Senate Resolution No. 430

**BY:** Senator LANZA

**CONGRATULATING** Anthony Aquaro upon the occasion of celebrating his 102nd 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 that they play in today's society; their past contributions and future participation are vital parts of, and valuable assets 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 Anthony Aquaro upon the occasion of celebrating his 102nd Birthday; and

**WHEREAS,** Anthony Aquaro was born to Joseph and Caroline Aquaro in Borough Park, Brooklyn, New York on February 27, 1921, and graduated from Textile High School; and

**WHEREAS,** A World War II veteran, Anthony Aquaro valiantly served in the United States Navy from 1942 to 1945; and

**WHEREAS,** For 26 years, Anthony Aquaro worked for the New York City Fire Department, Engine 269 in Park Slope, Brooklyn, New York, protecting his community from danger; and

**WHEREAS,** During this time, Anthony Aquaro and his fellow firefighters made children's toys for a local hospital to spread hope to those less fortunate; and

**WHEREAS,** Having spent his life passionately supporting charitable causes, Anthony Aquaro has made a tremendous effort to contribute to St. Jude Children's Research Hospital and Wounded Warriors; he is also a proud member of the Columbian Association and Disabled Veterans; and

**WHEREAS,** A resident of Staten Island for 58 years, Anthony Aquaro is an avid New York Yankees fan and a championship bowler; and

**WHEREAS,** Anthony Aquaro and his wife, Gloria, just celebrated their 79th wedding anniversary; they have two children, Anthony and Kathy; four grandchildren, Stephanie, Jennifer, Josh, and Anthony; and eight great grandchildren, Siena, Kelsey, Morgan, Samantha, Dominic, Jase, Ayla, and Adam; and

**WHEREAS,** Being surrounded by family, as believed by Anthony Aquaro, is the secret to a good life; his presence makes the lives of his family that much fuller; 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 great life; and

**WHEREAS,** Anthony Aquaro has enriched the lives of those who have been privileged to know him through his service to his community, and through the profound 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 Anthony Aquaro upon the occasion of celebrating his 102nd Birthday; and be it further

**RESOLVED,** That a copy of this Resolution, suitably engrossed, be transmitted to Anthony Aquaro.