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LEGISLATIVE RESOLUTION mourning the death of Dr. Lorna Scott McBarnette, distinguished citizen and devoted member of her community

WHEREAS, It is the custom of this Legislative Body to pay tribute to citizens of the State of New York whose lifework and civic endeavor served to enhance the quality of life in their communities and the great State of New York; and

WHEREAS, Dr. Lorna Scott McBarnette died on Tuesday, March 17, 2009; and

WHEREAS, Dr. Lorna Scott McBarnette distinguished herself in her profession and by her sincere dedication and substantial contribution to the welfare of her community; and

WHEREAS, Dr. Lorna Scott McBarnette's commitment to excellence, and her spirit of humanity, carried over into all fields of enterprise, including charitable and civic endeavors; and

WHEREAS, Lorna Scott McBarnette, ScD, EdD was Vice President for Institutional Development and Vice Provost for Health Professions at the American University of Antigua School of Nursing; she was regarded as an expert in the fields of public health and health policy; and

WHEREAS, Dr. McBarnette served as Professor and Dean of the School of Health, Technology and Management at the State University of New York at Stony Brook; while there, she was instrumental in the increase of class size, and creating several new undergraduate programs; and

WHEREAS, Dr. McBarnette earned a reputation for taking on and solving difficult policy problems while she was First Deputy Commissioner of Health of New York State; she was one of the first health professionals who publicly called for the re-training of medical doctors in an attempt to prevent future biological attacks in the wake of the September 11, 2001 attack on the World Trade Center; and

WHEREAS, In addition, Dr. McBarnette lent her expertise, proven skills and leadership on the international level, mostly in the Caribbean and in Africa, by creating new companies and offering her advice on starting up new health programs and projects; she earned her Bachelor of Arts degree from the College at Old Westbury, her Master of Science in Health Policy and Management from Harvard University, her Doctor of Education from LaSalle University, and her Doctor of Science from American International School of Medicine; and

WHEREAS, Dr. McBarnette also received a Certificate in Public Administration from Long Island University, C.W. Post College; she was instrumental in inspiring many students to become caring and competent physicians and public health professionals; and

WHEREAS, Armed with a humanistic spirit, imbued with a sense of compassion, and comforted by many, Dr. Lorna Scott McBarnette leaves behind a legacy which will long endure the passage of time and will remain as a comforting memory to all she served and befriended; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, That this Legislative Body pause in its deliberations to mourn the death of Dr. Lorna Scott McBarnette, distinguished citizen and devoted member of her community; and be it further

RESOLVED, That a copy of this Resolution, suitably engrossed, be transmitted to the family of Dr. Lorna Scott McBarnette.