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LEGISLATIVE RESOLUTION mourning the death of Joyce Virgie Jennings Anderson, 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, Joyce Virgie Jennings Anderson, the daughter of Webster Jennings and Eloise Laws, was born on September 13, 1932, in Baltimore, Maryland where she attended the Baltimore Public schools; she went on to study at West Virginia State University, and later in life married Staff Sergeant Lemuel Anderson and settled in Brooklyn, New York; and

WHEREAS, Known for her unrelenting commitment and dedication to her village, Ocean Hill-Brownsville, Joyce Virgie Jennings Anderson was a woman of greatness; as a member of the United Political Club, Inc., she was instrumental in the development of the Samuel D. Wright Daycare Centers I and II, as well as the campaign of the first African American Elected Official in Ocean Hill-Brownsville; and

WHEREAS, Joyce Virgie Jennings Anderson distinguished herself in her profession and by her sincere dedication and substantial contribution to the welfare of her community; and

WHEREAS, Joyce Virgie Jennings Anderson worked for many years for the Fort Greene Community Development Corporation as an Administrative Assistant, followed by many years as the Personnel Director of New York City Community School Board District 23; and

WHEREAS, A true advocate within her community, Joyce Virgie Jennings Anderson was a member of the Ocean Hill Community Council, Ocean Hill Movement for a Change, and served as Chief Aide to Councilwoman Priscilla Wooten; and

WHEREAS, In addition, she served on the Land Use Planning and Zoning Committees of Community Board 16 where she fought against the oversaturation of shelters and methadone clinics in the community, as well as for the rights of women living in homeless shelters; and

WHEREAS, Joyce Virgie Jennings Anderson's commitment to excellence, and her spirit of humanity, carried over into all fields of enterprise, including charitable and civic endeavors; and

WHEREAS, Founder of the NYCHA Ocean Hill Houses Tenant Patrol Association, which later developed into the Ocean Hill Houses Tenants Association, Joyce Virgie Jennings Anderson presided as President until her passing; she was a staunch advocate for tenants' rights and dedicated to community empowerment and youth development; and

WHEREAS, Armed with a humanistic spirit, imbued with a sense of compassion, and comforted by a loving family, Joyce Virgie Jennings Anderson 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 Joyce Virgie Jennings Anderson, proud mother, endearing grandmother and affectionate great-grandmother; and be it further

RESOLVED, That a copy of this Resolution, suitably engrossed, be transmitted to the family of Joyce Virgie Jennings Anderson.