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LEGISLATIVE RESOLUTION mourning the death of The Reverend Wenzell Phillip Jackson, distinguished citizen and devoted member of his 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, The Reverend Wenzell Phillip Jackson of the Bronx, New York, died on Tuesday, February 5, 2013, at the age of 47; and

WHEREAS, Originally from San Francisco, California, The Reverend Wenzell Phillip Jackson arrived at the Mount Hermon Baptist Church at the corner of Nelson Avenue and 167th Street, Bronx, New York, in 2003; and

WHEREAS, The Senior Pastor of the Mount Hermon Baptist Church for the past decade, The Reverend Wenzell Phillip Jackson was also the Chairman of Community Board Number 4 in the Bronx, New York; and

WHEREAS, In addition, The Reverend Wenzell Phillip Jackson headed the 44th Precinct Clergy Council; and

WHEREAS, The Reverend Wenzell Phillip Jackson began his preaching ministry at 18 years old in April of 1985 at the Tabernacle of Faith Baptist Church of San Francisco; and

WHEREAS, Pastor Jackson earned his Bachelor's of Theology from the Andersonville Baptist Theology Seminary, and was honored with an Honorary Doctorate of Ministry from ABG Theology Seminary; and

WHEREAS, The passing of The Reverend Wenzell Phillip Jackson is a significant loss for the Bronx and for the community he so strongly and passionately served as both a public servant and clergy leader; and

WHEREAS, The Reverend Wenzell Phillip Jackson is survived by his wife of 24 years, Tamara Jackson; and

WHEREAS, Armed with a humanistic spirit and imbued with a sense of compassion, The Reverend Wenzell Phillip Jackson leaves behind a legacy which will long endure the passage of time and will remain as a comforting memory to all he served and befriended; he will be remembered as someone who made a positive difference in the lives of others; now,

therefore, be it

RESOLVED, That this Legislative Body pause in its deliberations to mourn the death of The Reverend Wenzell Phillip Jackson, distinguished citizen and devoted member of his community; and be it further

RESOLVED, That a copy of this Resolution, suitably engrossed, be transmitted to the family of The Reverend Wenzell Phillip Jackson.