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LEGISLATIVE RESOLUTION congratulating Rhoda Isabella Cherrington upon the occasion of celebrating her 100th 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, This Legislative Body is justly proud to congratulate Rhoda Isabella Cherrington upon the occasion of celebrating her 100th Birthday on Saturday, September 22, 2012, at St. Marks United Methodist Church in Brooklyn, New York; and

WHEREAS, Rhoda Cherrington was born on September 23, 1912, in Mullings River, Belize, to Robert Smith and Constance Robateau; she later moved to Belize City in 1933 where she gave birth to her only child, Constance Evadne; and

WHEREAS, In 1973, Rhoda Cherrington immigrated to the United States and settled in Brooklyn, New York; she worked as a home attendant for many years and later became a day care provider where amongst other children, she took care of her great-grandchildren until her retirement at age 91; and

WHEREAS, Some of Rhoda Cherrington's passions include attending church and spending time with family and friends; "Mama", as she is affectionately known, has seven grandchildren, 15 great-grandchildren, and one great-great-grandson; and

WHEREAS, This exceptional centenarian, with her zest for life, has inspired and enhanced the lives of her family and friends; and

WHEREAS, This distinguished 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, This beloved woman 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 Rhoda Isabella Cherrington upon the occasion of her 100th Birthday; and be it further

RESOLVED, That a copy of this Resolution, suitably engrossed, be transmitted to Rhoda Isabella Cherrington.