Senate Resolution No. 608

BY: Senator PERSAUD

CONGRATULATING Ms. Dora Letitia Fordyce upon the occasion of celebrating her 104th 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 Ms. Dora Letitia Fordyce upon the occasion of her 104th Birthday; and

WHEREAS, Dora Letitia was born on March 15th, 1919, in in the village of Vreed-en-Hoop, West Coast Demerara, Guyana, this courageous 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, In 1995, Dora migrated to America to join her daughter Paula in Brooklyn, New York, where she resides until this day; and

WHEREAS, In the United States, she became a member of the Adult Daycare at Kingsbrook, New York; here she enjoys studying scripture under the guidance of Pastor Murphy, as well as, going on trips, doing stunning handcraft, including knitting, crochet and playing dominoes and bingo; and

WHEREAS, Ms. Dora Letitia Fordyce is the proud mother of 10 children, 42 grandchildren, 67 great-grandchildren, and 13 great-great grandchildren; this extraordinary woman worked hard as a seamstress, sewing remarkable bridal gowns and school uniforms; and

WHEREAS, With her zest for life, Ms. Dora Letitia Fordyce has inspired and enhanced the lives of her family and friends; she attends the New Lots Community Church, and enjoys singing, especially her favorite hymn, "Amazing Grace"; and

WHEREAS, Ms. Dora Letitia Fordyce 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, 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 Ms. Dora Letitia Fordyce upon the occasion of celebrating her 104th Birthday; and be it further

RESOLVED, That a copy of this Resolution, suitably engrossed, be transmitted to Ms. Dora Letitia Fordyce.