

Senate Resolution No. 5699

**BY:** Senator STAVISKY

**CONGRATULATING** Shirley Decker 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 Shirley Decker upon the occasion of her 100th Birthday to be celebrated at a Kiddush held in her honor on Saturday, June 30, 2018, at the Rego Park Jewish Center in Queens, New York; and

**WHEREAS,** Shirley Decker was born on July 10, 1918; she is truly an Ayshit Chayil, a Woman of Valor who is hard to find; and

**WHEREAS,** Throughout her meritorious life, Shirley Decker has faithfully served her community as a volunteer for the Rego Park Jewish Center, Hadassah and her sisterhood, family and friends; she is always available to lend a helping hand to anyone and has proudly taken care of her family as its matriarch; and

**WHEREAS,** In addition to her synagogue and her family, Shirley Decker enjoys rooting for her beloved Yankees and takes great pride in her high quality clothing; and

**WHEREAS,** Shirley Decker, 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,** Shirley Decker 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 Shirley Decker upon the occasion of celebrating her 100th Birthday; and be it further

**RESOLVED,** That a copy of this Resolution, suitably engrossed, be transmitted to Shirley Decker.