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LEGISLATIVE RESOLUTION honoring Ollie B. Ross upon the occasion of her designation for special recognition by the Prayer Band

WHEREAS, Individuals who give of their time and energies and serve the best interests of their communities are an asset beyond remuneration and cannot be sufficiently extolled; and

WHEREAS, Ollie B. Ross has given not only of her time and energies but also of her competence, intelligence and leadership and consequently has been designated for special honor; and

WHEREAS, This Legislative Body is justly proud to honor Ollie B. Ross upon the occasion of her designation for special recognition by the Prayer Band, to be celebrated at its 31st Anniversary Luncheon on Saturday, September 19, 2009, in Brooklyn, New York; and

WHEREAS, Along with two other members, Ollie Ross is being honored as the oldest and last of the original members of the Prayer Band; and

WHEREAS, Born in Alabama, Ollie Ross was married to the late Alphonse Ross for 54 years; a born again Christian and member of The Saint Paul Community Baptist Church for 30 years, Ollie Ross serves as prayer intercessor to Pastor Dr. Johnny R. Youngblood; and

WHEREAS, A member of the Council of Wise Jewels, Ollie Ross has served as president of The Lindsay Park Prayer for 31 years; she is affiliated with Women United in Prayer, Assistant to the Pastor of First Choice Outreach Ministry, Inc., and Gospel Prison Ministries, Inc.; and

WHEREAS, Ollie Ross returned to school at the age of 75 and received her Associate and Bachelor's degrees in Biblical Theology from the North Carolina College of Theology; her goal is to pursue a Master's degree in Pastoral Counseling and Advanced Biblical Studies; and

WHEREAS, Throughout the entire period of her community service, a period of constructive involvement, Ollie Ross has stood constant in

dignity, good grace and humor; and

WHEREAS, With her throughout have been her children, Anthony and Belinda, and her grandchild, Sojourner Arthur, all of whom feel privileged to be a part of her life and rejoice in her achievements; and

WHEREAS, Rare indeed is the impressive dedication shown by an individual for the benefit of others which Ollie Ross has displayed throughout her life; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, That this Legislative Body pause in its deliberations to honor Ollie B. Ross upon the occasion of her designation for special recognition by the Prayer Band; and be it further

RESOLVED, That a copy of this Resolution, suitably engrossed, be transmitted to Ollie B. Ross.