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Senate Resolution No. 2623

BY: Senator COMRIE

CONGRATULATING Sister Clealer M. Hayes upon the occasion of celebrating her 106th Birthday

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, 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, Attendant to such concern, and in full accord with its long-standing traditions, this Legislative Body is justly proud to congratulate Sister Clealer M. Hayes upon the occasion of her 106th Birthday to be celebrated on Tuesday, April 30, 2024; and

WHEREAS, Clealer M. Hayes was born on April 30, 1918, and grew up on a farm alongside her parents and eight siblings; and

WHEREAS, Prioritizing her education, Clealer M. Hayes went to a public school and Sunday school in the Protestant religion from an early age; and

WHEREAS, Migrating to New York City in 1944, Sister Clealer M. Hayes

joined Allen A.M.E. Church in 1980 and found a home within the congregation; and

WHEREAS, Devout in her faith, Sister Clealer M. Hayes devoted herself to service in 1984; she began on the Usher Board no. 1 and a few years later, she was appointed to be a Stewardess Board no. 1; and

WHEREAS, Clealer M. Hayes, with her zest for life, has inspired and enhanced the lives of her family and friends; and

WHEREAS, This exceptional centenarian 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, Clealer M. Hayes 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 Sister Clealer M. Hayes upon the occasion of celebrating her 106th Birthday; and be it further

RESOLVED, That a copy of this Resolution, suitably engrossed, be transmitted to Sister Clealer M. Hayes.

