

BY: Senator HAMILTON

CONGRATULATING Patty Lou Collins upon the occasion
of celebrating her 103rd Birthday

WHEREAS, It is the custom of this Legislative Body to commemorate and recognize certain milestones celebrated by citizens of this great Empire State; and

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, Attendant to such concern, and in full accord with its long-standing traditions, this Legislative Body is justly proud to congratulate Patty Lou Collins upon the occasion of her 103rd Birthday to be celebrated at a party held in her honor on Thursday, April 21, 2017, at the Center for Nursing and Rehabilitation (CNR) in Brooklyn, New York; and

WHEREAS, Patty Lou Collins was born in Enfield, North Carolina, where she worked on her parents' farm; at the young age of 17, she moved to an apartment in Bedford-Stuyvesant, Brooklyn, where she was employed as a cleaner; and

WHEREAS, Patty Lou Collins married her husband, and together they raised three children in their home in Crown Heights, Brooklyn; unfortunately, her husband passed away after almost 30 years of marriage; and

WHEREAS, In her free time, Patty Lou Collins loved to garden; she enjoyed maintaining a flower garden in the front yard and a vegetable garden in the back; she proudly won several contests for her beautiful displays and meticulous work; and

WHEREAS, Patty Lou Collins, with her zest for life, has inspired and enhanced the lives of her family and friends; and

WHEREAS, This exceptional centenarian has experienced the incredible joys and sorrows characteristic of and reserved for those with the stamina and courage to savor a full life; and

WHEREAS, Patty Lou Collins 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; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, That this Legislative Body pause in its deliberations to congratulate Patty Lou Collins upon the occasion of celebrating her 103rd Birthday; and be it further

RESOLVED, That a copy of this Resolution, suitably engrossed, be transmitted to Patty Lou Collins.