

BY: Senator PERSAUD

CONGRATULATING Elethia Corine Sears upon the occasion of celebrating her 103rd 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 Elethia Corine Sears upon the occasion of her 103rd Birthday to be celebrated on Friday, March 10, 2017; and

WHEREAS, Elethia Corine Sears, the daughter of Peter and Lillian Loague, was born on March 10, 1914; and

WHEREAS, As an adult, one of Elethia Corine Sears' greatest passions was traveling; when she was given the opportunity to come to New York to live near one of her daughters, she took it as the chance to see the world; and

WHEREAS, Working as a nanny for many years, Elethia Corine Sears' area of expertise was taking care of newborn babies; she retired from this position in 1988; and

WHEREAS, Currently, Elethia Corine Sears enjoys spending her time dancing and playing dominos and cards, as well as cooking and baking for her family; and

WHEREAS, A dedicated Roman Catholic, Elethia Corine Sears worships at St. Rita's parish in Brooklyn, New York; she is a member of the Rosary Society and a former member of the choir; and

WHEREAS, Elethia Corine Sears is the proud mother of five children, one late daughter; and the loving grandmother of grandchildren, 47 great-grandchildren and 35 great-great-grandchildren, all of whom feel privileged to be a part of her life and rejoice in her achievements; and

WHEREAS, With her zest for life, Elethia Corine Sears 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, Elethia Corine Sears 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 Elethia Corine Sears upon the occasion of celebrating her 103rd Birthday; and be it further

RESOLVED, That a copy of this Resolution, suitably engrossed, be transmitted to Elethia Corine Sears.