

BY: Senator COMRIE

HONORING Anna Mary Bennett 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 101-year-old Anna Mary Bennett 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, Anna Mary Bennett was born on April 12, 1916, in Flushing, Queens, New York; she has been a member of the Chapin Home community since April of 2011; and

WHEREAS, During her life, Anna Mary Bennett was a homemaker who devoted herself to making a loving home for her family; during her free time, she enjoyed spending time tending to her neighbors; and

WHEREAS, With her throughout have been her husband, their two sons, six grandchildren and six great-grandchildren, who have all shown her love and support and rejoice in her many accomplishments; and

WHEREAS, Anna Mary Bennett, with her zest for life, has inspired and enhanced the lives of her family and friends with her friendship and graciousness; she believed in the power of friendship and would say to "... help others without expecting anything in return"; 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, Anna Mary Bennett 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 Anna Mary Bennett 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 Anna Mary Bennett.