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LEGISLATIVE RESOLUTION honoring Dr. Gail Reed-Barnett upon the occasion of her designation as recipient of the Woman of Distinction Award

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, This Legislative Body is justly proud to honor Dr. Gail Reed-Barnett upon the occasion of her designation as recipient of the Woman of Distinction Award; and

WHEREAS, Born and raised in Brooklyn, New York, Dr. Reed-Barnett earned her Bachelor of Arts degree in Psychology from Medgar Evers College, Master of Science degree in Counseling and Development from Long Island University and a Doctorate of Education degree from Nova Southeastern University in Child, Youth and Family studies; currently, she is a New York City School Counselor/College Advisor; and

WHEREAS, Being a product of the public education system, Dr. Gail Reed-Barnett is aware of the plight of our young people, the need for committed and dedicated educators, and the importance of parental involvement in helping a child achieve maximum academic success; and

WHEREAS, Dr. Gail Reed-Barnett has been instrumental in bringing many creative and innovative programs to her school community as it relates to developing the "whole child" and building relationships between children and their families; and

WHEREAS, This remarkable woman served as a member of Community Board 17 and was also on its Youth Services Planning Committee; in 2013, she was elected Community Board 17 Chairperson; and

WHEREAS, As a member of the Youth Services Planning Committee, Dr. Reed-Barnett also worked diligently in planning the first and second "Career Day for Youth" and the second annual "Youth Happen" event; and

WHEREAS, Dr. Gail Reed-Barnett is dedicated and committed to her mission to empower each member of her community including parents, young adults, senior citizens, immigrants, with the knowledge needed to make wise, clear choices and decisions; she continues to work for and with the people of her community to see her vision become a reality; and

WHEREAS, Recently, Dr. Gail Reed-Barnett was elected to the position of Governor for the New York State School Counselor Association which services School Counselors in the New York City area; and

WHEREAS, The recipient of numerous awards and accolades from various community and educational leaders for her work in the community, Dr.

Gail Reed-Barnett has been honored with the Caribbean Images Martin Luther King Award, and the 2008 Medgar Evers Alumni Legacy Award; and

WHEREAS, With her throughout have been her husband, Winston, their daughter, Tameka, and grandson Christian Alexander Essen Moran, all of whom feel privileged to be a part of her life and rejoice in her achievements; 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 the great State of New York; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, That this Legislative Body pause in its deliberations to honor Dr. Gail Reed-Barnett upon the occasion of her designation as recipient of the Woman of Distinction Award; and be it further

RESOLVED, That a copy of this Resolution, suitably engrossed, be transmitted to Dr. Gail Reed-Barnett.