

BY: Senator PERSAUD

CONGRATULATING Louise Bryan upon the occasion of celebrating her 104th 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 Louise Bryan upon the occasion of celebrating her 104th Birthday; and

WHEREAS, Her parents emigrated from Barbados searching for economic opportunities; they settled in Harlem, New York, where Louise was born on May 5, 1915; and

WHEREAS, The family remained in Harlem until Louise turned 15 years old, when they moved to Berryman Street, Brooklyn, New York, where she would meet her future husband, Cyril Bryan; and

WHEREAS, Together Louise and Cyril Bryan were the proud parents of three children, Curtis, Kathryn (Jackson), and the late John; today, Louise is the loving grandmother of two grandchildren, Paris and Kurtis; and three great grandchildren, Little Paris, Jourdan, and Jauwon, all of whom feel privileged to be a part of her life and rejoice in her achievements; and

WHEREAS, With her zest for life, this exceptional centenarian has inspired and enhanced the lives of her family and friends; and

WHEREAS, Louise Bryan was a school aide for the New York City Department of Education, where she remained until she retired after 40 years of distinguished service; and

WHEREAS, This beloved woman 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 Louise Bryan upon the occasion of celebrating her 104th Birthday; and be it further

RESOLVED, That a copy of this Resolution, suitably engrossed, be transmitted to Louise Bryan.