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LEGISLATIVE RESOLUTION commending Linda Brockington as she is honored by the Imani Singers of Medgar Evers College at its Annual Night of Honor on May 4, 2012

WHEREAS, It is the sense of this Legislative Body that individuals who distinguish themselves in service to their faith and community merit the highest commendation; and

WHEREAS, Attendant to such concern, and fully in accord with its long-standing traditions, this Legislative Body is justly proud to commend Linda Brockington as she is honored by the Imani Singers of Medgar Evers College, the college's renowned resident choir, at its Annual Night of Honor to be held at the college on Friday, May 4, 2012; and

WHEREAS, Each year at this Black Tie event, the Imani Singers of Medgar Evers College honors and pays tribute to outstanding sacred music church musicians in the Brooklyn community; and

WHEREAS, Linda Brockington, Minister of Music at St. Anthony Baptist Church, truly merits this high honor; and

WHEREAS, Linda Brockington, a native New Yorker, is a well known choir director in the New York City metropolitan area; as a musician/director for the St. Anthony Baptist Church since 1984, her musical and administrative leadership has led choirs to the Gospel Academy Awards, television appearances and even to the big screen; her choral work has been demonstrated in the multi-award winning HBO movie, "Angels in America," directed by Mike Nichols, and starring Al Pacino, Meryl Streep, Jeffrey Wright and Emma Thompson; and

WHEREAS, Linda Brockington's body of work also includes "A Gathering of the Sisterhood," a fund raiser featuring Patti LaBelle, commissioned by Susan L. Taylor; "Essence" for the 1997 Essence Awards, with Jennifer Holliday; "The Apollo Theater" with Dr. Wyatt Tee Walker; The Special

Olympics; and the 90th Annual N.A.A.C.P. Convention with Tramaine Hawkins, Kirk Whalum and Elder Timothy Wright; and WHEREAS, Linda Brockington portrayed "Ma Rainey" and the "Choir Director" in the National Black Theater production of "Jackie 'Moms' Mabley and Her Ladies," starring the legendary Clarice Taylor; her work with the Grace McCollum Worship Ensemble inspired Talise Moore of the AMSTERDAM NEWS to proclaim, "This is what can be accomplished with guidance and divine input."; and

WHEREAS, Linda Brockington is often called upon to appropriate the Women's Day choirs for such esteemed New York congregations as the Bethelite Institutional Baptist Church; Canaan Baptist Church of Christ; Christian Light Missionary Baptist Church; Mt. Ararat Baptist Church; St. Albans Congregational Church; St. Paul Community Baptist Church/Mt. Pisgah; St. Paul Baptist Church of Montclair, New Jersey; The Senior Chorus of the New York City Housing Authority; and the Wayside Baptist Church and many others; and

WHEREAS, Linda Brockington is the recipient of a Woman of Excellence Award and a Community Service Award; she has appeared at international venues and performed with Joe Lee Wilson at the first Marciac Jazz Festival in the south of France and with the late Dexter Gordon at the first Jazz Festival in Casablanca, Morocco; and

WHEREAS, Linda Brockington was instrumental in the January 2001 creation of The Children of Light, a group of vocal aristocrats whose achievements read like Who's Who; they have provided the musical support for the Lesley Dill Tongues on Fire art exhibition at the Interfaith Center in New York City; two members of the group won First Place at the 2005/2006 McDonald's Gospel Fest; and

WHEREAS, In December 2009, Linda Brockington answered the call of ministry to preach the word of God; in 2010, she was acknowledged by The James Cleveland Gospel Music Workshop, New York Chapter, as a "living legend"; and, in 2011, The Reverend Dr. Duane Cooper named her the

Minister of Music for the St. Anthony Baptist Church and she continues to serve ably in that capacity; and

WHEREAS, Linda Brockington has distinguished herself in her profession and in service to her faith and community and is certainly worthy of the recognition and appreciation of this Legislative Body and the citizens of the great State of New York; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, That this Legislative Body pause in its deliberations to commend Linda Brockington as she is honored by the Imani Singers of Medgar Evers College at its Annual Night of Honor on Friday, May 4, 2012; and be it further

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