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LEGISLATIVE RESOLUTION honoring LaRay Brown upon the occasion of her retirement after 29 years of distinguished service to New York City Health & Hospitals Corporation

WHEREAS, It is the sense of this Legislative Body to acknowledge the significant milestones in the distinguished careers of esteemed residents of this noble Empire State; and

WHEREAS, Attendant to such concern, and in full accord with its long-standing traditions, this Legislative Body is justly proud to honor LaRay Brown upon the occasion of her retirement after 29 years of distinguished service to New York City Health & Hospitals Corporation; and

WHEREAS, This momentous occasion will be celebrated with a retirement party in her honor on Tuesday, February 2, 2016, at Tribeca Rooftop in New York City; and

WHEREAS, LaRay Brown, an exceptionally well-respected hospital executive with strong ties to city and state government, will become President and Chief Executive of Interfaith Medical Center in February of 2016; in doing so, she will become the first female African-American president of a private hospital in New York City; and

WHEREAS, After 29 years of steadfast and dedicated service, LaRay Brown will officially retire from her esteemed role as the Senior Vice President for Corporate Planning, Community Health and Intergovernmental Relations, and Corporate Officer at the New York City Health & Hospitals Corporation (HHC), the largest municipal health care system in the country; and

WHEREAS, In this capacity, LaRay Brown directs strategic planning efforts for HHC, as well as the formulation and execution of legislative initiatives and advocacy strategies; and

WHEREAS, Throughout her illustrious career, LaRay Brown has also spearheaded a variety of initiatives during her tenure at HHC, from the implementation of comprehensive psychiatric emergency programs (CPEPs) at several hospitals, to the development of a community governed community health center on Staten Island, negotiations with state and federal officials for the development of a new long term care hospital and nursing facility in Harlem, as well as the development of hundreds of affordable and accessible apartments for HHC's long term care and hospital patients; and

WHEREAS, Active within the community she so ably serves, LaRay Brown is past Chairperson of the National Association of Public Hospitals and Health Systems; she has also served as a member of New York State Governor Andrew Cuomo's health care transition team and Medicaid Redesign Teams, and currently serves on the Board of the New York State Health Foundation; and

WHEREAS, LaRay Brown has been the proud recipient of numerous awards and accolades some of which include; the 2010 Marshall C. England Memorial Public Health Award, the 2011 CHCANYS Rosemarie Forstner Award, and mention in the CONGRESSIONAL RECORD; she has also been named by MODERN HEALTHCARE as one of the Top 25 Women in Healthcare; and

WHEREAS, LaRay Brown graduated summa cum laude from the University of Pennsylvania and received her graduate training at the University of Pennsylvania Fels Center for Government Policy; and

WHEREAS, For nearly three decades, LaRay Brown rendered faithful, conscientious and valuable service to Corporate Planning, Community Health and Intergovernmental Relations and New York City Health & Hospitals Corporation; and

WHEREAS, In her official acts, LaRay Brown was governed by a keen sense of duty, always showing a unique grasp of human problems and truly earned the admiration, esteem and affection of her colleagues; and

WHEREAS, Rare indeed is the occurrence of such a compassionate blend-

ing of strength, leadership, intellect, and commitment as that demonstrated by LaRay Brown over a lifetime of sacrifice and dedication to others; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, That this Legislative Body pause in its deliberations to honor LaRay Brown upon the occasion of her retirement after 29 years of distinguished service to New York City Health & Hospitals Corporation; and be it further

RESOLVED, That a copy of this Resolution, suitably engrossed, be transmitted to LaRay Brown.