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LEGISLATIVE RESOLUTION mourning the death of Adam C. Henry, 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, Adam Henry died on Thursday, May 14, 2009, at the age of 39; and

WHEREAS, Born in New Haven, Connecticut, Adam Henry was the first child of Santa Wardlaw-Henry and Brent Henry; he was educated in the public schools of Shaker Heights, Ohio, and Washington, D.C. before transferring to The Sidwell Friends School in Washington; and

WHEREAS, After graduation from Sidwell, Adam Henry studied at Princeton University, where he majored in Psychology and received a certificate in African American Studies; he graduated from Princeton in 1991, and joined The Upjohn Company as a sales representative in Baltimore, Maryland, where he was considered one of the local "rising stars" until his departure for Columbia Law School; and

WHEREAS, Adam Henry began his legal career as an associate at the law firm of Cleary Gottlieb Steen & Hamilton in New York; in his fourth year at the firm, he became ill and decided to pursue a path that allowed him more freedom to grow both as a lawyer and as a citizen of the world; and

WHEREAS, Adam Henry remained at the law firm while becoming more deeply involved in pro bono and community service activities; he served on the boards of the Lower Manhattan Cultural Council, The Bronx Charter School for Excellence, and Career Gear; and

WHEREAS, Adam Henry spent a year in Brazil, working on assignment from the law firm as an inside counsel for one of its largest mining clients,

Vale; he was eventually hired by the client as their counsel for the African continent, based in Johannesburg, South Africa; despite his illness, Adam was an intrepid traveler, but always found time to "get the job done" and keep in touch with friends and family back home; and WHEREAS, Adam Henry distinguished himself in his profession and by his sincere dedication and substantial contribution to the welfare of his community; and

WHEREAS, Adam Henry's commitment to excellence, and his spirit of humanity, carried over into all fields of enterprise, including charitable and civic endeavors; and

WHEREAS, Adam Henry is survived by his father, his sister, A'isha, his stepmother, Minnie Baylor-Henry, and countless others whose lives he touched; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, That this Legislative Body pause in its deliberations to mourn the death of Adam C. Henry, 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 Adam C. Henry.