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LEGISLATIVE RESOLUTION commending Billie Tucker upon the occasion of her designation for special recognition by the Senior Personnel Placement Bureau on May 19, 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 commend Billie Tucker upon the occasion of her designation for special recognition by the Senior Personnel Placement Bureau on Tuesday, May 19, 2009; and

WHEREAS, Billie Tucker is a woman of singular distinction who 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, The heart of the New Rochelle Public Library for 25 years, Billie Tucker was hired by the Library in 1979, and was charged with the responsibility of creating a City Cultural Center; upon her retirement in 2004, the Center held more than 2,400 programs and exhibits a year; and

WHEREAS, Despite her busy professional life, Billie Tucker 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, Billie Tucker has been an active volunteer in the community for more than 40 years, beginning with the PTA Presidency at Mayflower School, Albert Leonard Junior High School, and New Rochelle High School, as well as New Rochelle PTA Council and Westchester PTA Council; she was also a Girl Scout Leader for 20 years; and

WHEREAS, In her early pursuits to provide a broad base of cultural activities, Billie Tucker sought to bring opera to New Rochelle, and along with Camille Coppola, founded New Rochelle Opera, Inc. in 1985;

and

WHEREAS, As current Board President of the Company, Billie Tucker helps to produce professional quality opera performances for the community at a minimal cost; recently, she also co-founded Tutti Bravi Productions, and produced and directed an original opera, "The Gentle Lark" of New Rochelle, which celebrates the life of former New Rochelle opera singer Ellabelle Davis; and

WHEREAS, An ardent supporter of the arts, Billie Tucker is an active board member and Treasurer of the New Rochelle Council on the Arts, and a member of the Municipal Arts Commission; and

WHEREAS, In addition, Billie Tucker is a longtime member of The New Rochelle Council of Community Services, where she has served as co-President and is currently on its board; she is also a member of the Village Team, a long-term board member of the Senior Personnel Placement Bureau, past President of the Zonta Club of New Rochelle and New Rochelle TheatreWorks; she has served on the Board of Literacy Volunteers of Westchester, as well as in numerous capacities in professional library associations; and

WHEREAS, In appreciation of her efforts of in-depth magnitude, Billie Tucker has been recognized by The New Rochelle Council of Community Services, The Westchester Arts Council, New Rochelle Council on the Arts, and The New Rochelle Chapter of Negro Business and Professional Women's Clubs; she also received the Cab Calloway Lifetime Achievement

Award from the Westchester Dinner Theatre and is the recipient of numerous library association awards; and

WHEREAS, Throughout the entire period of her community service, a period of constructive involvement, Billie Tucker has stood constant in dignity, good grace and humor; and

WHEREAS, With her throughout have been her husband, Phil, and their four daughters, 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 Billie Tucker has displayed throughout her life; 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; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, That this Legislative Body pause in its deliberations to commend Billie Tucker upon the occasion of her designation for special recognition by the Senior Personnel Placement Bureau on May 19, 2009; and be it further

RESOLVED, That a copy of this Resolution, suitably engrossed, be transmitted to Billie Tucker.