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Senate Resolution No. 4475

BY: Senator GOLDEN

CONGRATULATING Anna E. Tesoriero upon the occasion
of celebrating her 100th Birthday

WHEREAS, It is the custom of this Legislative Body to commemorate
and recognize certain milestones celebrated by citizens of this great
Empire State; and

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 Anna E. Tesoriero upon the occasion of her 100th Birthday
to be celebrated with a party held in her honor at Garguilo's
Restaurant, Brooklyn, New York, on Sunday, April 29, 2018; and

WHEREAS, Anna E. Gentile was born on May 3, 1918, and raised in Bay
Ridge, Brooklyn, New York; her parents, Josephine and Antonio Gentile,
owned a fruit and vegetable store at 54th Street, Brooklyn, New York,
where the family worked; and

WHEREAS, She attended P.S. 94 and Bay Ridge Girls High School; in

the early days, Anna worked as a sales clerk in a hat shop on Fifth Avenue called Germaine's; and

WHEREAS, On June 4, 1944, Anna married her sweetheart, Dominick Tesoriero, who was a pressure tank draftsman; together, they had two daughters, Carol and Janet; today, Anna is the loving grandmother of nine grandchildren and three great-grandchildren; and

WHEREAS, Anna E. Tesoriero was always active in her parish of St. Anselm, her girls attended St. Anselm School; she was one of the many school parents who were instrumental in founding St. Anselm Youth Activities in the 1960s; she served many years on the St. Anselm Youth Activities Executive Board and ran the St. Anselm Girl Scouts for over 30 years; and

WHEREAS, In addition, Anna E. Tesoriero was a member of St. Anselm Bowling League for several years, until Leemark Lanes in Bay Ridge closed; she continued bowling until the tender age of 90; and

WHEREAS, For many years, Anna E. Tesoriero worked as a Real Estate Salesperson selling houses at Hamilton Estate Company, which was owned by her sister, Lillian Gentile; and

WHEREAS, She was part of the Steering Committee of the 86h BID during 1999-2000 and has been a Board Member since the corporate formation for the past 20 years; her lifetime of sharp negotiating skills is still actively employed to this day; and

WHEREAS, Anna E. Tesoriero resides in Bay Ridge and is a member of St. Anselm Young At Heart; she is a lifetime parishioner of her beloved parish, St. Anselm, and still today, rarely misses her weekly card games at St. Anthanasius; and

WHEREAS, Anna E. Tesoriero with her zest for life, has inspired and enhanced the lives of her family and friends; and

WHEREAS, Anna E. Tesoriero 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, This exceptional centenarian has experienced the incredible joys and sorrows characteristic of and reserved for those with the stamina and courage to savor a full life; she owes her long, happy and fulfilled life to her family, her cat, Blackie, Bay Ridge and God; 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 Anna E. Tesoriero upon the occasion of celebrating her 100th Birthday; and be it further

RESOLVED, That a copy of this Resolution, suitably engrossed, be transmitted to Anna E. Tesoriero.