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LEGISLATIVE RESOLUTION honoring Elmina Parris upon the occasion of her designation for special recognition by Mauby Media Services

WHEREAS, It is the sense of this Legislative Body to call attention to those esteemed residents of the State of New York who dedicate their lives to the improvement of their communities; and

WHEREAS, Elmina Parris has given not only of her time and energies but also of her competence, intelligence and leadership and consequently has been designated for special honor; and

WHEREAS, This Legislative Body is justly proud to honor Elmina Parris upon the occasion of her designation for special recognition by Mauby Media Services, celebrated on Saturday August 13, 2011, at The Cultural Barn in Brooklyn, New York; and

WHEREAS, Mauby Media Services hosted the "Salute to Yesterday's Children" event, which was a benefit and award ceremony acknowledging community elders; and

WHEREAS, Elmina Parris was born on February 5, 1911 in Berbice, Guyana, where she made her living by sewing, cooking and baking; her home-made drinks and pastries were the specialties in her neighborhood shop known simply as "Miss Elmina's Parlor"; and

WHEREAS, Elmina Parris attended Scott's Presbyterian School and was a Sunday School Choir member at St. Mary's Anglican Church; and

WHEREAS, Migrating to the United States in 1976, Elmina Parris came here by ship on a journey that lasted six months; she is honored by the fact that the first church she was invited to after coming to the United States carried the same name as her island home church, St. Mary's; and she has been a member there ever since; and

WHEREAS, Elmina Parris proclaims that the secret to living up to 100 years of age is growing up on a diet of "duff" which has enabled her to be as strong as she is today; and

WHEREAS, Encountering difficulties throughout her life, Elmina Parris was raised to have a contented mind, a strong love of God and family, and to do well; and

WHEREAS, With her throughout have been her three children, 19 grand-

children, 31 great-grandchildren and seven great-great grandchildren, all of whom feel privileged to be a part of her life and rejoice in her achievements; and

WHEREAS, A true asset to society, Elmina Parris's distinguished record merits the recognition and respectful tribute of this Legislative Body; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, That this Legislative Body pause in its deliberations to honor Elmina Parris upon the occasion of her designation for special recognition by Mauby Media Services; and be it further

RESOLVED, That a copy of this Resolution, suitably engrossed, be transmitted to Elmina Parris.