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Senate Resolution No. 83

BY: Senator COMRIE

CONGRATULATING Gertrude Patnett 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 Gertrude Patnett upon the occasion of her 100th Birthday which was celebrated at a party held in her honor on Saturday, November 3, 2018, at the Jamaica Seventh-Day Adventist Church in Jamaica, New York; and

WHEREAS, Born on October 30, 1918, Gertrude Patnett has been a cherished and active member of the Jamaica Seventh-Day Adventist Church for many years; she held the title of Personal Ministries and Investment Secretary and sang with the senior choir, lending her beautiful soprano voice; and

WHEREAS, A passionate and kind woman, Gertrude Patnett participated in weekly distribution of food items to the less fortunate through the Community Services Department; she also volunteered her time and energy to the Church's Busy Bee Learning Center and the Kindergarten through eighth grade elementary school; during the summer, she helped with Vacation Bible School; and

WHEREAS, Gertrude Patnett, with her zest for life, has inspired and enhanced the lives of her family and friends; 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; and

WHEREAS, Gertrude Patnett 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 Gertrude Patnett upon the occasion of celebrating her 100th Birthday; and be it further

RESOLVED, That a copy of this Resolution, suitably engrossed, be transmitted to Gertrude Patnett.