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LEGISLATIVE RESOLUTION mourning the death of Ada Essie Sharpton, 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, Ada Essie Sharpton of Dothan, Alabama, died on Thursday, March 22, 2012, at the age of 87; and

WHEREAS, Born in Springfield, Ohio, the second child of Emmet and Mattie D. Richard, Ada Sharpton was raised in Alabama and later moved with her husband to Brooklyn, New York; she moved back to Alabama in 1989; and

WHEREAS, Ada Sharpton was originally a member of the Cornerstone Baptist Church in Brooklyn until later joining the Washington Temple Church of God in Christ in Brooklyn where she served on the Usher Board for a number of years; and

WHEREAS, Ada Sharpton was a distinguished woman of God who brought an enlightened and fruitful guidance to all she served and befriended; and

WHEREAS, Working as a part-time maid while maintaining the household as a single mother, Ada Sharpton was known for her Thursday night dinners, where she would display a Thanksgiving feast every week; and

WHEREAS, Ada Sharpton eventually became president of Mothers in Action and was dedicated in becoming a strong advocate for communities with fatherless children; and

WHEREAS, Ada Sharpton's many years of community involvement led her to become a source of inspiration and a role model to single mothers, a missionary of hope, and a friend to all whose path she crossed; and

WHEREAS, Despite Ada Sharpton's unfortunate decline in health, she still inspired greatness among all her children, and continued to spread love and be something wonderful for all to aspire to; and

WHEREAS, Ada Sharpton is survived by her four children, Thomas Jefferson "Sonny" Glasgow, Ernestine "Tina" Glasgow, Charidean "Joy" Sharpton and the Reverend Al Sharpton; 10 grandchildren; and a host of great-

grandchildren, relatives and friends; and

WHEREAS, Armed with a humanistic spirit and imbued with a sense of compassion, Ada Sharpton 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 Ada Essie Sharpton, distinguished citizen 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 Ada Essie Sharpton.