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LEGISLATIVE RESOLUTION honoring L. Joy Williams upon the occasion of her induction as President of the NAACP-Brooklyn Chapter

WHEREAS, It is incumbent upon the people of the State of New York to recognize and acknowledge those within our midst who have made significant contributions to the quality of life therein; and

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

Joy Williams upon the occasion of her induction as President of the NAACP-Brooklyn Chapter; and

WHEREAS, Founder of LJW Community Strategies, Joy Williams serves as a strategic adviser to leaders and organizations across the country and

has been featured as a commentator on BET, Pacifica Radio in New York and Los Angeles, MSNBC, Current TV and NY1's "Inside City Hall" ; and

WHEREAS, Joy Williams has always been a problem solver; in 2006, she initiated Brooklyn Lives, an HIV/AIDS awareness project, after learning that Brooklyn was cited as the HIV/AIDS epicenter in New York City; and

WHEREAS, In just a few weeks, Joy Williams mobilized officials, nonprofit and business leaders, media companies and the community at

large to provide free testing in over a dozen locations, as well as

engaged high school students to give HIV awareness presentations to their peers at high schools throughout the Borough; and

WHEREAS, A Brooklyn resident and graduate of Hofstra University, Joy Williams is a founding chair of Higher Heights for America and serves on her local community board; she is a national board member of PAC+; and

WHEREAS, It is the sense of this Legislative Body that those who enhance the life in their community and have shown a long and sustained commitment to excellence certainly have earned recognition and applause; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, That this Legislative Body pause in its deliberations to honor L. Joy Williams upon the occasion of her induction as President of the NAACP-Brooklyn Chapter; and be it further

RESOLVED, That a copy of this Resolution, suitably engrossed, be transmitted to L. Joy Williams.