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Assembly Resolution No. 1056

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HONORING Beverly Roberts posthumously upon the occasion of the renaming of a street in the Parkchester neighborhood of the Bronx, New York, in recognition of her community service and remarkable life

WHEREAS, From time to time this Legislative Body takes note of certain extraordinary individuals 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 honor Beverly Roberts posthumously upon the occasion of the renaming of a street in the Parkchester neighborhood of the Bronx, New York, in recognition of her community service and remarkable life to be celebrated at a Ceremony on Thursday, June 9, 2022; and

WHEREAS, For almost 50 years, Beverly Roberts was a vital and important part of her Parkchester community, serving as an advocate for human and civil rights of all people; and

WHEREAS, Beverly Roberts was actively involved with the NAACP Parkchester Branch for many years, holding the leadership positions of President, 1st Vice President, Chair of the Civic Engagement Committee,

Chair of Women in the NAACP, and consultant to Special Projects; and

WHEREAS, This compassionate and kind woman also volunteered her time and energy to numerous organizations including Cancer Care's Look Good-Feel Good Program, a literacy program, and Read to Me, Please, which she founded; she also counseled young adults and displaced workers with job search training, developed a workshop for visually impaired first time job seekers, sponsored activities in shelters for children, educated parents about the importance of child vehicle restraints, and distributed hundreds of free car seats; and

WHEREAS, In addition, Beverly Roberts helped educate students in Gambia, West Africa, and during the aftermath of Hurricane Katrina, she diligently worked to bring a family from the Gulf Coast to reside in Parkchester with free accommodations for one year; and

WHEREAS, For her steadfast and unrelenting commitment to her community, Beverly Roberts was the recipient of numerous awards and accolades including the 7th Congressional District's Outstanding Public Service Award, the NAACP National Thalheimer Award, the Parkchester Baptist Church's Outstanding Leadership and Service Award, and was named the NAACP Woman of the Year; and

WHEREAS, Beverly Roberts died on October 12, 2020, and until that last

day of her life, she lived by her mantra "strive not to be a success, but rather to be of value"; and

WHEREAS, Rare indeed is the impressive dedication shown by an individual for the benefit of others which Beverly Roberts 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 honor Beverly Roberts posthumously upon the occasion of the renaming of a street in the Parkchester neighborhood of the Bronx, New York, in recognition of her community service and remarkable life; and be it further

RESOLVED, That a copy of this Resolution, suitably engrossed, be transmitted to the family of Beverly Roberts.