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LEGISLATIVE RESOLUTION commending Vivian Squires upon the occasion of her designation for special recognition

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, Vivian Squires 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 commend Vivian Squires upon the occasion of her designation for special recognition, to be observed at her 90th Birthday Celebration on Saturday, March 31, 2012; and

WHEREAS, From 1951-1972, Vivian Squires worked as a Corrections Officer at Rikers Island; and

WHEREAS, Over her 21 years of distinguished service, Vivian Squires dedicated herself to developing programs devoted to the rehabilitation of the female inmates; and

WHEREAS, Vivian Squires created a successful sewing program for the women which culminated in a fashion show attended by New York City's upper echelon women; she was also instrumental in developing programs that focused on work skills to be used upon their release; and

WHEREAS, In 1973, Vivian Squires founded the Co-Workers Development Corp.; this resulted in the creation of a cafe, wig clinic, clothing factory and a boutique where inmates could work when they were released; and

WHEREAS, Vivian Squires 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, Vivian Squires' life mission has been to teach, motivate and encourage others to take the necessary steps to change their thoughts and actions; and

WHEREAS, Vivian Squires worked with Norman Vincent Peale for 20 years as a speaker and counselor to ministers' wives; and

WHEREAS, A Weight Watchers leader for 25 years, Vivian Squires received numerous awards including, highest number of members losing 100lbs., highest number of members reaching lifetime status, and most number of weeks in at-work/community meetings; and

WHEREAS, In 2009, at the age of 87, Vivian Squires was certified as a Life Coach with the Institute for Professional Excellence in Coaching (iPEC); and

WHEREAS, Throughout the entire period of her community service, a period of constructive involvement, Vivian Squires 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 Vivian Squires has displayed throughout her life; and

WHEREAS, It is the sense of this Legislative Body that when individuals of such noble aims and accomplishments are brought to our attention, they should be celebrated and recognized by all the citizens of this great Empire State; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, That this Legislative Body pause in its deliberations to commend Vivian Squires upon the occasion of her designation for special recognition, and to wish her a very happy 90th birthday; and be it further

RESOLVED, That a copy of this Resolution, suitably engrossed, be transmitted to Vivian Squires.