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LEGISLATIVE RESOLUTION honoring the Brooklyn Section of the National Council of Negro Women, Inc. upon the occasion of its 50th Anniversary on October 27, 2012

WHEREAS, It is the sense of this Legislative Body to commend those illustrious organizations within the State of New York whose focus and intent have made a substantial impact on the quality of life in their communities; and

WHEREAS, Attendant to such concern, and in full accord with its long-standing traditions, this Legislative Body is justly proud to honor the Brooklyn Section of the National Council of Negro Women, Inc. upon the occasion of its 50th Anniversary to be celebrated with a Luncheon on Saturday, October 27, 2012, at Antun's in Queens Village, New York; and

WHEREAS, In observance of this auspicious milestone, the Brooklyn Section of the National Council of Negro Women, Inc. is celebrating 50 years: Recognizing the Past, Harnessing the Present, Envisioning the Future; furthermore, the past presidents will be recognized for their dedicated service to the organization; and

WHEREAS, The Brooklyn Section of the National Council of Negro Women, Inc. was organized on January 22, 1962, at the Bedford YMCA by Odessa L. Skeene and received its charter on March 12, 1962; and

WHEREAS, Since its inception, this outstanding organization has worked to bring to its members a greater awareness of community activities and fuller participation in these affairs; and

WHEREAS, For the past 50 years, the Brooklyn Section of the National Council of Negro Women, Inc. has flourished under 12 past presidents: Odessa L. Skeene, Anne McMillan, Reva M. Anthony, Narcissus Frett-Moses, Ruth Ford, Dorothy T. Leggett, Glenys Pantaleon, Alma R. Garrette, Marva Earle-Jones, Ellen F. Haywood, Essie E. Gregory, and Jennifer Legrand; today, under the insightful direction of the current and 13th President, Melissa-Denise Hayes, the Brooklyn Section continues its extraordinary work with professionalism, dedication and compassion; and

WHEREAS, The Brooklyn Section maintains a strong commitment to its young people through education, outreach programs, counseling and recog-

dition; it sponsors community ventures to enhance the health and social services of residents through seminars, health fairs and voter registration campaigns for self-empowerment; and

WHEREAS, The Mary McLeod Bethune Day Care Center, organized and sponsored by the Brooklyn Section, has served thousands of the community's children; and

WHEREAS, It is the practice of this Legislative Body that when individuals and organizations of such noble aims and accomplishments are brought to our attention, they should be celebrated and recognized by all the citizens of this great Empire State; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, That this Legislative Body pause in its deliberations to honor the Brooklyn Section of the National Council of Negro Women, Inc. upon the occasion of its 50th Anniversary; and be it further

RESOLVED, That a copy of this Resolution, suitably engrossed, be transmitted to Melissa-Denise Hayes, President of the Brooklyn Section of the National Council of Negro Women, Inc.