

LEGISLATIVE RESOLUTION congratulating Magdelene Williams upon the occasion of her 100th Birthday

WHEREAS, Magdelene Williams joyfully celebrated her 100th birthday on Sunday, March 24, 2013 with her Bushwick Parish United Methodist Church Family during its 11:00 am Worship service, followed by a 12:30 pm Birthday Celebration Luncheon; and

WHEREAS, The second youngest of nine children, Magdelene Williams was born in Red Springs, North Carolina on March 24, 1913; she moved to Brooklyn, New York during the "Great Depression" in the late 1930s; she found work as a housekeeper and continued to work very hard for the same family until she was in her nineties; and

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

WHEREAS, Magdelene Williams married Howard Williams who died accidentally while her children were still young; she has been a widow for more than sixty-five years; and

WHEREAS, Choosing not to remarry, Magdelene Williams worked and raised her five children as a single parent; she is also the proud grandmother of nine grandchildren and five great-grandchildren; and

WHEREAS, Mrs. Williams has been a faithful member of Bushwick Parish United Methodist Church since 1960; although she likes to remain in the background, she served as a Sunday school teacher and gave instruction in needlepoint, crocheting, and quilting; and

WHEREAS, Magdelene Williams continues to do quilting; another of her favorite pastimes is walking; she walks around the neighborhood daily and walks to church every Sunday; and

WHEREAS, This distinguished woman, who has experienced the incredible joys and sorrows characteristic of and reserved for those with the stamina and courage to savor a full life, has inspired the lives of her many friends and family; and

WHEREAS, This beloved lady 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 recognize 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; and

WHEREAS, Magdelene Williams loves her Lord and her church and her life is a blessing to all who meet her; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, That this Legislative Body pause in its deliberations to congratulate Magdelene Williams upon the occasion of her 100th Birthday; and be it further

RESOLVED, That a copy of this Resolution, suitably engrossed, be transmitted to Magdelene Williams.