

## 2013-K1281

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, in Hope Bay, Jamaica, the eldest of four children; and

WHEREAS, This esteemed woman was raised by her family in the Seventh Day Adventist Church, and would remain a person of faith her entire life; and

WHEREAS, In 1945, Ena Elizabeth Schouburgh emigrated to the United States, where she would settle in Brooklyn, New York, and become a naturalized citizen in 1953; and

WHEREAS, A graduate of Adelphi University, Ena Elizabeth Schouburgh worked as a public health nurse for many years at Adelphi Hospital, visiting the sick throughout Brooklyn and caring for their needs; during this time, she helped countless people on the road to health, and was known as a natural healer with a remedy for almost any ailment; and

WHEREAS, Ena Elizabeth Schouburgh distinguished herself in her profession and by her sincere dedication and substantial contribution to the welfare of her community; and

WHEREAS, Deeply committed to helping those in need, she often made substantial donations to adults and children requiring assistance; her spirit of charity repeatedly crossed religious, racial, ethnic, and socioeconomic barriers in reaching out to those around her; and

WHEREAS, A beloved presence at the Bethel Seventh-Day Adventist Church in Brooklyn for many years, Ena Elizabeth Schouburgh has actively served

as a deaconess, usher, and bible worker, as well as with the personal ministries and community service arms of the church; and  
WHEREAS, Ena Elizabeth Schouburgh continues to bring people together as a resident at the CABS Nursing Home in Brooklyn; and

WHEREAS, This beloved centenarian 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 transmitted to Ena Elizabeth Schouburgh.