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LEGISLATIVE RESOLUTION honoring Ms. L. Ann Rocker for her ceaseless dedicated service to her community

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, Ms. L. Ann Rocker has given not only of her time and energies but also of her competence, intelligence and leadership and consequently has been designated for special recognition; and

WHEREAS, Attendant to such concern, and in full accord with its long-standing traditions, this Legislative Body is justly proud to honor Ms.

L. Ann Rocker for her ceaseless dedicated service to her community; and

WHEREAS, The community of West Harlem was burdened with the North River Sewage Treatment Plant; for over 25 years, there has been an urgent need to defend both the health and the safety interests of the community against the effects of this sewage treatment plant; and

WHEREAS, The community of West Harlem was spurred into action by the efforts of Ms. L. Ann Rocker, a community activist who has been at the forefront of developing and providing an ongoing vehicle to educate and give a voice to the concerned members of the community; and

WHEREAS, For the past 40 years, this outstanding woman has lived and raised her family in the West Harlem community; and

WHEREAS, Since 1996, Ms. L. Ann Rocker has worked as a social worker and has successfully trained others to serve as aides within the community; and

WHEREAS, Due to her dedicated involvement, major changes have been made to the North River Sewage Treatment Plant such as the establishment of programs aimed at monitoring the air and water quality, as well as the emissions from trucks and buses; and

WHEREAS, The Riverbank State Park was created as part of a compensation for the communities being forced to accept the North River Sewage Treatment Plant; and

WHEREAS, Ms. L. Ann Rocker served with the commissioner of the Department of Environmental Protection of the City of New York to establish

city-wide environmental committees; she has worked tirelessly to develop the programs for the Environmental Benefits Fund with the New York State Department of Environmental Conservation; and

WHEREAS, Ms. L. Ann Rocker founded the North River Environmental Community Review Board (NRECRB), a community based organization that is working with U.S. EPA to monitor the watershed and the rivers that surround the Island of Manhattan; and

WHEREAS, Ms. L. Ann Rocker and NRECRB have continually met on a monthly basis for the last 25 years along with the aforementioned agencies to educate and bring the concerns of the community to light; and

WHEREAS, A great protector of the environment and a great defender of health for the people of West Harlem and the State of New York, Ms. L. Ann Rocker 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, Throughout the entire period of her community service, a period of constructive involvement, Ms. L. Ann Rocker 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 Ms. L. Ann Rocker 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 Ms. L. Ann Rocker for her ceaseless dedicated service to her community; and be it further

RESOLVED, That a copy of this Resolution, suitably engrossed, be transmitted to Ms. L. Ann Rocker, West Harlem, New York.