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STATE OF NEW YORK
LEGISLATURE OF ERIE COUNTY
BUFFALO, NEW YORK, FEBRUARY 26, 2015 A.D.

I HEREBY CERTIFY, that at the regular session of the Legislature of Erie County, held in the Legislative Chambers of Old County Hall, in the City of Buffalo, on the 26th day of February, 2015 A.D., a proclamation was adopted, of which the following is a true copy:

WHEREAS, Mrs. Alma Walton, a devoted women of God who loves the Lord, will celebrate her ninetieth birthday on February 28, 2015; and

WHEREAS, Mrs. Alma Walton was born in Lexington, Georgia, Oglethorpe County on February 28, 1925 to parents Annie Sue Wymbs and Johnnie Wymbs, the middle child out of one older brother and one younger brother; and

WHEREAS, Mrs. Alma Walton was married to the late Thurmond Walton, Sr. and was blessed with five children Justine, Willie, Joyce, John, and Thurmond, Jr., four foster children, seven grandchildren and four great grandchildren always reminding them of her favorite bible verse "look to the hills to trust in the Lord and He will find a way; and

WHEREAS, Mrs. Alma Walton accepted Christ at an early age in Georgia at Anon Grove Baptist Church; after migrating from the south in 1943, she became a member of Mount Zion Church of God in Holiness. At Mount Zion, she has served as a tireless worker as President of the Sick Committee and President of the Weekly One Hour Prayer held on Wednesdays, and in many other capacities such as the Usher Board, Pastor's Aide Committee, Matron's Christian League, Mother's Board and Women's Ministry; and

WHEREAS, Mrs. Alma Walton is currently an active member of the William Emslie YMCA Senior Program, she was very active in the Community and began as a volunteer for the Community Action Organization Information Center "Food Pantry" in the early 1980's. She was also co-founder of the Rosa Garden of Love located on Wohlers Avenue, and was a member of the Wohlers Avenue Block Club for over 30 years; and

WHEREAS, Mrs. Alma Walton is very compassionate and has helped residents of Deaconess Center, Grace Manor Nursing Home, and Veterans Administration by making them hand woven lap throws. She currently prepares a holiday meal and does Christmas caroling every year with the residents of Monsignor Adamski Village Apartments.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT

RESOLVED, the Erie County Legislature pauses in its deliberations to recognize and congratulate Mrs. Alma Walton on the occasion of her ninetieth birthday; and be it further

RESOLVED, that the membership of the Erie County Legislature wishes Mother Walton the best in health, happiness and God's speed in all her future endeavors for many years to come.

Hon. Barbara Miller-Williams
Erie County Legislator, 1st District

Hon. Karen M. McCarthy
Clerk of the Erie County Legislature