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LEGISLATIVE RESOLUTION commending the Community Council for Medgar Evers College, Inc. upon the occasion of hosting its Annual Spring Scholarship and Leadership Awards Luncheon, and paying tribute to this year's honorees

WHEREAS, It is incumbent upon the people of the State of New York to recognize and acknowledge those organizations within our midst who have made significant contributions to the quality of life therein; and

WHEREAS, From time to time this Legislative Body takes note of certain extraordinary individuals and organizations it wishes to recognize for their valued contributions to the success and progress of society and publicly acknowledge their endeavors which have enhanced the basic humanity among us all; and

WHEREAS, This Legislative Body is justly proud to commend the Community Council for Medgar Evers College, Inc. upon the occasion of hosting its Annual Spring Scholarship and Leadership Awards Luncheon to be celebrated on Saturday, April 16, 2016, in Brooklyn, New York, and to pay tribute to this year's honorees; and

WHEREAS, This year's distinguished honorees include: Reverend Elizabeth Butler, Pastor of the Church of New Beginnings, Ecumenical Leadership Award; Wayne Devonish, Chairman of 500 Men Making A Difference, Community Service Leadership Award; Dr. Eda Harris-Hastick, Professor and Director, Social Work Program, Department of Social and Behavioral Sciences at Medgar Evers College, CUNY, Education Leadership Award; Celeste Morris, President of Morris Allsop Public Affairs, Business Leadership Award; and Danica Fouad, Class of 2016, Medgar Evers College Preparatory School, Youth Leadership Award; and

WHEREAS, The Community Council for Medgar Evers College, Inc. was established in 1972 as a not-for-profit organization; and

WHEREAS, The Council was formed in the early 1960s at the insistence of community residents to establish a four year college in the Central Brooklyn Community; and

WHEREAS, Today, the Community Council for Medgar Evers College, Inc. includes residents, organizations, faculty, students and all elected officials of the Central Brooklyn community; and

WHEREAS, This vital organization actively participates in providing support to the mission of the College, and since 1980, has provided more than 220,000 dollars in scholarships to deserving students through fundraising events, outside grants and contributions; and

WHEREAS, The Community Council for Medgar Evers College, Inc. proudly celebrates with Medgar Evers College of the City University of New York more than four decades of academic excellence to the residents of the Central Brooklyn community; and

WHEREAS, Over its distinguished 44 year history, the Community Council for Medgar Evers College, Inc. has demonstrated continuous service to the residents and communities which it serves; and

WHEREAS, The success of the Community Council for Medgar Evers College, Inc. is in direct correlation to the efforts of its members, whose involvement is, and always has been, characterized by an impressive commitment, an unbridled enthusiasm, and an uncompromising standard of excellence in all endeavors on behalf of the organization and the community it serves; and

WHEREAS, It is the sense of this Legislative Body that when organizations of such noble aims and accomplishments are brought to our attention, they should be celebrated and recognized by all the citizens of this great Empire State; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, That this Legislative Body pause in its deliberations to commend the Community Council for Medgar Evers College, Inc. upon the occasion of hosting its Annual Spring Scholarship and Leadership Awards Luncheon, and paying tribute to this year's honorees; and be it further

RESOLVED, That copies of this Resolution, suitably engrossed, be transmitted to the Community Council for Medgar Evers College, Inc. and the aforementioned honorees.