEREAS, After attending a grocers' convention, Urban F. Jehle saw the need to bring merchants together to mutually insure their delivery vehicles; he was joined in this venture by J.R. Young, a local insurance man; Owen B. Augspurger, a lawyer; and C.W. Brown, a civil engineer; and

WHEREAS, The prominent businessmen established Merchants Mutual Liability Company on March 5, 1918, and Urban F. Jehle assumed the title

of President; in the 1930s, the organization rebranded itself as Merchants Mutual Casualty Company; and

WHEREAS, In February of 1957, Merchants Mutual Casualty Company began offering casualty and property insurance, and consequently, renamed the business, Merchants Mutual Insurance Company; and

WHEREAS, In the 1960s, Merchants Mutual Insurance Company moved to its current location at 250 Main Street; the spectacular and well-known building was designed by architects who were part of one of Buffalo's most illustrious firms; and

WHEREAS, After being acquired by American European Group, Inc. in 2007, the Company has conducted business with clients in 11 states including New York, Alabama, Georgia, Louisiana, Michigan, Mississippi, North Carolina, Ohio, Pennsylvania, Texas and Vermont; and

WHEREAS, Aware of its role in its community, Merchants Mutual Insurance Company umbrella and its employees take pride in supporting various local organizations; and

WHEREAS, It is with great pleasure that this Legislative Body acknowledges this exceptional business and its contributions to the local and State economies, fully confident that it will continue to enjoy the sparkling successes it has experienced thus far; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, That this Legislative Body pause in its deliberations to commemorate the 100th Anniversary of Merchants Mutual Insurance Company; and be it further

RESOLVED, That a copy of this Resolution, suitably engrossed, be

transmitted to Merchants Mutual Insurance Company.