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Senate Resolution No. 615

BY: Senator PERSAUD

COMMEMORATING the 100th Anniversary of The  
Canarsie Courier

WHEREAS, It is the sense of this Legislative Body to pay tribute to those illustrious journalistic entities which have diligently and consistently, year after year, recorded the history of their communities and brought local news and news of the larger world to their readers; and

WHEREAS, Attendant to such concern, and in full accord with its long-standing traditions, this Legislative Body is justly proud to commemorate the 100th Anniversary of The Canarsie Courier; and

WHEREAS, In light of its centennial celebration, The Canarsie Courier will feature stories which highlight its distinguished history over the past 100 years, including "Little Old Canarsie", a favorite column written by the late Canarsie historian, John Denton, which has not been published for many years; and

WHEREAS, The Canarsie Courier, published every Thursday, is Brooklyn's oldest weekly newspaper covering the southeastern communities of Canarsie, Marine Park, Mill Basin, Georgetown, Gerritsen Beach, Bergen Beach, Kings Plaza, Sheepshead Bay, Flatlands, Flatbush, East New York and Spring Creek; and

WHEREAS, Founded by Walter S. Patrick and Lester J. Stillwell on April 22, 1921, and then reorganized by Walter S. Patrick in 1923, The Canarsie Courier continued to be published by Edward M. Herrschaft from 1935 to 1959, when it was purchased by Bob Samitz and Joe Samitz; and

WHEREAS, Furthermore, the Samitz family ran the paper until 1998, when it was sold to Donna Marra and Sandra Greco; Donna Marra became the sole publisher in 2010; and

WHEREAS, While its focus is on the most up-to-date local community news, The Canarsie Courier also offers a variety of features for the discriminating reader, plus local sports and opinion columns; and

WHEREAS, The Canarsie Courier can be found on most newsstands in the coverage area and is also mailed to subscribers; in addition, it can be viewed online at [www.canarsiecourier.com](http://www.canarsiecourier.com); and

WHEREAS, In today's digital age, while many newspapers are either becoming obsolete or taken over by larger media outlets, The Canarsie Courier is proud to have remained an independent newspaper since its founding a century ago; and

WHEREAS, Our newspapers provide a tremendous service to citizens across the State of New York by keeping them informed about current events; the democracy of our State and Nation is strengthened by a responsible citizenry which is actively engaged in reading and kept abreast of news affecting their lives; and

WHEREAS, As The Canarsie Courier moves into the future, it carries with it the legacy of a distinguished journalistic history and an outstanding record of growth and achievement; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, That this Legislative Body pause in its deliberations to commemorate the 100th Anniversary of The Canarsie Courier; and be it further

RESOLVED, That a copy of this Resolution, suitably engrossed, be transmitted to The Canarsie Courier.