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LEGISLATIVE RESOLUTION honoring Kim Lisa Hampton-Hewitt upon the occasion of her designation as the recipient of the 2009 African American Heritage Award on February 27, 2009

WHEREAS, It is the practice of this Legislative Body to take note of and publicly acknowledge those exemplary individuals whose purposeful lives and distinguished careers have been committed to bettering the quality of life in this great Empire State; and

WHEREAS, Attendant to such concern, and in full accord with its long-standing traditions, this Legislative Body is justly proud to honor Kim Lisa Hampton-Hewitt upon the occasion of her designation as a recipient of the 2009 African American Heritage Award at a ceremony to be held on Friday, February 27, 2009, at The Bronx Library Center; and WHEREAS, A woman of singular distinction, Kim Lisa Hampton-Hewitt has continually demonstrated extreme competence, extraordinary intelligence, and diligent leadership in her unwavering service to her community and profession and consequently has been designated for this most prestigious honor; and

WHEREAS, Raised in Brooklyn, New York, Kim Lisa Hampton-Hewitt attended P.S. 335 and Junior High School 35, both of which are located in Bedford Stuyvesant, New York; she then graduated from Bay Ridge High School in Brooklyn, New York; and

WHEREAS, Upon graduation, Kim Lisa Hampton-Hewitt attended Utica College of Syracuse University; while extremely dedicated to her education, she returned home so that she could both work full time and attend college full time; in 1988, she graduated from Pace University with a Bachelor's degree in Business Administration; and

WHEREAS, Kim Lisa Hampton-Hewitt began her esteemed career as a Pre-Kindergarten Teacher in District 14 in Brooklyn, New York; while teaching, she attended Teacher's College Columbia University where she earned her first Master's degree in Early Child Education in 1992; and WHEREAS, In 1993, Kim Lisa Hampton-Hewitt became a teacher at Hunter College Elementary School in Manhattan; she again returned to college, and in 1999, she received her Master's of Science in Administration and

Supervision from Baruch College; and

WHEREAS, Well-known and highly respected, Kim Lisa Hampton-Hewitt became an Assistant Principal in District 8 in 2000; she remained in that position until 2004, when she was promoted to Principal of M.S. 101-The Edward R. Byrne School also in District 8; she is currently a doctoral student at Northern Central University; and

WHEREAS, Educators like Kim Lisa Hampton-Hewitt provide a tremendous service to the future of our State and Nation, inspiring generations of young people in their educational journeys and ensuring their success in their future years; and

WHEREAS, Despite her busy professional life, Kim Lisa Hampton-Hewitt has been called upon to contribute her time and talents to countless civic and charitable endeavors and has always given of herself unstintingly; and

WHEREAS, She is an active member of Phi Delta Kappa and Delta Sigma Theta Sorority Incorporated; and

WHEREAS, Rare indeed is the occurrence of such a compassionate blending of strength, intellect, and commitment as that demonstrated by Kim Lisa Hampton-Hewitt over a lifetime of sacrifice and dedication to others; and

WHEREAS, It is the sense of this Legislative Body that when individuals of such noble aims and accomplishments are brought to our atten-

tion, it is appropriate to publicly proclaim and commend those individuals for the edification and emulation of others; now, therefore, be it RESOLVED, That this Legislative Body pause in its deliberations to honor Kim Lisa Hampton-Hewitt upon the occasion of her designation as the recipient of the 2009 African American Heritage Award; and be it further

RESOLVED, That a copy of this Resolution, suitably engrossed, be transmitted to Kim Lisa Hampton-Hewitt.