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CONGRATULATING Elizabeth Stanley 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 Elizabeth Stanley upon the occasion of her 100th Birthday to be celebrated on Saturday, March 11, 2023, at Lemuel Haynes Congregational Church in Jamaica, New York; and

WHEREAS, Born in Walterboro, South Carolina, Elizabeth Stanley moved to Brooklyn, New York in 1945, when she married her beloved husband, World War II Veteran, Reginald Stanley; in 1951, she later moved to South Ozone Park, New York, where she has since lived for an impressive 72 years; and

WHEREAS, An avid churchgoer, Elizabeth Stanley joined Lemuel Haynes Congregational Church in 1952, and had been a participant in the choir from the early 1960s until around 2016, when it was disbanded; and

WHEREAS, Elizabeth Stanley, with her zest for life, has inspired and enhanced the lives of her family and friends; and

WHEREAS, Helping her community in a multitude of ways, Elizabeth Stanley volunteered as a Street Crossing Guard at Public School 123 for at least 20 years, was once a member of the 140th Block Association, and selflessly provided child foster care services for a decade; 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, With her throughout have been her beloved husband, Reginald; sons, Rodney, and the late Tyrone; grandchildren, Christopher and MarkAnthony; great-grandchildren, Anissa, Giada, and Kincade, as well as her great-great-grandchild, Aria, all of whom feel privileged to be a part of her life and rejoice in her achievements; and

WHEREAS, Elizabeth Stanley has enriched the lives of those around her through her joyous and sincere love for others and through the profound 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 magnificent 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 Elizabeth Stanley upon the occasion of celebrating her 100th Birthday; and be it further

RESOLVED, That a copy of this Resolution, suitably engrossed, be transmitted to Elizabeth Stanley.