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LEGISLATIVE RESOLUTION honoring Joan L. Millman for her many years of distinguished public service to the State of New York

WHEREAS, It is the custom of this Legislative Body to pay tribute to outstanding leaders whose professional lives, personal endeavors, and community service are an example and inspiration to their colleagues, communities, friends, and family; and

WHEREAS, Joan L. Millman, Assembly member for the 52nd District for over 17 years between 1997 and 2014, served with great distinction and with a particular dedication to advocating on important issues facing seniors and youth in our state; and

WHEREAS, In that time, Joan L. Millman represented all or parts of the Brooklyn neighborhoods of Bay Ridge, Boerum Hill, Brooklyn Heights, Carroll Gardens, Columbia Waterfront, Downtown Brooklyn, DUMBO, Fulton Ferry, Gowanus, Greenwood, Park Slope, Prospect Heights, Red Hook, South Slope, Sunset Park, and Vinegar Hill; and

WHEREAS, Joan L. Millman served as Chair of the Assembly Standing Committee on Aging, upholding that committee's dedication to protecting seniors' quality of life, health, safety, and independence through legislative initiatives that created avenues for combating elder abuse, and expanded access to the Senior Citizen and Disability Rent Increase Exemptions; and

WHEREAS, Joan L. Millman recognized the importance of connecting the 52nd Assembly District with available resources, organizing her annual Senior Resource Fair at St. Francis College, regular bus trips to Red Hook to assist seniors in grocery shopping, district office flu shot clinics that became neighborhood mainstays, and her summer reading programs that encouraged a lifelong love of learning; and

WHEREAS, Accessibility and availability to constituents was taken to

new heights in her tenure; continuing the Smith Street storefront district office, and through her presence at nearly every major event in the district, Joan L. Millman could be seen at National Night Out, the Carroll Park tree lighting, Atlantic Antic, local precinct community council meetings, Brooklyn Bridge Park's Harvest Festival, the Cobble Hill Halloween Parade, and hosts of other community events, street fairs, library events, and graduations; and

WHEREAS, Joan L. Millman also honored the legacy of her predecessor, Eileen C. Dugan, through her support of the annual Eileen C. Dugan Memorial 5K and unparalleled commitment to the Eileen C. Dugan Senior Center, of which there has been no bigger cheerleader; and

WHEREAS, Also continuing the legacy of her predecessor, Joan L. Millman championed the creation of Brooklyn Bridge Park, one of New York's most celebrated public spaces, and helped to secure more park space, active recreation, the pop-up pool and Squibb Park Bridge; and

WHEREAS, Throughout her service, Joan L. Millman exemplified a deep commitment to public education and local schools, as well as a strong commitment to public libraries and access to cultural institutions in our communities; and

WHEREAS, Joan L. Millman will leave behind a legacy which will long endure the passage of time for New Yorkers in all walks of life, and will be remembered with great affection by all those she served and befriended, and leaves a high benchmark of expectation within the New York State Assembly as it continues its work, especially on behalf of seniors and young people; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, That this Legislative Body thanks one of our state's great public servants, Joan L. Millman, a distinguished citizen, and a devoted community leader; and be it further

RESOLVED, That a copy of this Resolution, suitably engrossed, be transmitted to Joan L. Millman.