

LEGISLATIVE RESOLUTION honoring Gladys W. Joyner upon the occasion of being selected as Queens County's 2013 Senior Citizen of the Year

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, This Legislative Body is justly proud to honor Gladys W. Joyner upon the occasion of being selected as Queens County's 2013 Senior Citizen of the Year, in recognition of her invaluable contributions to the community through her outstanding, and much appreciated, volunteer work; and

WHEREAS, As Queens County's 2013 Senior Citizen of the Year, Gladys W. Joyner will participate in the Annual New York State Senior Citizens Day Luncheon, hosted by the State Office for the Aging (SOFA), at the Hart Theatre Lounge in the Egg, Albany, New York, on Tuesday, May 7, 2013; and

WHEREAS, The theme for this year's event, Unleash the Power of Age, recognizes the potential energies of older individuals which can be unleashed through civic engagement to address pressing social and community needs; and

WHEREAS, Gladys Joyner has lived in New York for over 70 years; she has raised four children and has been a mentor and second mother to many; she is also the loving grandmother of six grandchildren and eight great-grandchildren; and

WHEREAS, A retired Federal Government employee, Gladys W. Joyner not only volunteers as a foster grandparent, she is also a member of the auxiliary board for Queens Hospital Center, and works with the Board of Elections; and

WHEREAS, Gladys W. Joyner has been part of the Queens Borough Chorus in the past and has always enjoyed giving time to help the youth in her community; and

WHEREAS, For 12 years, Gladys has been volunteering for Queens Hospital Center; she enjoys the satisfaction of giving love and attention to those in need; seeing the smiles on the children's faces when she walks in the door is her greatest reward; and

WHEREAS, A true asset to society, Gladys W. Joyner's distinguished record merits the recognition and respectful tribute of this Legislative Body; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, That this Legislative Body pause in its deliberations to honor Gladys W. Joyner upon the occasion of being selected as Queens County's 2013 Senior Citizen of the Year; and be it further

RESOLVED, That a copy of this Resolution, suitably engrossed, be transmitted to Gladys W. Joyner.