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LEGISLATIVE RESOLUTION congratulating Tilly Herz upon the occasion of celebrating her 107th Birthday

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, Tilly Herz was born on January 17, 1909, to Jacob and Selma Oestrich in Hanau, Germany; and

WHEREAS, This exceptional centenarian, with her zest for life, has inspired and enhanced the lives of her family and friends; and

WHEREAS, Growing up in Germany, Tilly Herz loved playing in her family garden and with her school friends in the street; her family owned a wholesale store where she spent many days helping her parents and it became a big part of her life growing up; and

WHEREAS, Tilly Herz married her beloved husband, Ludwig Herz, when she was 18 years old, and together they took over her parent's store; and

WHEREAS, This distinguished woman 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, During the Second World War, Tilly Herz was forced to leave her village in Germany and move to England, where she spent two years; as the war began to approach England, she came to the United States; and

WHEREAS, Tilly Herz and her husband settled at 204th Street and Broadway in New York City, where the couple found new friends and a strong community; while they didn't have any children, she found a love for making children's clothing; and

WHEREAS, During this time, when she wasn't working, Tilly Herz spent most of her time playing cards, listening to music, attending functions

at her neighborhood synagogue and visiting the YMCA on Nagle Avenue; and
WHEREAS, This beloved woman 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 recog-
nize 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 Tilly Herz upon the occasion of her 107th Birthday; and be
it further

RESOLVED, That a copy of this Resolution, suitably engrossed, be tran-
smitted to Tilly Herz.