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LEGISLATIVE RESOLUTION honoring Ella J. Weiss upon the occasion of her retirement after 16 years of distinguished service to the Brooklyn Arts Council

WHEREAS, This Legislative Body seeks to acknowledge those individuals whose professional lives and civic endeavors serve to enhance the stature of the State of New York; and

WHEREAS, For the past 16 years, Ella J. Weiss rendered faithful, conscientious and valuable service to the Brooklyn Arts Council; and

WHEREAS, Involved in education, the arts and community affairs for her entire adult life, Ella J. Weiss has shown a singular and unrelenting devotion to the betterment and enrichment of Brooklyn as a whole; and

WHEREAS, Ella J. Weiss earned both an undergraduate and graduate degree from Brooklyn College; she went on to build a long and illustrious professional career with her Alma mater, holding the positions of Assistant Vice President for College Relations, Executive Director of the Office of Alumni Affairs and Director of Community Relations and Audience Development; and

WHEREAS, Throughout her time at Brooklyn College, Ella J. Weiss secured New York City Council Capital appropriations for the College's 24-hour Library Cafe and for the renovation of the Gershwin and Whitman Theater; she is particularly proud of her role in strengthening the Brooklyn Center for the Performing Arts at Brooklyn College; and

WHEREAS, In 1999, Ella J. Weiss became President of the Brooklyn Arts Council; under her leadership, the Brooklyn Arts Council has become a prominent force on the cultural scene in the Borough of Brooklyn by expanding its programs and greatly enhancing its partnerships with the arts community in the region; and

WHEREAS, In her capacity as President of the Brooklyn Arts Council,

Ella J. Weiss served with loyalty, honor and distinction; she has been recognized for her dedication and has been the recipient of numerous awards and accolades including: the Consolidated Edison's Brooklyn Women of Essence Award, the Brooklyn College Alumni Association Distinguished Achievement Award, the 2006 President's Medal from Brooklyn College, named a Silver Anniversary Honoree by the Flatbush Development Corporation, and Caribbean American Chamber of Commerce and Industry's Salute to Women Honoree, as well as the YWCA's Brooklyn Women of Distinction; and

WHEREAS, In addition, Ella J. Weiss is a founding member of the Brooklyn Information and Culture Board of Directors, and a Board member of the Brooklyn Center for the Performing Arts at Brooklyn College, the Flatbush Development Corporation and the Brooklyn College Alumni Association; and

WHEREAS, In her official acts, Ella J. Weiss was governed by a keen sense of duty and always showed a unique grasp of human problems; and

WHEREAS, It is the sense of this Legislative Body that those who enhance the quality of life in their community and have shown a long and sustained commitment to the maintenance of high standards in their profession, certainly have earned the recognition and applause of all the citizens of this great Empire State; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, That this Legislative Body pause in its deliberations to honor Ella J. Weiss upon the occasion of her retirement after 16 years of distinguished service to the Brooklyn Arts Council; and be it further

RESOLVED, That a copy of this Resolution, suitably engrossed, be transmitted to Ella J. Weiss.