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CELEBRATING the 100th Anniversary of the birth of Shirley Chisholm, a transformational leader whose legacy of courage, equity, and advocacy continues to shape the nation

WHEREAS, It is the sense of this Legislative Body to recognize and pay tribute to those individuals and organizations that exemplify visionary leadership, inspire progress, and make enduring contributions to their communities and the broader society; and

WHEREAS, Attendant to such concern, and in full accord with its long-standing traditions, this Legislative Body is justly proud to join in celebrating the 100th Anniversary of the birth of Shirley Chisholm, a transformational leader whose legacy of courage, equity, and advocacy continues to shape the nation; and

WHEREAS, Shirley Chisholm was a pioneering political figure, educator, and activist, as well as a staunch supporter of civil rights, poverty alleviation, and anti-war policies, often standing firm on principles even when they were not politically popular; her legacy as a fearless advocate for equity continues to influence activism and politics today; and

WHEREAS, Shirley Chisholm, born on November 30, 1924, broke barriers as the first Black woman elected to the United States Congress in 1968 and as the first African American and woman to seek the presidential nomination of a major political party in 1972, exemplifying an unwavering commitment to justice, opportunity, and representation for all; and

WHEREAS, Throughout her trailblazing career, Shirley Chisholm embodied her iconic motto, "Unbought and Unbossed," serving as a fierce advocate for racial equality, women's rights, education, and economic justice, and inspiring generations to engage in public service and civic action; and

WHEREAS, The centennial of Shirley Chisholm's birth is a landmark occasion that offers a profound opportunity to reflect on her groundbreaking achievements, reaffirm the values she championed, and rededicate ourselves to the work of creating a more inclusive and equitable society; and

WHEREAS, This Legislative Body is deeply moved to honor the legacy of Shirley Chisholm, whose enduring influence serves as a beacon of hope, progress, and empowerment for all, and to commend those whose invaluable contributions keep her spirit and vision alive; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, That this Legislative Body pause in its deliberations to celebrate the 100th Anniversary of the birth of Shirley Chisholm, a

transformational leader whose legacy of courage, equity, and advocacy continues to shape the nation.