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LEGISLATIVE RESOLUTION commending Gale Stevens Haynes, Esq. upon the occasion of being honored in conjunction with Women's History Month 2014 in the State of New York

WHEREAS, It is the sense of this Legislative Body to recognize and pay tribute to those women of achievement within the Empire State who have made strong contributions to their communities and who inspire others through their model citizenship; and

WHEREAS, Attendant to such concern, and in full accord with its long-standing traditions, this Legislative Body is justly proud to commend Gale Stevens Haynes, Esq. upon the occasion of being honored in conjunction with Women's History Month 2014 in the State of New York; and

WHEREAS, Women of every race, class, and ethnic background have made invaluable contributions to the growth and strength of New York State in countless recorded and unrecorded ways; and

WHEREAS, Each year, the State of New York officially sets aside time to recognize the achievements and lives of such exemplary women, representatives of the wide-ranging and vital roles women have played in the historic development of this great Empire State and its communities; the theme of this year's commemoration is "Celebrating Women of Character, Courage, and Commitment"; and

WHEREAS, Gale Stevens Haynes, Esq. is a higher education leader and administrator dedicated to fostering a vibrant academic environment that encourages free thought, views cultural diversity as valuable and enriching, and is engaged with its larger community; throughout her illustrious three decade career, she has consistently epitomized the values of character, courage, and commitment in her unwavering service to her peers, colleagues, and fellow citizens; and

WHEREAS, Gale Stevens Haynes is the Vice President, Chief Operating

Officer and Legal Counsel of Long Island University (LIU), and LIU

Brooklyn Provost; and

WHEREAS, Under her luminous leadership, LIU Brooklyn has much to be proud of; it is one of the most diverse college campuses in the United States, with more than 11,000 students from across the nation and the globe, it has doubled student enrollment, and in 2006, it completed the largest building project in the college's history, the 114,000 square foot Steinberg Wellness Center, which supports the campus' 18 Division I athletic teams, provides a state-of-the-art workout environment for the campus community, and offers a broad array of health and wellness services, and health-related counseling programs to students, faculty members, staff, and members of the community; and

WHEREAS, Gale Stevens Haynes' commitment to the community of Long Island University is long-standing; she earned both a bachelor's degree in English, and a master's degree in Counseling from LIU, and began her career at the college as director of the campus' Higher Education Opportunity Program; and

WHEREAS, After completing her law degree at St. John's University in 1983, Gale Stevens Haynes became LIU's legal counsel; she assumed the position of Provost in 1989, and as a result of her outstanding leadership and accomplishments, was named Chief Operations Officer for the entire University in July 2013; and

WHEREAS, The depth of Gayle Stevens Haynes' commitment to the growth, achievement and well-being of others is evident in her significant civic and volunteer work; she served as the chairwoman of the board of education for the Roosevelt Union Free School District in Nassau County from 2007 to 2010, was named to the board of directors for the Brooklyn Hospital Center in 2008, serves as Trustee of the 651 Arts Board, and is a member of the board of directors for the Downtown Brooklyn Partnership; and

WHEREAS, Throughout the entire period of her service to her community

and the State of New York, Gale Stevens Haynes has stood constant in dignity, good grace and humor; and

WHEREAS, This Legislative Body is pleased to have this opportunity to express its highest admiration for Gale Stevens Haynes and to wish her continued success in all of her future endeavors; and

WHEREAS, It is the sense of this Legislative Body that when individuals of such noble aims and accomplishments are brought to our attention, they should be celebrated and recognized by all the citizens of the great State of New York; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, That this Legislative Body pause in its deliberations to commend Gale Stevens Haynes, Esq. upon the occasion of being honored in conjunction with Women's History Month in the State of New York; and be it further

RESOLVED, That a copy of this Resolution, suitably engrossed, be transmitted to Gale Stevens Haynes, Esq.