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LEGISLATIVE RESOLUTION mourning the death of Sandra Robinson, 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, Sandra Robinson of Brooklyn, New York, died on Tuesday, May 17, 2011, at the age of 58; and

WHEREAS, Sandra Robinson was a native New Yorker and a family day care provider in her Bedford-Stuyvesant community for seven years; always giving of herself unstintingly, she worked with youth for 25 years throughout New York State as well as California; and

WHEREAS, Sandra Robinson distinguished herself in her profession and by her sincere dedication and substantial contribution to the welfare of her community; and

WHEREAS, An active and vocal leader of FUREE for over seven years, Sandra Robinson first joined the organization in 2005, as part of its Child Care Campaign; in 2007, she was elected to its Board of Directors by its members and in 2009, elected as Co-Chair; and

WHEREAS, Sandra Robinson served FUREE with dignity and with a very clear understanding that she represented the hundreds of members who believed in her humble leadership and vision for the organization's work; and

WHEREAS, Under Sandra Robinson's stewardship, FUREE launched two new campaigns, transitioned its directorship, played leading roles in sustaining work with contributors and individual supporters, and positioned the organization as a leader in social change movements at the local and national level; and

WHEREAS, On a recent trip to New Orleans, Sandra Robinson appeared on a panel that discussed opportunities for housing organizing during the economic recession; her poignant responses didn't come from years of experience, but rather from her heart; and

WHEREAS, Constantly sharing her passion for justice with others, Sandra Robinson was committed to building deeper relationships, and creating a safe space for members, staff, and Board Members at FUREE; she worked hard to build a sense of family, camaraderie, and unity throughout the organization as well as within its office; and

WHEREAS, Sandra Robinson has been described as a lioness protecting her cubs; she was calm, peaceful, and vigilant in protecting the refuge that members needed as people struggled with the impact of the economy, while nurturing the leadership of women and youth from low-income and working class communities; and

WHEREAS, An inspiration to many, Sandra Robinson was well known for sharing her life, her hopes and her dreams to win racial, gender, and economic equity in Brooklyn and beyond; and

WHEREAS, Sandra Robinson's commitment to excellence, and her spirit of humanity, carried over into all fields of enterprise, including charitable and civic endeavors; and

WHEREAS, Sandra Robinson is survived by her mother, Shirley Robinson, her daughter Kymberly Paul, and her grandchildren, Nicole and Kwame, after whom her child care center in Bedford-Stuyvesant is named; and

WHEREAS, Armed with a humanistic spirit and imbued with a sense of compassion, Sandra Robinson 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 Sandra Robinson, distinguished citizen and devoted member of her community; and be it further

RESOLVED, That a copy of this Resolution, suitably engrossed, be tran-

mitted to the family of Sandra Robinson.