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LEGISLATIVE RESOLUTION congratulating Lena Bembry 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, Attendant to such concern, and in full accord with its long-standing traditions, this Legislative Body is justly proud to congratulate Lena Bembry upon the occasion of celebrating her 100th Birthday; and

WHEREAS, Born in St. Mary, Jamaica, West Indies, Lena Bembry migrated to the United States on June 15, 1945; she became active in her church at the age of 15, before joining Bethany United Methodist Church in 1952; and

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

WHEREAS, Lena Bembry was a member of the Vesper Choir, usher volunteer, and leader of the Girl Scouts of America; since 1954, she has been a member of the United Methodist Women, serving in the esteemed role of Vice President; and

WHEREAS, In addition, Lena Bembry worked for both Manufacturers Hanover Trust and JP Morgan Chase; and

WHEREAS, Married to the late Samuel Bembry, Lena Bembry is the proud mother of two children, Barbara and Samuel, and the loving grandmother of two grandchildren, Terrain and Sherece, and five great-grandchildren, Joshua, Daniel, Eric, Naz'r, and Tristan; 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, Lena Bembry 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 Lena Bembry upon the occasion of celebrating her 100th Birthday; and be it further

RESOLVED, That a copy of this Resolution, suitably engrossed, be transmitted to Lena Bembry.