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LEGISLATIVE RESOLUTION honoring Mandingo Tshaka upon the occasion of his designation as recipient of a Liberty Medal, the highest honor bestowed upon an individual by the New York State Senate

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, It is the custom of this Legislative Body to recognize that the quality and character of life in the communities across New York State are reflective of the concerned and dedicated efforts of those individuals who would devote themselves to the welfare of the community and its citizenry; and

WHEREAS, This Legislative Body is justly proud to honor Mandingo Tshaka upon the occasion of his designation as recipient of a Liberty Medal, the highest honor bestowed upon an individual by the New York State Senate; and

WHEREAS, The New York State Senate Liberty Medal was established by resolution and is awarded to individuals who have merited special commendation for exceptional, heroic, or humanitarian acts on behalf of their fellow New Yorkers; and

WHEREAS, A native of Bayside, New York, Mandingo Tshaka was born in 1931, in the same house in which he now lives; he attended Public School 31, and then Bayside High School; and

WHEREAS, A professional singer, Mandingo Tshaka performed at several famous theaters in New York City including the New York City Center, Radio City Music Hall, and the State Theater; in addition, he sang at the John F. Kennedy Center for the Performing Arts, Washington, D.C.; and

WHEREAS, After his illustrious singing career, Mandingo Tshaka

returned to Bayside, New York, in 1971, and became an activist, advocating for his beloved community; and

WHEREAS, For 17 years, Mandingo Tshaka participated on the Community Board of Directors, and was both a member and served as President of the Bayside Clear Spring Council Civic Association for 25 years; and

WHEREAS, It is the sense of this Legislative Body that those who enhance the well-being and vitality of their community and have shown a long and sustained commitment to excellence 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 Mandingo Tshaka upon the occasion of his designation as recipient of a Liberty Medal, the highest honor bestowed upon an individual by the New York State Senate; and be it further

RESOLVED, That a copy of this Resolution, suitably engrossed, be transmitted to Mandingo Tshaka.