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LEGISLATIVE RESOLUTION honoring Lynn Nottage upon the occasion of winning the 2009 Pulitzer Prize for Drama for her exceptional play, RUINED

WHEREAS, It is the sense of this Legislative Body to recognize and pay tribute to those illustrious individuals whose commitment and creative talents have contributed to the entertainment and cultural enrichment of the citizens of the 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 honor Lynn Nottage upon the occasion of winning the 2009 Pulitzer Prize for Drama for her exceptional play, RUINED; and

WHEREAS, Lynn Nottage is a playwright from Brooklyn, New York, whose entertaining and thought-provoking works address contemporary issues with empathy and humor; her latest play, RUINED, is a harrowing tale of survival set against the backdrop of an African civil war, focusing on the suffering of women, in particular the inhabitants of a Congolese brothel owned by an earth mother named Mama Nadi; and

WHEREAS, An original voice in American theater, Lynn Nottage's ambitious, expressive early works, including CRUMBS FROM THE TABLE OF JOY, MUD RIVER STONE and POR'KNOCKERS, reveal her rich poetic imagination as she portrays periods of American history from unexpected vantage points and crafts complex characters of a kind that have garnered little notice among other writers and historians; and

WHEREAS, Furthermore, Lynn Nottage's more recent works, FABULATION and the prizewinning INTIMATE APPAREL, are considered to be her more accomplished thus far and represent major artistic achievements; and

WHEREAS, Lynn Nottage received a Bachelor of Arts degree from Brown University and a Master of Fine Arts degree from the Yale University

School of Drama, where she is currently a visiting lecturer; her plays have been produced throughout the United States and Europe at such venues as the Second Stage Theatre in New York City, the Tricycle Theatre in London and the Steppenwolf Theatre in Chicago; and

WHEREAS, It is the sense of this Legislative Body that when individuals of such noble aims and accomplishments are brought to our attention, they should be celebrated and recognized by all the citizens of the great State of New York; and

WHEREAS, This Legislative Body is pleased to have this opportunity to express its highest admiration for Lynn Nottage and to wish her continued success in all of her future endeavors; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, That this Legislative Body pause in its deliberations to honor Lynn Nottage upon the occasion of winning the 2009 Pulitzer Prize for Drama for her exceptional play, *RUINED*; and be it further

RESOLVED, That a copy of this Resolution, suitably engrossed, be transmitted to Lynn Nottage.