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LEGISLATIVE RESOLUTION mourning the death of Sarah Delores Lawson, loving mother 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, Sarah Delores Lawson of Albany, New York, died on Tuesday, February 18, 2014, at the age of 54; and

WHEREAS, Born on October 20, 1959, to Gladys E. McDonald and the late Ernest McDonald in Shabuta, Mississippi, Sarah graduated from Beat Four High School, and attended Bethlehem Baptist Church in Waynesboro, Mississippi; and

WHEREAS, Sarah D. Lawson became a member of New Life Church of Christ when she moved from Mississippi to Albany, New York; and

WHEREAS, As an active member, Sarah D. Lawson served as the Church Announcer and Secretary of the Sunday School; she was also a member of the choir, Second Chance Ministry, the Building Fund, and the Pastor's Aide Committees; and

WHEREAS, In 1989, Sarah married Zebedee Lawson, Sr. and was the proud mother of four children; and

WHEREAS, This remarkable woman distinguished herself in her profession and by her sincere dedication and substantial contribution to the welfare of her community; and

WHEREAS, Sarah D. Lawson was employed by St. Peter's Hospital, prior to working for Hannaford Supermarkets for 19 years; and

WHEREAS, Sarah D. Lawson's commitment to excellence, and her spirit of humanity, carried over into all fields of enterprise, including charitable and civic endeavors; she served as past secretary for the Albany

Housing Authority Tenant's Association; and

WHEREAS, A truly genuine person who wore her heart on her sleeve, Sarah D. Lawson was always willing to help anyone in need; she had a great love for family, especially her grandchildren, and she loved to cook, play spades and bingo, and host family gatherings; and

WHEREAS, In addition to her father, Sarah D. Lawson was predeceased by a brother, Ernest McDonald, Jr.; a sister, Bernice Satcher; a sister-in-law, Sheila Lawson; and four brothers-in-law, Richard, George, Henry, and Alex Lawson; she is survived by her mother, Gladys E. McDonald; husband, Zebedee Lawson, Sr.; four children, Michael McGill, Darnell (Katie) McDonald, Zebedee Lawson, Jr., and Zandeanna Lawson; seven grandchildren, Michael Jr., Mikeal, Michael III, Keonte, Amaiya, Jasmine, and Deliah; eight sisters, Patricia, Gloria, Denise (David), Charlotte, Lynette (Sam), Tina, Shirley, and Linda (Kilbley); and five brothers, Danny (Angela), Johnny (Kimberly), Levon, Herman (Nicky) and Willie James; as well as many nieces, nephews, relatives and friends; and

WHEREAS, In the words of Robert Ingersoll concerning the death of a loved one: "If everyone to whom she rendered some loving service were to bring but one blossom to the grave, she would sleep beneath a wilderness of flowers"; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, That this Legislative Body pause in its deliberations to celebrate the life of Sarah Delores Lawson, whose unselfish concern for the welfare of others enhanced the lives of those fortunate to have called her family and friend, and to express its deepest condolences to her family; and be it further

RESOLVED, That a copy of this Resolution, suitably engrossed, be transmitted to the family of Sarah Delores Lawson.