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LEGISLATIVE RESOLUTION paying tribute to the life and accomplishments of Catherine Lucille Murrell Stroud, 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, Catherine Lucille Murrell Stroud of the Bronx, New York, died on Thursday, May 17, 2012, at the age of 71; and

WHEREAS, Affectionately known to all as Cathy, Catherine Stroud distinguished herself in her profession and by her sincere dedication and substantial contribution to the welfare of her community; and

WHEREAS, During her many years as a New York resident, Catherine Stroud bettered the lives of countless families through her leadership of the Riverview Tenants Association in the Borough of the Bronx, of which she served as President for more than 25 years; and

WHEREAS, Catherine Stroud also successfully operated a computer training program under the auspices of River Watch, Inc., a community based organization which she founded in 1997 with a small group of local women; and

WHEREAS, Catherine Stroud's commitment to excellence, and her spirit of humanity, carried over into all fields of enterprise, including charitable and civic endeavors; and

WHEREAS, This remarkable woman was so committed to meeting the needs of the thousands of families throughout the Borough of the Bronx that in 2004 she initiated one of the largest food pantries in the West/Mid-Bronx as part of River Watch, Inc., which grew to serve approximately 6,000 individuals monthly and became a beacon of light and hope

for economically challenged families throughout the 77th Assembly District and beyond; and

WHEREAS, Predeceased by her husband Terry Stroud and daughter, April, Catherine Stroud is survived by two daughters, Joan Stroud and Terri Stroud; seven grandchildren; two great-grandchildren; siblings, John Murrell, Jr., Diane Herbert, Marilyn Cassandra Murrell, Evelyn Boyd, Joyce Andrews, and Ricky Sparrow; three step-daughters, Antoinette Nedd, Cecilia Sharif, and Valerie Hinson; and six step-grand and great-grandchildren; and

WHEREAS, Armed with a humanistic spirit and imbued with a sense of compassion, Catherine Stroud 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 pay tribute to the life and accomplishments of Catherine Lucille Murrell Stroud, 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 Catherine Lucille Murrell Stroud.