

LEGISLATIVE RESOLUTION congratulating Georgia Slaughter-Hughes upon the occasion of her 100th Birthday

WHEREAS, Georgia Slaughter-Hughes, lovingly known as "Auntie", was born Georgia Slaughter in Cascade, Virginia on July 9, 1913, the fifth of six children; and

WHEREAS, This exceptional centenarian, with her zest for life, has inspired and enhanced the lives of her family and friends; 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, She was educated in the Cascade school system and lived in the Jim Crow South before relocating to New York in 1934 to live with an older sister who was already working there; and

WHEREAS, Georgia Slaughter-Hughes was employed in the types of jobs in which Blacks who migrated from the South commonly worked, such as nurse maid, child caretaker, seamstress, and launderer; and

WHEREAS, Although not directly involved, she was a supporter of the civil rights movement and especially the work of Dr. King; and

WHEREAS, Georgia Slaughter-Hughes was extremely happy and proud in November 2008, when President Barack Obama became the first African-American President of the United States, a day she believed she would never see in her lifetime; and

WHEREAS, Ms. Slaughter-Hughes remains active by attending the Stuyvesant Heights Christian Church in Bedford-Stuyvesant, Brooklyn where she has been a member for many years; and

WHEREAS, She is a proud member of the Seniors' Ministry at the Church and has a great love of gospel music; she also loves speaking to and interacting with young children; and

WHEREAS, On her 95th birthday, she achieved one of her life-long dreams, that of riding a motorcycle for the first time, an event which was recorded in OUR TIME PRESS; 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 come 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; now, therefore, be it

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

RESOLVED, That a copy of this Resolution, suitably engrossed, be transmitted to Georgia Slaughter-Hughes.