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LEGISLATIVE RESOLUTION mourning the death of Renee Brilliant, M.D., distinguished citizen, humanitarian and devoted member of her community

WHEREAS, It is the custom of this Legislative Body to pay tribute to citizens of the State of New York whose lifework and civic endeavor served to enhance the quality of life in their communities and the great State of New York; and

WHEREAS, Renee Brilliant of Rockland County, New York died on April 11, 2016, at the age of 90; and

WHEREAS, Born in 1925 in Brooklyn, New York, Renee Brilliant grew up on a chicken farm in New Jersey and graduated from Bound Brook High School; she went on to graduate cum laude from New York University with a Bachelor's degree in math, and received a Master's degree in geophysics from Columbia University; and

WHEREAS, While a graduate student at Columbia University, Renee Brilliant met her future husband, William Donn; the couple married in 1960, and settled in Grand View-on-Hudson, where she lived since 1964; and

WHEREAS, This esteemed woman distinguished herself in her profession and by her sincere dedication and substantial contribution to the welfare of her community; and

WHEREAS, Renee Brilliant later received her Medical degree from New York University, and practiced pediatrics with a specialty in hematology, first in Grand View and later at Clarkstown Pediatrics; in addition, she devoted nearly two decades lending her medical skills to humanitarian work in Kenya; and

WHEREAS, A true asset to society, Renee Brilliant was an active member of the Nanuet-West Nyack Rotary Club and of the Rockland County branch of the American Association of University Women (AAUW); she received a Woman of Achievement Award from AAUW for her outstanding role as a

pediatrician and humanitarian; and

WHEREAS, In her post-retirement years, Renee Brilliant also obtained her private pilot license and enjoyed flying to New England for lobster; and

WHEREAS, Renee Brilliant was truly a person of great inspiration, intelligence and modesty; she cared passionately about her family, and was universally respected and deeply loved; she is survived by her son, Matthew, and daughter, Tara; and

WHEREAS, Renee Brilliant's commitment to excellence, and her spirit of humanity, carried over into all fields of enterprise, including charitable and civic endeavors; and

WHEREAS, Armed with a humanistic spirit, imbued with a sense of compassion, and comforted by a loving family, Renee Brilliant 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 Renee Brilliant, M.D., distinguished citizen, humanitarian 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 Renee Brilliant.