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LEGISLATIVE RESOLUTION honoring Linda L. Barnette upon the occasion of her retirement

WHEREAS, New York State's commitment to education is unparalleled; its history and stature are secured by the superlative caliber of its educational professionals and the students they inspire; and

WHEREAS, It is the sense of this Legislative Body to acknowledge the significant milestones in the distinguished careers of those outstanding educational leaders, whose dedication and achievements have been instrumental in developing character and academic excellence in the young people of New York State; and

WHEREAS, Attendant to such concern, and in full accord with its long-standing traditions, this Legislative Body is justly proud to honor Linda L. Barnette upon the occasion of her retirement on Saturday, May 21, 2011, at Trinity Methodist Church in Brooklyn, New York; and

WHEREAS, Educators like Linda Barnette provide a tremendous service to the future of our State and Nation, inspiring generations of young people in their educational journeys and ensuring their success in their future years; and

WHEREAS, Linda Barnette has clearly had an enduring impact on the youth of the New York City Department of Education in Community School District 17, as well as on the community-at-large, and accordingly merits recognition and applause for her impressive dedication to others; and

WHEREAS, Linda Barnette is a native of Durham, North Carolina; for the past 30 years, she has rendered extraordinary dedicated and committed service to the students, staff and parents of the New York City Department of Education in Community School District 17 as a teacher, staff developer, teacher trainer, librarian, supervisor of special education, assistant principal, middle school principal and District Administrator of Special Education; and

WHEREAS, Linda Barnette is a graduate of Brooklyn College of The City University of New York where she received her Bachelor of Arts degree in elementary education, Master of Science degree in special education, and

Advanced Certificate in educational administration and supervision; and WHEREAS, Linda Barnette holds six New York City Department of Education licenses and permanent certifications from the New York State Education Department; she has also taken courses at the Alliance Theological Seminary; and

WHEREAS, Linda Barnette's past and present professional affiliations include: the Council of Supervisors and Administrators, the American Federation of School Administrators, the Association of Supervision and Curriculum Development, the International Reading Association and the Brooklyn Reading Council; and

WHEREAS, Linda Barnett has been honored by her church and the Churches of Bedford-Stuyvesant and community; she also has been a recipient of awards by Cambridge Who's Who, Native Black American Woman, and the Mortis College Alumni Club, to name a few; and

WHEREAS, An extensive traveler worldwide, Linda Barnette is a faithful and dedicated member of the Mt. Carmel Baptist Church in Bedford-Stuyvesant; she was one of three women ordained as Reverend in 1998 by the late Reverend Dr. V. Simpson Turner, Sr.; and

WHEREAS, Reverend Linda Barnette serves as the Minister of Education, member of the Trustee Board, President of the Choir, and Administrator in the Sunday School; she is a mighty woman of God, who has always been a leader by example; and

WHEREAS, It is the sense of this Legislative Body to commend the efforts of those individuals who work to support our proud tradition of public education by providing their skills and talents to our schools; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, That this Legislative Body pause in its deliberations to honor Linda L. Barnette upon the occasion of her retirement, and for her significant contributions to education in New York State; and to wish her continued success in all of her future endeavors; and be it further

RESOLVED, That a copy of this Resolution, suitably engrossed, be transmitted to Linda L. Barnette.