

## 2015-J2801

LEGISLATIVE RESOLUTION congratulating Willie L. Rennick upon the occasion of celebrating his 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, Willie L. Rennick was born on August 5, 1915, in Whitmire, South Carolina, one of 15 children of the late John W. Rennick and Sarah Sims; to celebrate this auspicious milestone a party will be held in his honor on Sunday, August 9, 2015, at the Macedonia Center, Mount Vernon, New York; and

WHEREAS, In 1923, Willie L. Rennick, at the young age of eight, moved with his family from Whitmire to Wadesboro, North Carolina; and

WHEREAS, On January 10, 1939, he met his future wife of 52 years, the former Louise Sellers; together they had one son, Willie Loney Rennick, Jr.; the Rennicks re-located to Mount Vernon, New York, on October 24, 1944; and

WHEREAS, Willie L. Rennick was employed at an aluminum plant in New Jersey, for several years; he then was hired by Westchester County to work in the court house until he retired on February 13, 1981; after his official retirement, he held a part-time position as a gardener/handyman; and

WHEREAS, In 1946, Willie L. Rennick became a faithful member of the Macedonia Baptist Church, in Mount Vernon, where today, he continues to worship; a dedicated parishioner, he organized the Junior Usher Board to benefit the young people of his church; he remained active in his church also serving as a member of the Trustee Board; and

WHEREAS, In addition, Willie L. Rennick was then employed by the De

Palo family until he was 93 years old; today, he enjoys talking about his life in the Old South and his early years in Mount Vernon, and spending time with his beloved family; and

WHEREAS, With him throughout have been his son, Willie Loney Rennick, Jr., and two grandchildren, Kevin and Kim, as well as four great-grandchildren, Shante', Stephanas, Julian, and Josepha, all of whom feel privileged to be a part of his life and rejoice in his achievements; and

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

WHEREAS, This distinguished man 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 man has enriched the lives of those around him through his 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 Willie L. Rennick upon the occasion of celebrating his 100th Birthday; and be it further

RESOLVED, That a copy of this Resolution, suitably engrossed, be transmitted to Willie L. Rennick.