

BY: Senator HAMILTON

CONGRATULATING Gertrude Jenkins upon the occasion
of celebrating her 101st 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 Gertrude Jenkins upon the occasion of her 101st Birthday to be celebrated at a party held in her honor on Friday, April 21, 2017, at the Center for Nursing and Rehabilitation (CNR) in Brooklyn, New York; and

WHEREAS, Gertrude Jenkins was born in the South; she moved to Brooklyn, where she worked as a housekeeper; she volunteered her time and energy to many community organizations; and

WHEREAS, A truly giving person, Gertrude Jenkins was a faithful member of her local church; today, she continues to pray and likes to sing and listen to gospel music; and

WHEREAS, Gertrude Jenkins enjoys spending time with her beloved family, and is a great friend to the fellow residents and staff at the CNR; and

WHEREAS, Gertrude Jenkins, 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, Gertrude Jenkins 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 Gertrude Jenkins upon the occasion of celebrating her 101st Birthday; and be it further

RESOLVED, That a copy of this Resolution, suitably engrossed, be transmitted to Gertrude Jenkins.