

## 2013-J4070

LEGISLATIVE RESOLUTION congratulating Ernest Peronneau upon the occasion of celebrating his 112th 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, Ernest Peronneau was born on March 6, 1902, in South Carolina to James Finley Sr. and Florence Peronneau; he moved to New York to live with his aunts when he was 16 years-old; and

WHEREAS, Ernest Peronneau married Ella Pitts, and together they had two sons, Milton and Robert; and

WHEREAS, Ernest Peronneau joined Bricklayers Union Local 1 South Carolina in January 1948; the following year he transferred to Local 9 New York, now Local 1 Rego Park; and

WHEREAS, In his profession as a bricklayer, Ernest Peronneau is proud to have helped build many of the older buildings located in the Bronx, Manhattan, and Brooklyn; and

WHEREAS, Ernest Peronneau was an active member of the NAACP at the Abyssinian Baptist Church in Harlem, New York; 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 recog-

nize 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 Ernest Peronneau upon the occasion of celebrating his 112th Birthday; and be it further

RESOLVED, That a copy of this Resolution, suitably engrossed, be transmitted to Ernest Peronneau.