

BY: Senator PARKER

MOURNING the death of Alice Mae Goodson, distinguished citizen and devoted member of her community

WHEREAS, It is the custom of this Legislative Body to pay tribute to citizens of the State of New York whose lifework and civic endeavor served to enhance the quality of life in their communities and this great Empire State; and

WHEREAS, Alice Mae Goodson of Brooklyn, New York, died on Wednesday, March 12, 2025, at the age of 100; and

WHEREAS, Born on March 26, 1924, to Floyd and Betty Springer in Moultrie, Georgia, Alice Mae Goodson lived her early life in Georgia and attended Moultrie High School where she became a star basketball player and led her team to win the Georgia State Championship; and

WHEREAS, Shortly after graduating high school in 1944, Alice Mae Goodson moved to New York; by 1956, her siblings Fannie, Floyd, and Walter followed suit, and together they shared a home in Crown Heights, Brooklyn, New York, until they each moved to their own homes; and

WHEREAS, Alice Mae Goodson distinguished herself by her sincere dedication and substantial contribution to the welfare of her community; and

WHEREAS, In addition to working on Canal Street making sequins and in a factory making slips and girdles, Alice Mae Goodson was a loving maternal figure for many children, and she cared for and raised children for family, friends, and people in her neighborhood; and

WHEREAS, Alice Mae Goodson was a loving and caring individual, and her home on Franklin Avenue was an open house for extended family, church family, community family, and anyone who needed a home; and

WHEREAS, In 1957, Alice Mae Goodson and her sister, Fannie, began attending the Sawdust Trail Tent revival and tarry services on Fulton Street, which would later relocate and be renamed the Washington Temple Church Of God In Christ; and

WHEREAS, Alice Mae Goodson's commitment to excellence, and her spirit of humanity, carried over into all fields of enterprise, including charitable and civic endeavors; and

WHEREAS, The Washington Temple Church Of God In Christ was a monumental part of Alice Mae Goodson's life for 71 years, and her devotion led to her appointment as the Mother of the Junior Church and eventual Church Mother in December, 2008; and

WHEREAS, Alice Mae Goodson shared her life with her loving husband

Robert Goodson, and together they shared the joy of raising six children; and

WHEREAS, Alice Mae Goodson is survived by her five children, Shirley Mae Springer Staten, Aaron Springer and wife Belinda Springer, Ricky Goodson and wife Linda Goodson, Father Leon Pierre, husband of Missionary Lisa Pierre, and Renita Goodson; 11 grandchildren; 18 great-grandchildren; three great-great-grandchildren; nieces; nephews; cousins; in-laws; friends; and the entire Washington Temple Church Of God In Christ family; and

WHEREAS, Armed with a humanistic spirit and imbued with a sense of compassion, Alice Mae Goodson leaves behind a legacy which will long endure the passage of time and will remain as a comforting memory to all she served and befriended; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, That this Legislative Body pause in its deliberations to mourn the death of Alice Mae Goodson, distinguished citizen and devoted member of her community; and be it further

RESOLVED, That a copy of this Resolution, suitably engrossed, be transmitted to the family of Alice Mae Goodson.