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LEGISLATIVE RESOLUTION congratulating Michele A. Roberts upon the occasion of being named Executive Director of the National Basketball Players Association in July of 2014

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, Michele A. Roberts 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 congratulate Michele A. Roberts upon the occasion of being named Executive Director of the National Basketball Players Association in July of 2014, receiving 32 of 36 votes; and

WHEREAS, Michele A. Roberts is the first woman to hold the esteemed position of Executive Director of the National Basketball Players Association, and is the first female union head of one of the four major professional sports leagues in North America; and

WHEREAS, A native of the South Bronx and currently of Harlem, Michele A. Roberts earned her bachelor's degree from Wesleyan University in 1977, and received her Juris Doctor from University of California Berkeley School of Law in 1980; and

WHEREAS, Michele A. Roberts has received numerous accolades during her distinguished career including being named one of ESPNW's Impact 25; and

WHEREAS, In addition, Michele A. Roberts is an adjunct faculty member at Harvard Law School, and a fellow of the American College of Trial Lawyers; and

WHEREAS, Throughout the entire period of her community service, a period of constructive involvement, Michele A. Roberts 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 Michele A. Roberts has displayed throughout her life; and

WHEREAS, It is the sense of this Legislative Body to commend individuals of outstanding character, who have shown initiative and commitment toward constantly pursuing higher goals for themselves, and acting as role models of leadership to be emulated by their peers; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, That this Legislative Body pause in its deliberations to congratulate Michele A. Roberts upon the occasion of being named Executive Director of the National Basketball Players Association; and be it further

RESOLVED, That a copy of this Resolution, suitably engrossed, be transmitted to Michele A. Roberts.