

BY: Senator PARKER

CONGRATULATING Winifred Eliza Clarke 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, It is the custom of this Legislative Body to commemorate and recognize certain milestones celebrated by citizens of this great Empire State; and

WHEREAS, Attendant to such concern, and in full accord with its long-standing traditions, this Legislative Body is justly proud to congratulate Winifred Eliza Clarke upon the occasion of celebrating her 100th Birthday; and

WHEREAS, Winifred Eliza, affectionately known as Dorothy, was born on December 31, 1920, at La Union village on the Essequibo coast of Guyana, South America, to Mary Amanda George and Primus Blackman; and

WHEREAS, Early in her life, her mother took her to Georgetown, where she spent most of her life; her formal education was at the Ursaline Convent; and

WHEREAS, She married Herman Clarke and together they were the proud parents of six children, Mayleen, Aubrey, Thelma, Maurice, Audrey, and Colin; and

WHEREAS, Winifred Eliza Clarke was not content in being just a homemaker, so she qualified as a hair dresser and ran a small beauty salon for many years; and

WHEREAS, In order to better the quality of life for her children, Winifred Eliza Clarke migrated to America in 1969, where she worked in Elder Care for more than two decades; during this time, she perfected her skills in cooking and it was known that whatever she cooked was eagerly consumed; and

WHEREAS, She was best known for baking and icing wedding cakes to the extent that her handiwork has been enjoyed both locally and internationally; and

WHEREAS, Winifred Eliza Clarke, 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, Winifred Eliza Clarke 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 Winifred Eliza Clarke upon the occasion of celebrating her 100th Birthday; and be it further

RESOLVED, That a copy of this Resolution, suitably engrossed, be transmitted to Winifred Eliza Clarke.