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LEGISLATIVE RESOLUTION paying grateful tribute to the life and accomplishments of Elias Karmon, a true Bronx icon, humanitarian and philanthropist

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, Elias Karmon, known to many as "Mr. Bronx" for his faithful allegiance to the borough, died on Tuesday, October 21, 2008, at the age of 98; and

WHEREAS, Project Club Clemente, Inc. 3000 Hits will recognize and commend this exceptional man posthumously at a Dinner Dance on Wednesday, May 20, 2009, at Maestro's, Bronx, New York; and

WHEREAS, A businessman, civic leader, civil rights activist and philanthropist, Elias Karmon was one of the Bronx's biggest advocates through both its darkest days as well as its renaissance; and

WHEREAS, A Bronx original, Elias Karmon distinguished himself in his profession and by his sincere dedication and substantial contribution to the welfare of his community; and

WHEREAS, For 40 years, he was the proprietor of Hollywood Clothes located at Prospect Avenue and 163rd Street; and

WHEREAS, After that, he began buying buildings and getting involved in vital civic causes such as the Bronx Chamber of Commerce, where he served as its president for four consecutive terms; and

WHEREAS, After the Chamber of Commerce grew dormant, Elias Karmon was instrumental in its resurrection in 2002, helping it to grow to its present membership of approximately 800 businesses and organizations; and

WHEREAS, Known for practicing random acts of kindness, Elias Karmon persevered to make dreams become a reality for the benefit of the citizens of his beloved borough; he will be deeply missed and truly merits the grateful tribute of this Legislative Body; and

WHEREAS, Predeceased by his devoted wife, Sylvia, Elias Karmon is survived by his loving daughter, Sharon Landsberg; and

WHEREAS, Armed with a humanistic spirit, imbued with a sense of compassion, and comforted by a loving family, Elias Karmon 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; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, That this Legislative Body pause in its deliberations in a moment of silent tribute to Elias Karmon, whose unselfish concern for the welfare of others enhanced the lives of those so fortunate to have called him family and friend, and to express its deepest condolences to his family; and be it further

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