

Senate Resolution No. 718

**BY:** Senator HINCHEY

**CONGRATULATING** Reta Behnke 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 Reta Behnke upon the occasion of her 100th Birthday to be celebrated on Monday, July 9, 2025; and

**WHEREAS,** Born on July 9, 1925, Reta Behnke of Highland, New York, 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,** With her zest for life, this exceptional centenarian has inspired and enhanced the lives of her family and friends; she has truly enriched those around her through her joyous and sincere love for others 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 magnificent 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 Reta Behnke upon the occasion of celebrating her 100th Birthday; and be it further

**RESOLVED,** That a copy of this Resolution, suitably engrossed, be transmitted to Reta Behnke.