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LEGISLATIVE RESOLUTION honoring Robert Farris Thompson upon the occasion of his designation for special recognition by the Gathering of the Houses of African Based Spiritual Belief Systems of New York City

WHEREAS, It is the sense of this Legislative Body to recognize that the quality and character of life in the communities across New York State are reflective of the concerned and dedicated efforts of those organizations and individuals who would devote themselves to the welfare of the community and its citizenry; and

WHEREAS, This Legislative Body is justly proud to honor Robert Farris Thompson upon the occasion of his designation for special recognition by the Gathering of the Houses of African Based Spiritual Belief Systems of New York City in conjunction with the Caribbean Cultural Center African Diaspora Institute on Sunday, August 16, 2009; and

WHEREAS, This special event's title is "Ba M'buta: Ancestral Connections from the Congo to the Americas"; and

WHEREAS, The Gathering of the Houses of African Based Spiritual Belief Systems of New York City looks forward in honoring the elders of African based spiritual belief systems who have managed to learn and pass on the sacred wisdoms of African belief systems in the Americas; and

WHEREAS, One of the foremost scholars in African art, Dr. Thompson is the Colonel John Trumbull Professor of the History of Art at Yale University; having served as Master of Timothy Dwight College since 1978, he is currently the longest serving master of a residential college at Yale; and

WHEREAS, Robert Farris Thompson's distinguished record merits the recognition and respectful tribute of this Legislative Body; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, That this Legislative Body pause in its deliberations to honor Robert Farris Thompson upon the occasion of his designation for special recognition by the Gathering of the Houses of African Based Spiritual Belief Systems of New York City; and be it further

RESOLVED, That a copy of this Resolution, suitably engrossed, be transmitted to Robert Farris Thompson.