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LEGISLATIVE RESOLUTION paying tribute to life and accomplishments of John F. Wade, distinguished citizen and devoted member of his 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, John F. Wade of Biddeford, Maine, died on Saturday, January 8, 2011, at the age of 56; and

WHEREAS, Son of Sean and Rosaleen O'Shea Wade, John F. Wade was born in Dublin, Ireland, on April 12, 1954, and arrived in America with his family in October of 1958; and

WHEREAS, After growing up in Manhattan and Northern New Jersey, John F. Wade graduated from Tusculum College in Greenville, Tennessee in 1976, and two years later undertook graduate studies at Southern Illinois University in Carbondale, Illinois; and

WHEREAS, Shortly after graduation, John F. Wade went on to serve the government in positions ranging from Director of Education for Bronx Borough President Fernando Ferrer to Chief of Staff for then-councilmember Carolyn B. Maloney; and

WHEREAS, This eminent man distinguished himself in his profession and by his sincere dedication and substantial contribution to the welfare of his community; and

WHEREAS, John F. Wade's commitment to excellence, and his spirit of humanity, carried over into all fields of enterprise, including charitable and civic endeavors; and

WHEREAS, After leaving government service, John F. Wade remained an activist dedicated to progressive and lesbian, gay, bisexual, and transgender causes and campaigns; and

WHEREAS, Moreover, a strong activist for social justice and education, particularly for women and minorities, John F. Wade acted as a dedicated consultant and fiery volunteer until the Fall of 2010; and

WHEREAS, John F. Wade is survived by his loving mother, Rosaleen Wade; one sister, Ann Marie, and one brother, Richard Wade; as well as four

nieces, Rosaleen, Christina, Lindsey and Diana, and one nephew, Ryan Wade; and

WHEREAS, Armed with a humanistic spirit, imbued with a sense of compassion, and comforted by a loving family, John F. Wade leaves behind a legacy which will long endure the passage of time and will remain as a comforting memory to all he served and befriended; now, therefore, be it RESOLVED, That this Legislative Body pause in its deliberations to pay tribute to the life and accomplishments of John F. Wade, distinguished citizen and devoted member of his community; and be it further RESOLVED, That a copy of this Resolution, suitably engrossed, be transmitted to the family of John F. Wade.