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LEGISLATIVE RESOLUTION congratulating Ena Elizabeth Schouburgh upon the occasion of celebrating her 107th 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, Ena Elizabeth Schouburgh was born on June 9, 1907; and

WHEREAS, This Legislative Body is justly proud to congratulate Ena Elizabeth Schouburgh upon the occasion of celebrating her 107th Birthday; this gracious woman will be honored at her Birthday Celebration on June 9, 2014, at CABS Nursing Home, Brooklyn, New York; and

WHEREAS, Ena Elizabeth Schouburgh was born in Hope Bay, Portland Jamaica, the eldest of four children; she immigrated to the United States around 1945, becoming a naturalized citizen in 1953; and

WHEREAS, Ena Elizabeth Schouburgh has spent most of her time in the United States living in Brooklyn, New York; she graduated from Adelphi Training School of Nursing and worked as a public health nurse at Adelphi Hospital for many years, visiting the sick throughout Brooklyn and caring for their needs; in this capacity she truly rebuilt the physical brokenness of many and lifted up those who had fallen on hard times; and

WHEREAS, Known as a natural healer with a remedy for almost any ailment, Ena Elizabeth Schouburgh subsequently worked as a home health aide for families in Brooklyn, forging long-lasting relationships with people from a wide range of backgrounds; and

WHEREAS, Ena Elizabeth Schouburgh was raised in the Seventh-Day Adventist Church and has been a person of faith her entire life; she was a devoted member the Bethel Seventh-Day Adventist Church in Brooklyn where she served as a deaconess, usher, bible worker, as well as with the

personal ministries and community service arms of the church; and

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

WHEREAS, A beloved presence in her church community, and the community at large, Ena Elizabeth Schouburgh was known for responding whenever she saw a need, whether it meant buying a new suit for the pastor, or inviting people she met on the street to her home if she thought they were in need of food or clothing; she gave away not only her time, but also her money to needy children and their parents for school fees, books, and tuition; and

WHEREAS, Ena Elizabeth Schouburgh raised one adopted son and treated all children as her own; she has used her faith and ordinary life as a catalyst for the greater good, dedicating herself to serving others, regularly crossing religious, racial, ethnic, and socioeconomic barriers in reaching out to those around her; and

WHEREAS, She resides at CABS Nursing Home and, although she is confined to her bed or wheelchair, she continues to bring people together; 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 Ena Elizabeth Schouburgh upon the occasion of celebrating her 107th Birthday; and be it further

RESOLVED, That a copy of this Resolution, suitably engrossed, be tran-

mitted to Ena Elizabeth Schouburgh.