

BY: Senator PARKER

CONGRATULATING Josephine Emily Jureidini Samms
upon the occasion of celebrating her 100th Birthday

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 Josephine Emily Jureidini Samms upon the occasion of celebrating her 100th Birthday on Saturday, January 28, 2017, at Antun's, Queens Village, New York; and

WHEREAS, Born in 1917, Josephine Emily Jureidini Samms is the third child of Marie Baxter Jureidini and Najeeb "Phillip Micheal" Jureidini; as the first girl, she was loved and protected by her older brothers Ameen and Sahid, and adored by her five younger siblings, Winifred, Mavis, Haloon, Charles and Horace; and

WHEREAS, Josephine Emily Jureidini Samms, affectionately known as Joe, is grateful to both parents for instilling core values of a strong Christian faith, family unity, self-determination and the importance of education; and

WHEREAS, With a true passion for caring for the sick, Josephine Emily Jureidini Samms earned a degree from the Nursing School at Kingston Public Hospital where she would eventually meet her future husband, Lloyd Samms; and

WHEREAS, Josephine Emily Jureidini Samms began her illustrious nursing career at St. Joseph's Hospital as a private nurse before coming to the United States in the late 1950s; and

WHEREAS, Known for her caring heart and healing hands, Josephine Emily Jureidini Samms was honored by the New York State Nurses Association after 25 years of distinguished service as a Registered Professional Nurse; and

WHEREAS, Josephine Emily Jureidini Samms has given tirelessly of her time and energies to countless charities throughout Brooklyn; and

WHEREAS, Revered for her love, loyalty, fortitude, ethical standards and moral fiber, Josephine Emily Jureidini Samm, 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, Josephine Emily Jureidini Samms 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 Josephine Emily Jureidini Samms upon the occasion of celebrating her 100th Birthday; and be it further

RESOLVED, That a copy of this Resolution, suitably engrossed, be transmitted to Josephine Emily Jureidini Samms.