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LEGISLATIVE RESOLUTION mourning the death of Dr. Muriel Johnson Providence, 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, Dr. Muriel Johnson Providence of Queens, New York died on Sunday, March 2, 2014 at the age of 88; and

WHEREAS, Dr. Muriel Johnson Providence distinguished herself in her profession and by her sincere dedication and substantial contribution to the welfare of her community; and

WHEREAS, Pastor of the New Covenant Church of Christ in Queens Village, New York, Dr. Muriel Johnson Providence was ordained in 1983; since her first message to the Sunday School of the Bethany Baptist Church, she was a true pioneer in bringing a wealth of experience to ministry; and

WHEREAS, The academic background of Dr. Muriel Johnson Providence encompasses a wide range of degrees and diplomas from several institutions including, Pennsylvania Business College, Beaver College, Wesleyan University, and Virginia Seminary and College where she served as a trustee on the Board of Managers; and

WHEREAS, Co-Pastor of New Covenant Church of Christ since 1991, and Pastor since 1999, Dr. Muriel Johnson Providence was instrumental in organizing: Boy Scouts; Girl Scouts; performing arts; church social work; praise dancers; steppers; E.L. Johnson Scholarship Fund; senior activity; Charm School; Library, Business and Professional Unit; and Memorial Gardens; and

WHEREAS, Furthermore, she was the Founder of Mission on Wheels, an

organization which brings clothes, food, Bibles, and hope to the help-
less and hopeless; and

WHEREAS, Dr. Muriel Johnson Providence's commitment to excellence, and
her spirit of humanity, carried over into all fields of enterprise,
including charitable and civic endeavors; and

WHEREAS, Active within her community, Dr. Muriel Johnson Providence
was the past President of the International Association of Ministers'
Wives which experienced phenomenal growth under her leadership, going
from 20 denominations to 70 denominations, from 13 states to 33 states,
and from a national body to an international body, embracing five conti-
nents; and

WHEREAS, Dr. Muriel Johnson Providence was a life member of NAACP,
Girl Scouts, and the International Academy of Poets and World Literary
Society; she was also a member of the Queens College People to People
project to bring racial harmony to the community; and

WHEREAS, In addition, she served with the Baptist Ministers' Confer-
ence of New York & Vicinity, as well as Queens Conference, Hampton
Ministers' Conference, and was a member of the Queens Federation of
Churches; and

WHEREAS, Amongst her greatest accomplishments, Dr. Muriel Johnson
Providence was the proud recipient of more than 60 plaques and awards,
and is listed in WHO'S WHO OF THE WOMEN OF THE WORLD; and

WHEREAS, Dr. Muriel Johnson Providence is survived by her husband,
Reverend Alvin C. Providence, Pastor of Zion Evangelical Baptist Church,
New Rochelle, New York; and

WHEREAS, Armed with a humanistic spirit, imbued with a sense of
compassion, and comforted by a loving family, Dr. Muriel Johnson Provi-
dence 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

mourn the death of Dr. Muriel Johnson Providence, 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 Dr. Muriel Johnson Providence.