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Senate Resolution No. 3145

BY: Senator PARKER

MOURNING the death of Arlene Stringer-Cuevas, a former New York City Councilwoman, distinguished citizen 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, Arlene Stringer-Cuevas of Riverdale, New York, died on Friday, April 3, 2020, at the age of 86, due to complications related to the novel coronavirus; and

WHEREAS, Arlene Stringer-Cuevas was born in The Bronx on September 25, 1933, and was proud to be a lifelong New Yorker; and

WHEREAS, She raised her two sons as a single Mom in Washington Heights, where she taught public school and worked as an English as a Second Language instructor; and

WHEREAS, Arlene Stringer-Cuevas distinguished herself in her profession and by her sincere dedication and substantial contribution to the welfare of her community; and

WHEREAS, A genuine trail blazer, Arlene Stringer-Cuevas was the first woman elected to represent Washington Heights on the New York City Council, a post she held from 1976 to 1977; prior to that position, she served as a Democratic district leader for the area; and

WHEREAS, In 1978, she took a job at New York City's Human Resources Administration, heading the agency's program contract analyst unit, which she held until retiring in 1994; and

WHEREAS, Later in life, Arlene Stringer married former City Clerk and Deputy Bronx Borough President, Carlos Cuevas; and

WHEREAS, In addition to her husband, Arlene Stringer-Cuevas is survived by her two sons, Scott (Elyse) and David, and two grandchildren, Max and Miles; and

WHEREAS, Armed with a humanistic spirit and imbued with a sense of compassion, Arlene Stringer-Cuevas 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 Arlene Stringer-Cuevas, and to express its deepest condolences to the family; and be it further

RESOLVED, That a copy of this Resolution, suitably engrossed, be transmitted to the family of Arlene Stringer-Cuevas.