

BY: Senator COMRIE

HONORING Lillie Bivins upon the occasion of being inducted into the "Century Club" at Chapin Home for the Aging

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 101-year-old Lillie Bivins upon the occasion of being inducted into the "Century Club" at Chapin Home for the Aging, celebrated at its Second Annual Induction Ceremony on Friday, May 19, 2017, at the Chapin Home in Jamaica, New York; and

WHEREAS, Founded in 1869 by Mrs. Edwin Chapin, Chapin Home for the Aging has been serving the New York City/Long Island community at its Jamaica location since 1912; currently, it is capable of assisting 220 adults in its Skilled Nursing Facility and can hold 50 registrants in its Adult Day Health Care Center; and

WHEREAS, Throughout its esteemed history, Chapin Home has provided the aging men and women who have come to live there a true home, where they may find the serenity and security that have always been envisioned as essential and appropriate to the latter part of life; and

WHEREAS, Lillie Bivins was born on December 20, 1915, in North Carolina; she has been a member of the Chapin Home community since February of 2009; and

WHEREAS, During her life, Lillie Bivins was a homemaker who devoted herself to making a loving home for her family; a few of her favorite pastimes include fine arts and crafts work, Bible discussions and spending time with her family; and

WHEREAS, Lillie was married to the late Roland Bivins for 47 wonderful years; her children and family have all shown her love and support and rejoice in her many achievements; and

WHEREAS, Lillie Bivins, with her zest for life, has inspired and enhanced the lives of her family and friends with her caring nature and wisdom; her motto in life is "When you're in a relationship you have to listen, have patience, communicate and talk things over. Be kind to one another and stay with family"; 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, Lillie Bivins 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 Lillie Bivins upon the occasion of being inducted into the "Century Club" at Chapin Home for the Aging; and be it further

RESOLVED, That a copy of this Resolution, suitably engrossed, be transmitted to Lillie Bivins.