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LEGISLATIVE RESOLUTION honoring Essie Duggan upon the occasion of her designation for special recognition after a lifetime of many achievements

WHEREAS, Individuals who give of their time and energies and serve the best interests of their communities are an asset beyond remuneration and cannot be sufficiently extolled; and

WHEREAS, Essie Duggan has given not only of her time and energies but also of her competence, intelligence and leadership and consequently has been designated for special honor; and

WHEREAS, This Legislative Body is justly proud to honor Essie Duggan upon the occasion of her designation for special recognition after a lifetime of many achievements; and

WHEREAS, A native of Tannille, Georgia, Essie Duggan is a graduate of Delaware State University and holds a Master's degree in Religious Education from New York University; she has received additional religious training from New York School of the Bible; and

WHEREAS, Essie Duggan's desire to become a "Servant" to the Brooklyn Community began shortly after her arrival here in 1971; her mission over these years has been to "Serve God's People, enabling them to be in control of their destiny"; and

WHEREAS, Essie Duggan joined Wayside Baptist Church in the mid-1970s and has served faithfully under the leadership of Pastor Emeritus Theodorus Hutchinson and for 22 years under the current leadership of Pastor Joe L. Parker; and

WHEREAS, As a dedicated Sunday School teacher, Essie Duggan has taught all age groups as well as challenged students and is currently the Christian Education Director, a position she has held for 24 years; and

WHEREAS, She has served as Youth Director for the New York Missionary

Baptist Association; Supervisor of the Junior High School Teachers Department for the New York State Progressive Congress of Christian Education; and assisted in developing curriculum for training youth as peer leaders for American Baptist Churches Metro; and

WHEREAS, Essie Duggan 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, In her community outreach for Wayside Baptist Church, Essie Duggan is a founding member of Care Beyond Neighborhood, Inc., an after-school and summer youth tutorial program, and Wayside Baptist Church Senior Programs, which include home care, meals on wheels and family shelters; and

WHEREAS, Essie Duggan's community service includes serving as past president of the 600 Bainbridge Street Block Association, 1978-1990; past School Board Member, District 23; Community Board Member, District 16; Female District Leader, 55th A.D., 1994-present; founding member of the O.B.U.S.T.Y.; founding member of Northeast Housing Development Corp.; founding member of Oceanhill Fayeene Construction Company and founding member and former Executive Director of Central Brooklyn Development Corp.; and

WHEREAS, Professional memberships include 100 Women for Congressman Major Owens and African American Clergy and Elected Officials; she is also a member of the N.A.A.C.P., Church Women United and a life member of National Council of Negro Women; and

WHEREAS, Essie Duggan is the recipient of the Spiritual Leaders Award; Service and Dedication Award to Children from School District 23; the Teacher of the Year Award, from The New York State Progressive Congress

of Christian Education and The Achievement in Religious Education Award from Wayside Education Support Program (WESP); and

WHEREAS, Throughout the entire period of her community service, a period of constructive involvement, Essie Duggan has stood constant in

dignity, good grace and humor; and

WHEREAS, Rare indeed is the impressive dedication shown by an individual for the benefit of others which Essie Duggan has displayed throughout her life; and

WHEREAS, It is the sense of this Legislative Body that those who enhance the well-being and vitality of their community and have shown a long and sustained commitment to excellence certainly have earned the recognition and applause of all the citizens of this great Empire State; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, That this Legislative Body pause in its deliberations to honor Essie Duggan upon the occasion of her designation for special recognition after a lifetime of many achievements; and be it further

RESOLVED, That a copy of this Resolution, suitably engrossed, be transmitted to Essie Duggan.