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LEGISLATIVE RESOLUTION honoring Elizabeth McCormack upon the occasion of her designation for special recognition

WHEREAS, It is the sense of this Legislative Body to commend the citizens of the Empire State who, as they reach the fullness of years, continue to be active and vital participants in the life of their community; and

WHEREAS, Attendant to such concern, and in full accord with its long-standing traditions, this Legislative Body is justly proud to honor Elizabeth McCormack upon the occasion of her designation for special recognition, to be celebrated on her 90th birthday; and

WHEREAS, Elizabeth McCormack began her career in education as a teacher at the Academy of the Sacred Heart in Greenwich, Connecticut, becoming its headmistress; as a young nun she inspired staff and deeply touched the lives of the students, a tradition she continued later while serving on the Board of Trustees of Hamilton, Cambridge, Spellman and Marlboro Colleges along with the Julliard School of Music; and

WHEREAS, At Manhattanville College, Elizabeth McCormack was an alumna, philosophy teacher, academic dean and president from 1966 to 1974; she transformed the college from an elite Catholic women's institution to a nationally recognized, non-denominational, coeducational institution; and

WHEREAS, Elizabeth McCormack combines together the worlds of education, medicine, foreign and national affairs, and the arts and philanthropy; she has served on national and international philanthropic organizations, including: Philanthropic Advisor to the Rockefeller Family and Associates; Assistant to the President of the Rockefeller Brothers Fund; Deputy Chair of the Board of the Atlantic Philanthropies; and Chair of the Board of the John D. and Catherine T. MacArthur Foundation; and

WHEREAS, Elizabeth McCormack has received honorary doctoral degrees from major educational institutions including Brandeis University, Princeton College, The American University of Paris, the City University of New York, Manhattanville College and Hamilton College; and

WHEREAS, Elizabeth McCormack's unerring ability to create bonds of friendship has served the exceptional efforts of the Asian Cultural Council and the Trust for Mutual Understanding; and

WHEREAS, A true asset to society, Elizabeth McCormack has enriched the lives of her family, friends and colleagues through her love and respect for others, and through the wisdom which comes from many years of living life to the fullest; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, That this Legislative Body pause in its deliberations to honor Elizabeth McCormack upon the occasion of her designation for special recognition; and be it further

RESOLVED, That a copy of this Resolution, suitably engrossed, be transmitted to Elizabeth McCormack.