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LEGISLATIVE RESOLUTION commending Dr. Lois Blades-Rosado upon the occasion of her retirement as the Assistant Dean/Executive Director of the SUNY-Brooklyn Educational Opportunity Center

WHEREAS, This Legislative Body seeks to acknowledge those individuals whose professional lives and civic endeavors serve to enhance the stature of the State of New York; and

WHEREAS, It is worthy to take note of and publicly acknowledge individuals of remarkable integrity and character whose endeavors have enhanced the quality of education in the great State of New York; and

WHEREAS, Attendant to such concern, and in full accord with its long-standing traditions, this Legislative Body is justly proud to commend Dr. Lois Blades-Rosado upon the occasion of her retirement as the Assistant Dean/Executive Director of the SUNY-Brooklyn Educational Opportunity Center; and

WHEREAS, On November 17, 2008, Dr. Lois Blades-Rosado retired from her position; during her tenure, she assisted in adult education and workforce development by helping individuals upgrade their skills and overcome barriers; her dedication of time in ensuring that education was granted to the academically and economically underserved is immeasurable; and

WHEREAS, A graduate of Erasmus Hall High School in Brooklyn, New York, Dr. Lois Blades-Rosado is the daughter of immigrants from Barbados who have always placed great emphasis on using education for career advancement; and

WHEREAS, The Assistant Dean/Executive Director of the SUNY-Brooklyn Educational Opportunity Center for the past 18 years, Dr. Lois Blades-Rosado is a member of the Continuing Education Association of New York and the Association of Educational Opportunity Center Directors; and

WHEREAS, In addition, Dr. Lois Blades-Rosado is a member of the Board of the Brooklyn Chamber of Commerce and Hanson Place Child Development Center, the Caribbean-American Chamber of Commerce and Industry, and serves as an advisor to the Brooklyn Economic Development Council and the Technology Council for the New York State Regents; and

WHEREAS, A member of the Education Honor Society, Kappa Delta Phi, Dr. Lois Blades-Rosado has been the recipient of a multitude of awards, honors and certificates of recognition, acknowledging her efforts of in-depth magnitude, including the NAACP Education Award; and
WHEREAS, Dr. Lois Blades-Rosado received Bachelor's and Master's degrees in Bilingual Education from the City College of New York, a Master's degree in Instructional Technology and a Doctorate in Adult and Community Education from Teachers' College, Columbia University; she also earned a postdoctoral certificate from the Institute for the Management of Lifelong Education, Harvard Graduate School of Education; and

WHEREAS, For the past 18 years, Dr. Lois Blades-Rosado rendered faithful, conscientious and valuable service to the SUNY-Brooklyn Educational Opportunity Center, earning the admiration, esteem and affection of her colleagues; and

WHEREAS, In her capacity as the Assistant Dean/Executive Director of the SUNY-Brooklyn Educational Opportunity Center, Dr. Lois Blades-Rosado served with loyalty, honor and distinction, was governed by a keen sense of duty and always showed a unique grasp of human problems in her official acts; and

WHEREAS, With Dr. Lois Blades-Rosado throughout have been her husband, Julio Rosado Ayala, and their three daughters and five grandchildren,

all of whom feel privileged to be a part of her life and rejoice in her many achievements; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, That this Legislative Body pause in its deliberations to commend Dr. Lois Blades-Rosado upon the occasion of her retirement as the Assistant Dean/Executive Director of the SUNY-Brooklyn Educational Opportunity Center and for her significant contributions to education in New York State, and to wish her continued success in all of her future endeavors; and be it further

RESOLVED, That a copy of this Resolution, suitably engrossed, be transmitted to Dr. Lois Blades-Rosado.