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Senate Resolution No. 5104

BY: Senator STEWART-COUSINS

COMMENDING Celeste Vazzana upon the occasion of her designation for special recognition by RSVP of Westchester

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 commend Celeste Vazzana upon the occasion of her designation for special recognition by RSVP of Westchester celebrated at its Annual Spring Recognition Event at Half Moon in Dobbs Ferry, New York; and

WHEREAS, At the age of 101, Celeste Vazzana has lived a long life, full of ups and downs, but has persisted and made the best of it for her family in light of any obstacles she faced; and

WHEREAS, Celeste Vazzana was married for 30 years before her husband passed away in 1967; on her own with five young daughters, she went back to work full-time at the New York Telephone Company so that her daughters could all finish or attend college; and

WHEREAS, In addition to caring for her beloved family, Celeste

Vazzana has served her fellow man, woman and child as a volunteer at the White Plains Hospital Gift Shop for almost three decades; as a Senior Corps member, she has logged in more than 6,600 hours of her time and energy to helping others; and

WHEREAS, Celeste Vazzana has truly come to embody the motto that "Senior Corps members get things done"; and

WHEREAS, Volunteerism is an essential element of all societies; it provides a way in which the human values of community, caring and serving can be sustained and strengthened; and

WHEREAS, Volunteerism promotes family and community solidarity; most importantly, people who volunteer their time in civic and charitable endeavors inspire others to the call of volunteerism; and

WHEREAS, Service to community and country is the foundation of our society, and the contributions and future efforts of those in service to them are a vital part of, and valuable asset to, the fabric of our communities; and

WHEREAS, Celeste Vazzana, a very active and industrious woman, has inspired and enriched the lives of those she serves through her volunteerism, generously sharing the wisdom gained over years of experiencing life to its fullest; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, That this Legislative Body pause in its deliberations to commending Celeste Vazzana upon the occasion of her designation for special recognition by RSVP of Westchester; and be it further

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

transmitted to Celeste Vazzana.