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LEGISLATIVE RESOLUTION commending Dr. Lovell A. Jones, founding co-chair of the Intercultural Cancer Council, for special honor, to be recognized in April of 2014

WHEREAS, It is the sense of this Legislative Body to recognize that the quality of life in the communities across this great State of New York is enriched by the diligence and compassionate commitment of those individuals whose singular purpose is the care and welfare of others; and

WHEREAS, Attendant to such concern and fully in accord with its long-standing tradition, this Legislative Body is justly proud to commend Dr. Lovell A. Jones, founding co-chair of the Intercultural Cancer Council, for special honor, to be recognized in April of 2014; and

WHEREAS, In the faithful performance of his duties and responsibilities, Dr. Lovell A. Jones' ongoing efforts and notable achievements have significantly contributed to bettering the quality of life in his community and across the Nation; and

WHEREAS, Dr. Lovell A. Jones is co-chair of the Intercultural Cancer Council, the nation's largest multicultural health policy group focused on minorities, the medically underserved and cancer; he also edited MINORITIES & CANCER, one of the few comprehensive textbooks on this subject; and

WHEREAS, This exemplary man serves as Director for The Dorothy I. Height Center for Health Equity and Evaluation Research (DH-CHEER), Office of the Vice-President for Cancer Prevention & Population Sciences, and The University of Texas MD Anderson Cancer Center, where he serves as a Professor in the Department of Health Disparities Research, Biochemistry & Molecular Biology; Dr. Jones is also a Professor in the Graduate School of Social Works at the University of Houston; and

WHEREAS, Dr. Lovell A. Jones is the founding chair of Minorities, the Medically Underserved and Cancer, the Nation's largest multicultural conference which provides a forum for exchanging the latest scientific and treatment information; this biennial conference brings together people from all ethnic communities and social strata to share strategies for reducing the incidence of cancer among these populations; and WHEREAS, Dr. Lovell A. Jones spearheaded regional hearings on cancer and the poor for the American Cancer Society, and in 2002, he was the proud recipient of the illustrious Humanitarian Award from the American Cancer Society; and

WHEREAS, From 1989 to 1995, Dr. Lovell A. Jones was co-principal investigator of the National Black Leadership Initiative on Cancer, the first major minority outreach project sponsored by the National Cancer Institute; and

WHEREAS, An avid volunteer, Dr. Lovell A. Jones has served on the Board of Directors of the National Coalition for Cancer Survivorship, the National Advisory Environmental Health Sciences Council of the National Institutes of Health (NIH) and the Prostate Health Council of the American Foundation for Urologic Diseases; and

WHEREAS, In addition, he served on the Institute of Medicine's Roundtable for Environmental Health Sciences, Research and Medicine, and on the Environmental Protection Agency's Scientific Advisory Panel; he currently serves on the Advisory Council for The Benjamin Banneker Institute for Science and Technology and the Partnership for Prevention, as well as several other national advisory committees; and

WHEREAS, A co-author of the Congressional Resolution that designated the third week in April as National Minority Cancer Awareness Week, Dr. Lovell A. Jones was honored in May of 2000 on the floor of the United

States House of Representatives for his work addressing health disparities among the underserved; and

WHEREAS, Dr. Lovell A. Jones served on the Breast Cancer Integration

Panel for the Department of Defense, and has published over 100 scientific articles on subjects ranging from hormonal carcinogenesis, to health policy; and

WHEREAS, Furthermore, Dr. Lovell A. Jones' work with estrogen has led to major findings, including the discovery that compounds labeled as weak environmental estrogens may cause adverse effects when exposure occurs during a critical time of development; subsequently, researchers have begun to rethink when they define environmental estrogens as weak; and

WHEREAS, In founding the Health Disparities, Education, Awareness, Research & Training (HDEART) Consortium, Dr. Lovell A. Jones' efforts are now extending globally; 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 this great Empire State; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, That this Legislative Body pause in its deliberations to commend Dr. Lovell A. Jones, founding co-chair of the Intercultural Cancer Council, for special honor, to be recognized in April of 2014; and be it further

RESOLVED, That a copy of this Resolution, suitably engrossed, be transmitted to Dr. Lovell A. Jones.