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Senate Resolution No. 4011

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COMMEMORATING the 125th Anniversary of the Yonkers
Public Library

WHEREAS, It is the sense of this Legislative Body to recognize that the quality and character of life in the communities across the great State of New York is reflective of certain exemplary institutions whose purpose is dedicated to serving the community and the needs of its citizenry; and

WHEREAS, Attendant to such concern, and in full accord with its long-standing traditions, this Legislative Body is justly proud to commemorate the 125th Anniversary of the Yonkers Public Library; this momentous occasion will be celebrated with a myriad of memorable programs including its 1,000 Books Before Kindergarten initiative on Saturday, March 24, 2018; and

WHEREAS, The Yonkers Public Library was officially chartered by the State of New York on February 9, 1893, and is the largest library in the 38 member Westchester Library System; and

WHEREAS, Since its inception more than a century ago, the Yonkers Public Library has established itself as a premier public service to the Yonkers community and beyond; and

WHEREAS, Today, the Yonkers Public Library consists of three branches, Crestwood, Grinton I. Will and Riverfront, and has nearly 93,000 active cardholders and 700,000 books, e-books, films and music; and

WHEREAS, Furthermore, in 2017, the Yonkers Public Library welcomed 875,000 visitors, circulated 750,000 books and answered more than 275,000 reference questions; and

WHEREAS, The success enjoyed by the Yonkers Public Library is in direct correlation to the efforts of the many individuals who have supported the development of the library over the years; and

WHEREAS, Equally commendable are the Yonkers Public Library's superbly-skilled staff, whose involvement is and has always been characterized by an impressive commitment, an unbridled enthusiasm, and an uncompromising standard of excellence in all of their efforts on behalf of the library and the population it serves; and

WHEREAS, Steeped in a proud and distinguished history, the Yonkers Public Library may take just pride in its purposeful growth, as it looks forward to continuing to serve the educational, cultural and intellectual needs of the community; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, That this Legislative Body pause in its deliberations to commemorate the 125th Anniversary of the Yonkers Public Library; and be it further

RESOLVED, That a copy of this Resolution, suitably engrossed, be transmitted to the Yonkers Public Library.