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LEGISLATIVE RESOLUTION mourning the death of Linda Marie Harrison Jones-Bey, 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, Linda Marie Harrison Jones-Bey of Hempstead, New York died on Wednesday, April 14, 2010 at the age of 68; and

WHEREAS, Linda Jones-Bey distinguished herself in her profession and by her sincere dedication and substantial contribution to the welfare of her community; and

WHEREAS, Linda Jones-Bey's commitment to excellence, and her spirit of humanity, carried over into all fields of enterprise, including charitable and civic endeavors; and

WHEREAS, Linda Jones-Bey was born in Brooklyn on September 26, 1941, the daughter of Olivia Golden Badgett Harrison and William Harrison; she died on April 14, 2010 after suffering with cancer for one year; and

WHEREAS, A memorial service was held on Wednesday, April 21, 2010 at Memorial Presbyterian Church in Roosevelt, New York; Linda Jones-Bey is remembered for her beauty, living well, the unconditional love she gave to her family and her dedication to others; and

WHEREAS, Linda Jones-Bey graduated from William Cullen Bryant High School in 1958, and in 1969, after staying home to raise her two young children, she began her career in social work and later returned to school; and

WHEREAS, After earning her Bachelor's degree, Linda Jones-Bey went on to earn her Master's Degree in Social Work from Adelphi University in 1985; she became a certified social worker and an OASAS Certified Alcohol & Substance Abuse Counselor, with a specialization in Clinical Biofeedback; and

WHEREAS, Linda Jones-Bey dedicated her life to helping others both in the public sector working as a social worker for more than 30 years, and later in a private psychotherapist practice; from 1984 through March

2010, she helped clients in her private practice in Hempstead, New York; and

WHEREAS, From 1990-2000, Linda Jones-Bey served as an adjunct faculty member at her alma mater, Adelphi University, working as a Field Instructor for graduate social work students; from 1969-2000, she worked for Nassau County Department of Mental Health, Chemical Dependency and Developmental Disabilities Services in various capacities and in different departments; and

WHEREAS, After un-retiring twice to help raise her two grandsons, Linda Jones-Bey built up her private practice to acquire over 60 clients; although she had a distinguished professional career, she will be remembered most for the unconditional love she gave her children and grandchildren; and

WHEREAS, Linda Jones-Bey is survived by her best friend and sister, Jan, daughter, Lisa, her son, Michael, daughter-in-law, Suzette, as well as her grandchildren, Hashim, Ahmed, and Michael, Jr., and numerous cousins, nephews, in-laws and special friends; and

WHEREAS, Armed with a humanistic spirit, imbued with a sense of compassion, and comforted by a loving family, Linda Jones-Bey 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 Linda Marie Harrison Jones-Bey, 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 Linda Marie Harrison Jones-Bey.