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Senate Resolution No. 343

BY: Senator BROUK

COMMENDING Dr. Alice Holloway Young upon the occasion of her designation as recipient of a Liberty Medal, the highest honor bestowed upon an individual by the New York State Senate

WHEREAS, It is the custom of this Legislative Body to recognize and pay tribute to those individuals within the Empire State who have made strong contributions to their communities and who inspire others through their model citizenry; and

WHEREAS, Dr. Alice Holloway Young has given not only of her time and energies but also of her competence, intelligence and leadership and consequently has been designated for special honor; and

WHEREAS, This Legislative Body is justly proud to commend Dr. Alice Holloway Young upon the occasion of her designation as recipient of a Liberty Medal, the highest honor bestowed upon an individual by the New York State Senate; and

WHEREAS, The New York State Senate Liberty Medal was established by Resolution and is awarded to individuals who have merited special commendation for exceptional, heroic, or humanitarian acts on behalf of their fellow New Yorkers; and

WHEREAS, Born on September 29, 1923, in Warrenton, Warren County, North Carolina, Alice Holloway Young received a Bachelor of Science degree from Bennett College; she went on to earn master's and doctoral degrees in Education Supervision and Administration from the University of Rochester; and

WHEREAS, Dr. Alice Holloway Young became employed with the Rochester City School District in 1952, and pioneered as an African-American educator over the next four decades; and

WHEREAS, A gifted teacher and an untiring advocate and administrator, Dr. Alice Holloway Young had a pronounced influence upon Rochester higher education and remains recognized as an energetic champion for the school children of New York State; and

WHEREAS, In many of her achievements, Dr. Alice Holloway Young was the first in the field; she was one of the District's first African-American classroom teachers, the only African-American reading specialist in the District, the first Vice Principal and Principal of elementary schools, and the first Title I Director of programs for educationally and economically deprived children; and

WHEREAS, This extraordinary woman also wrote and supervised one of the District's first integration programs, the Urban Suburban Program, which is still in existence today; and

WHEREAS, Dr. Alice Holloway Young, named a trustee in 1961, helped to establish Monroe Community College; her tireless commitment to the college has lasted more than four decades, serving as a Chair of its

Trustees for 20 consecutive years (1978-1998); additionally, she is recognized as the trustee who has served the college and the New York

State community colleges the longest; and

WHEREAS, In recognition and continuance of her mission and efforts to educate all of Rochester's children, Monroe Community College (MCC) inaugurated the Alice H. Young Teaching Internship for Ethnic Minority Graduate students in 1987; this unique program provides MCC students with a more culturally diverse faculty while giving them valuable teaching experience at a community college; and

WHEREAS, Furthermore, the Alice Holloway Young Society for Charitable Giving of the MCC Foundation was established to honor Dr. Young as a 20th-century American pioneer in education; and

WHEREAS, Dr. Alice Holloway Young is the proud recipient of numerous awards and accolades, including the About Time Exemplar Community Uplift Award, Urban League of Rochester's Distinguished Community Service Award, Award for Humanitarian and Distinguished Achievement in Community Service, the Civic Award from the Rochester Area Chamber of Commerce for Meritorious Contributions in the Field of Education, the University of Rochester Distinguished Alumna Award, and the highest honor conferred by the State University of New York Association of the Boards of Trustees of Community Colleges, the Anne M. Bushnell Memorial Award for Special Achievement; and

WHEREAS, With a steadfast and unwavering commitment to her community, Dr. Alice Holloway Young is a former fellow at R.I.T., a charter member of the Athenaeum and a former president of the five country Rochester Area Chapter of Phi Delta Kappa Fraternity, the Delta Kappa Gamma International Education Society and the Rochester Chapter of The Links, Incorporated, Warden of St. Luke and St. Simon Cyrene Episcopal Church, and active in The Episcopal Diocese of Western New York; she is also a member of Delta Nu Omega Chapter of Alpha Kappa

Alpha Sorority, Inc.; and

WHEREAS, Rare indeed is the impressive dedication shown by an individual for the benefit of others which Dr. Alice Holloway Young has displayed throughout her life; and

WHEREAS, It is the sense of this Legislative Body that when individuals 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 Dr. Alice Holloway Young upon the occasion of her designation as recipient of a Liberty Medal, the highest honor bestowed upon an individual by the New York State Senate; and be it further

RESOLVED, That a copy of this Resolution, suitably engrossed, be transmitted to Dr. Alice Holloway Young.