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LEGISLATIVE RESOLUTION honoring Verona McKie upon the occasion of her designation for special recognition by Mauby Media Services

WHEREAS, It is the sense of this Legislative Body to call attention to those esteemed residents of the State of New York who dedicate their lives to the improvement of their communities; and

WHEREAS, Verona McKie 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 honor Verona McKie upon the occasion of her designation for special recognition by Mauby Media Services, celebrated on Friday, September 21, 2012, at St. Jude Community Center in Brooklyn, New York; and

WHEREAS, Mauby Media Services is hosting the "Salute to Yesterday's Children" event, which is a benefit and award ceremony acknowledging community elders; and

WHEREAS, Verona McKie was born in St. Vincent, but grew up in East Dry River and Charlotte Street in Port of Spain, Trinidad; the mother of two boys, she was a domestic worker for most of her adult life until she migrated to the United States after her mother's death; and

WHEREAS, Verona McKie's favorite childhood pastimes were crab hunting and sea bathing; in 1970, she came to the United States on the invitation of her aunt and life took a turn for the better; although it was heartbreaking to leave her children behind, in three months, she was able to have the family reunited in America; and

WHEREAS, Verona McKie worked as a domestic and then as a Nurse's Aide at a nursing home in Queens; her secret to living a long life is to pray without ceasing; she is a member of the St. Ann Spiritual Baptist Church where she is known as Mother Verna; and

WHEREAS, A true asset to society, Verona McKie's distinguished record merits the recognition and respectful tribute of this Legislative Body; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, That this Legislative Body pause in its deliberations to honor Verona McKie upon the occasion of her designation for special

recognition by Mauby Media Services; and be it further

RESOLVED, That a copy of this Resolution, suitably engrossed, be transmitted to Verona McKie.