

Assembly Resolution No. 265

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MOURNING the death of Pearl S. Reeves,
distinguished citizen and devoted member of her
community

WHEREAS, There are certain outstanding members of our community who, through their selfless commitment and dedication, have served to better the quality of life in our community and have had a measurable positive impact on the lives of its residents; Pearl S. Reeves was one such individual; and

WHEREAS, It is with profound sorrow and deep regret that this Legislative Body records the passing of Pearl S. Reeves, noting the significance of her purposeful life and accomplishments; and

WHEREAS, Pearl S. Reeves, affectionately known to many as Pearlie, died on Saturday, April 10, 2021, at the age of 93; and

WHEREAS, Born on February 24, 1928, Pearl S. Reeves grew up on a farm in Greensboro, Hale County, Alabama; unfortunately, at the young age of six, her father unexpectedly died leaving her mother and five siblings to maintain their family home and land; and

WHEREAS, A bright, passionate young woman, Pearl S. Reeves graduated from high school in 1948, and briefly attended Alabama State University Teacher School; she moved to New York City, and worked at the New York City Department of Human Resources for almost 20 years before retiring from the Welfare Division in the Statistical and Control Department; and

WHEREAS, Pearl S. Reeves' commitment to excellence, and her spirit of humanity, carried over into all fields of enterprise, including charitable and civic endeavors; and

WHEREAS, Pearl S. Reeves was dedicated to her community and strived to make it a better place for her neighbors to live, work and play; she was a founding member of the Curtis Street Block Association, a lifetime member of the NAACP, Vice President and Financial Secretary of the New York City Chapter of the New York Statewide Senior Action Council, and was actively involved with the Corona/East Elmhurst Civic Association, among other organizations; and

WHEREAS, In addition to her community work, Pearl S. Reeves loved spending time with her cherished family and enjoyed attending church; in 1974, she was baptized at Mt. Horeb Baptist Church in Corona, New York, and later, was a faithful member of the First Baptist Church in East Elmhurst, New York; and

WHEREAS, Pearl S. Reeves is survived by one sister, Alma O. Madison; one daughter, Denis Wilson; two grandchildren, Alicia M. (Marlon) and Robert (RJ); one great-grandchild, Ari Nicole; longtime friend, Carol Delasso, as well as numerous other family members and friends; and

WHEREAS, Pearl S. Reeves' infinite selflessness and benevolence will shine on through her family's vivid and happy memories; her insight and strength will forever serve as a beacon of love, light and hope to the countless lives she touched; and

WHEREAS, Armed with a humanistic spirit and imbued with a sense of compassion, Pearl S. Reeves leaves behind a legacy which will long endure the passage of time and will remain as a comforting memory to all who were privileged to have known and loved such an amazing woman; she will be deeply missed and truly merits the grateful tribute of this Legislative Body; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, That this Legislative Body pause in its deliberations to mourn the death of Pearl S. Reeves, distinguished citizen and devoted member of her community; and be it further

RESOLVED, That a copy of this Resolution, suitably engrossed, be transmitted to the family of Pearl S. Reeves.