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LEGISLATIVE RESOLUTION honoring Michael J. Garner upon the occasion of his designation for special recognition by the Minority and Women Businesses Enterprises on March 20, 2009

WHEREAS, It is the sense of this Legislative Body to take note of and publicly acknowledge individuals who have distinguished themselves through their exemplary careers, accomplishments and purposeful lives of service to their community; and

WHEREAS, Attendant to such concern, and in full accord with its long-standing traditions, this Legislative Body is justly proud to honor Michael J. Garner upon the occasion of his designation for special recognition by the Minority and Women Businesses Enterprises at a reception to be held on Friday, March 20, 2009, at Club 101, New York City, New York; and

WHEREAS, Michael J. Garner was recently appointed as Chief Diversity Officer for the Metropolitan Transportation Authority; he is responsible for the development and expansion of Minority, Women, and Disadvantaged Business Enterprise programs; MWBE/DBE Contract Integrity Monitoring functions; Title VI and Equal Opportunity responsibilities; and other existing activities and functions of the Office of Civil Rights; and

WHEREAS, A magnificent champion for Women and Minority Business Enterprises, Michael J. Garner has more than 20 years of experience in developing and creating business opportunities for minority and women-owned businesses which have fostered economic development and produced countless jobs for New York; and

WHEREAS, Prior to his recent appointment, Michael J. Garner was the Senior Director of Business Development at New York City School Construction Authority (SCA); in this capacity, he was responsible for the short and long term business development of qualified emerging

Minority, Women-Owned and Locally Based Business Enterprises (MWLBES);
and

WHEREAS, Under Michael J. Garner's direction, the SCA created one of the most comprehensive small business development and inclusion programs in the nation; his plan greatly expanded opportunities for MWBEs by creating a Graduate Mentor Program and forming a surety bonding program, which provided surety bonds to 22 MWLBES; and

WHEREAS, Michael J. Garner also oversaw the implementation of a small business loan program, that provided 44 small business loans to MWLBES, as well as an extensive construction and information technology training program tailored to the SCA's construction means and methods; and

WHEREAS, Prior to his 15-year career at the SCA, Michael J. Garner was employed at the New York City Housing Authority where his work included the certification of firms, contract compliance, minority and women-owned business development outreach and procurement management; and

WHEREAS, Michael J. Garner earned a Bachelor of Science degree in Business Management from the State University of New York, College at Buffalo and is close to completing his studies for a Master of Business Administration from SUNY; and

WHEREAS, Michael J. Garner is a man of singular distinction, whose wisdom, guidance and most of all unparalleled professionalism, have earned him the admiration, esteem and affection of all those he has come in contact with throughout his distinguished career; and

WHEREAS, It is the sense of this Legislative Body that those who enhance the quality of life in their community and have shown a long and sustained commitment to the maintenance of high standards in their profession, certainly have earned recognition and applause; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, That this Legislative Body pause in its deliberations to honor Michael J. Garner upon the occasion of his designation for special recognition by the Minority and Women Businesses Enterprises; and be it

further

RESOLVED, That a copy of this Resolution, suitably engrossed, be transmitted to Michael J. Garner.