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LEGISLATIVE RESOLUTION mourning the death of Dr. Susan G. Gordon, a brilliant pediatrician, dedicated educator, distinguished citizen and devoted member of her community

WHEREAS, It is with great sorrow and deep regret that this Legislative Body records the passing of Dr. Susan G. Gordon, noting the significance of her purposeful life and accomplishments; and

WHEREAS, Dr. Susan G. Gordon of Pomona, New York, died on Monday, January 25, 2016; and

WHEREAS, Dr. Susan G. Gordon, affectionately known as Dr. Susan, distinguished herself in her profession and by her sincere dedication and substantial contribution to the welfare of her community; and

WHEREAS, After graduating from Howard University College of Medicine, Dr. Susan G. Gordon became a pediatric physician and practiced in Haverstraw, New York, and in Rockland County; and

WHEREAS, In 1958, Dr. Susan G. Gordon became an Associate Professor of Pediatrics first at the New York Medical College, then Columbia University's College of Physicians and Surgeons; in addition to teaching as an Associate Professor, she taught for 25 years at Metropolitan Hospital and the Children's Hospital of the New York Presbyterian Hospital; and  
WHEREAS, Dr. Susan G. Gordon was also a Licentiate of the American Board of Pediatrics and a Fellow of the American Academy of Pediatrics; and

WHEREAS, Dedicated to her community, Dr. Susan G. Gordon was a member of the East Ramapo Central School District Board of Education, and served as President for three years; she is remembered for being an enthusiastic participant at the Parent and Teacher Association meetings, school board elections, and various other community matters; and

WHEREAS, A devoted advocate for civil and human rights, Dr. Susan G.

Gordon proudly supported the integration of the East Ramapo Central School District during the 1950s and 1960s; and

WHEREAS, Dr. Susan G. Gordon cared for mankind as a whole, and strived to care for the overall health and education of those in her community; for 20 years, she served as a member and President of the Health Center of the Lexington School for the Deaf Board; and

WHEREAS, From 1978-1981, Dr. Susan G. Gordon served as a member of The National Panel on the Measurement of the Program Effects of Head Start; and

WHEREAS, Moreover, Dr. Susan G. Gordon held the title of President of the Martin Luther King Multipurpose Center Board of Trustees, founded the Harriet Tubman Child Health and Guidance Clinic in Harlem, and founded the CEJJES Institute; together, she and her husband established Gordon and Gordon Associates in Human Development; and

WHEREAS, For her exceptional work in the field of education, Dr. Susan G. Gordon was the recipient of numerous awards and accolades including the 1999 Children's Champion Award by the Early Child Consortium of Rockland County; in 2000, she was recognized by the African American Chamber of Commerce of Westchester and Rockland Counties at the Women's History Month Luncheon; and

WHEREAS, In that same year, the classrooms and computer center of the Martin Luther King Multi-purpose Center, Inc., Spring Valley, New York, were dedicated as the Susan G. Gordon, M.D. Education Corridor, and in 2006, Dr. Susan G. Gordon and her husband, Ed, were inducted into the Rockland County Civil Rights Hall of Fame; and

WHEREAS, Throughout her life, Dr. Susan G. Gordon pursued a lifelong mission to help others and create a welcoming community for everyone;

this exceptional woman focused on unity through education as a professional educator and respected member of the school board; and

WHEREAS, Dr. Susan G. Gordon lived an immensely beautiful life built on care, kindness, and respect, touching the lives of so many people

within her community; and

WHEREAS, Dr. Susan G. Gordon is survived by her husband of over six decades, Dr. Edmund W. Gordon, four children, and nine grandchildren, as well as one great-grandson; and

WHEREAS, Armed with a humanistic spirit and imbued with a sense of compassion, Dr. Susan G. Gordon leaves behind a legacy which will long endure the passage of time and will remain as a comforting memory to all she served and befriended; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, That this Legislative Body pause in its deliberations to mourn the death of Dr. Susan G. Gordon, brilliant pediatrician, dedicated educator, distinguished citizen and devoted member of her community; and be it further

RESOLVED, That a copy of this Resolution, suitably engrossed, be transmitted to the family of Dr. Susan G. Gordon.