

LEGISLATIVE RESOLUTION congratulating Ollie DeLoach Dent 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, Ollie DeLoach Dent will be recognized on Sunday, March 18, 2012, at St. Philip's Episcopal Church in Brooklyn, New York; and

WHEREAS, Ollie DeLoach Dent was born in Brunswick, Georgia, on September 29, 1911, to Oliver and Mamie DeLoach; after moving to New York City, she graduated from high school and later attended Brooklyn College where she earned her bachelor's and master's degrees; she later married R. Risely Dent, Jr.; and

WHEREAS, Ollie DeLoach Dent went on to work for the Board of Education as an English teacher and then in the Bureau of Attendance; she collectively worked over 40 years with the Board of Education; and

WHEREAS, A member of the Brooklyn Friendship Club, Ollie DeLoach Dent actively volunteered with the New York Lawyers Bar Association Grievance Committee for ten years; she also served with the Board of Directors of Stuyvesant Heights Senior Citizens Center and the Brooklyn Botanical Gardens for many years; and

WHEREAS, A long-time member of St. Philip's Episcopal Church where she sang with the St. Cecelia Choir, Ollie DeLoach Dent has been a member of Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority, Inc. for more than 75 years and is also a Diamond Girl; she is a founding member of the Brooklyn Chapter of AKA and is the oldest living Diamond Girl in the United States; and

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

WHEREAS, This distinguished woman 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, 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, With her throughout have been her three sons, Fredrick, Ronald and Rodney; her grandchildren Alexander and Randolph, and her daughters-in-law Eunice and Elizabeth, all of whom feel privileged to be a part of her life and rejoice in her achievements; 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 Ollie DeLoach Dent upon the occasion of her 100th Birthday; and be it further

RESOLVED, That a copy of this Resolution, suitably engrossed, be transmitted to Ollie DeLoach Dent.