

BY: Senator COMRIE

CONGRATULATING Harriet West upon the occasion of celebrating her 107th 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 Harriet West upon the occasion of celebrating her 107th Birthday on April 11, 2018; and

WHEREAS, Harriet West was born on April 11, 1911; and

WHEREAS, A long-time resident of Queens Village, Harriet West has spent most of her life providing for and serving others; for many years, she worked for American Telephone and Telegraph Company, and was an active member of Services Now for Adult Persons (SNAP), an Eastern Queens group dedicated to helping those over 60 maintain the dignity of independent living; and

WHEREAS, Through Harriet West's steadfast efforts, SNAP has helped improve the lives of numerous senior citizens in her community; her work was instrumental with the expanding success of SNAP; today, Harriet benefits from the many services and programs coordinated by the organization she helped build; and

WHEREAS, Harriet West has also made an indelible mark upon the citizens of Queens Village, a community that she has woven herself into, through spirit and deed; she has truly left a lasting impression on her neighbors and serves as a role model for all those she humbly served; and

WHEREAS, A friend to many, Harriet West finds great joy in life's simplest pleasures, conversing with any and all willing to listen and be heard; and

WHEREAS, Harriet West is also known for her extremely healthy diet, a habit which most assuredly has been one of her keys to a successful and long life; and

WHEREAS, Harriet West, 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, Harriet West 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 Harriet West upon the occasion of celebrating her 107th Birthday; and be it further

RESOLVED, That a copy of this Resolution, suitably engrossed, be transmitted to Harriet West.