

BRONX PROFILE / Theresa Lato



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JOB

Founder of Bronx Council for Environmental Quality; board member of the Bronx Society of Science and Letters, the Bronx County Historical Society, and the Bronx Tourism Council; member of the Landmarks Preservation Commission.

BIOGRAPHY

80, born and reared in the Bronx, 'I plan to live and die here'; graduated from Walton High School in 1928 and Hunter College in 1931; became an environmental activist in 1966 after the city began using an Indian fishing village in Pelham Bay Park as a landfill; founded the Bronx Council for Environmental Quality in 1971; widowed, one son, one grandson. 'I'm a Bronx nationalist.'

RESIDENCE

Apartment in the Bronx.

MAJOR ACCOMPLISHMENT

'All my life I was used to hard work but never had I worked so hard as I did to bring the Bronx Council for Environmental Quality to maturity — with blood, sweat, tears and frustration. It was a learning experience and a rewarding one.'

CONCERN

'People should promote public interest to serve their own interests and the interests of their children. My concerns are for intelligent, far-sighted use of land use.'

PLANS

'Supporting Borough President Fernando Ferrer's "Develop with Pride" program, as well as fighting for adequate funding for an enlightened park management.'