

## 2015-J888

LEGISLATIVE RESOLUTION congratulating Magdelene Williams upon the occasion of celebrating her 102nd 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, Attendant to such concern, and in full accord with its long-standing traditions, this Legislative Body is justly proud to congratulate Magdelene Williams upon the occasion of her 102nd Birthday to be celebrated with a party held in her honor on Tuesday, March 24, 2015, during the morning worship service at Bushwick Parish United Methodist Church, followed by an afternoon Luncheon; and

WHEREAS, The second youngest of nine children, Magdelene Williams was born in Red Springs, North Carolina, on March 24, 1913; she moved to Brooklyn, New York during the Great Depression in the late 1930s; she found work as a housekeeper and continued to work very hard for the same family until she was in her 90s; and

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

WHEREAS, Magdelene Williams married Howard Williams who died while her children were still young; she has been a widow for more than 65 years; and

WHEREAS, Magdelene Williams worked hard to raise her five children as a single parent; today, she is the proud grandmother of nine grandchildren and five great-grandchildren; and

WHEREAS, Since 1960, Magdelene Williams has been a faithful member of Bushwick Parish United Methodist Church; she served as a Sunday school teacher and gave instruction in needlepoint, crocheting, and quilting;

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WHEREAS, Magdelene Williams continues to do quilting, and enjoys daily walks around the neighborhood, and to church every Sunday; and

WHEREAS, This distinguished woman, who has experienced the incredible joys and sorrows characteristic of and reserved for those with the stamina and courage to savor a full life, has inspired the lives of her many friends and family; and

WHEREAS, Magdelene Williams 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 Magdelene Williams upon the occasion of celebrating her 102nd Birthday; and be it further

RESOLVED, That a copy of this Resolution, suitably engrossed, be transmitted to Magdelene Williams.