

BY: Senator COMRIE

COMMEMORATING the 48th Anniversary of the Allen
Community Senior Citizens Center of Jamaica, Queens

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 sense of this Legislative Body to honor those illustrious organizations of the State of New York whose purposeful endeavors serve to enhance the quality of life for the cherished senior citizens in their communities; and

WHEREAS, Attendant to such concern and in full accord with its long-standing traditions, this Legislative Body is justly proud to commemorate the 48th Anniversary of the Allen Community Senior Citizens Center of Jamaica, Queens; and

WHEREAS, The Allen Community Senior Citizens Center is a community-based agency located in Southeast Queens, providing a wide variety of services to the senior population; funding for these vital services is provided through the New York City Department for the Aging (DFTA); and

WHEREAS, Organized by the former Pastor of Allen AME Church, the late Bishop Donald George Kenneth Ming, the Allen Community Senior Citizens Center was designed to provide activities that would lessen isolation and seclusion and increase opportunities for socializing; and

WHEREAS, The newly incorporated center opened its doors as the Allen Community Senior Citizens Center on March 27, 1974; under the able leadership of the late Rose I. Jenkins, the program was expanded to introduce educational, consumer and nutritional education programs; in addition, a Senior Advisory Council was organized; and

WHEREAS, In June of 1982, the Allen Community Senior Citizens Center moved to its present location inside the Allen Senior Citizens Complex; it was through the diligent and unwavering efforts of the Reverend Dr. Floyd H. Flake, the current Pastor of the Allen AME Church of Jamaica, New York, the center secured these premises; and

WHEREAS, Throughout its distinguished 48-year history, the Allen Community Senior Citizens Center has introduced many new initiatives, including health and fitness programs, line dancing, Zumba/chair fitness, Tai Chi, adult coloring, cultural activities, storytelling, coffee hour and computer learning sessions; and

WHEREAS, Today, the Allen Community Senior Citizens Center provides services to over 1,000 participants, ages 60 and over; and

WHEREAS, It is the intent of this Legislative Body to recognize and celebrate the legacy of New York's senior citizens who have experienced tumultuous changes in the 20th Century, including the dawn of the nuclear age, the rise of the computer, and the proliferation of the automobile, television, technology and so many other innovations of the American spirit, and who now represent a great and willing source of knowledge available to our great State of New York; and

WHEREAS, It is with great pleasure that this Legislative Body recognizes the many contributions of the Allen Community Senior Citizens Center of Jamaica, Queens, and wishes this worthy facility continued success in its proactive mission to benefit and nurture the communities it represents; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, That this Legislative Body pause in its deliberations to commemorate the 48th Anniversary of the Allen Community Senior Citizens Center of Jamaica, Queens; and be it further

RESOLVED, That a copy of this Resolution, suitably engrossed, be transmitted to the Allen Community Senior Citizens Center of Jamaica, Queens.