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LEGISLATIVE RESOLUTION mourning the death of William Sweeting, distinguished citizen and devoted member of his 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, Attendant to such concern, and in full accord with its long-standing traditions, this Legislative Body mourns the death of William Sweeting, distinguished citizen and devoted member of his community; and

WHEREAS, William Sweeting, of Manhattan, New York, was called home on Sunday, March 9, 2014; and

WHEREAS, He was born on January 25, 1945, in Deep Creek, South Andros, Bahamas; he was the first son of Cubell and Elvera Sweeting, and the eldest of seven children; and

WHEREAS, William Sweeting served with great distinction in the Royal Bahamas Police Force from 1963 to 1969; further, he received the prestigious "Baton of Honor" award due to his high aptitude; all aspects of his life would be marked by unstinting service to others; and

WHEREAS, William Sweeting met the love of his life, Mary, and migrated to New York City to be with her; the couple wed on February 26, 1972, and remained deeply committed to each other throughout their joyous 42 years of marriage; and

WHEREAS, He was a loving and devoted father to his three children, rejoicing in their accomplishments, and instilling in them the values of love, discipline and self-respect; this kindly gentleman also took on the role of mentor to boys in his community; and

WHEREAS, A hardworking and resourceful provider, William Sweeting began working as a part-time Betting Clerk at New York City Off Track

Betting Corporation in the 1980s where his prodigious work ethic earned him many promotions, ultimately serving as Chair of the Finance and Budget Department; he was soon promoted to Budget Director, a position he held for over 20 years until his retirement in 2005; and

WHEREAS, William Sweeting's commitment to excellence, and his spirit of humanity, carried over into all fields of enterprise, including charitable and civic endeavors; and

WHEREAS, Actively involved in community affairs, he served for ten years as Chairman of Harlem's Community Board 10, and as Chairman of Esplanade Gardens Building Two Association; in addition, William Sweeting was a member of the NAACP Mid-Manhattan Branch; and

WHEREAS, William Sweeting was a devout Christian and lived his faith every day of his worthy life; he was a beloved Sunday School teacher at St. Paul's Native Baptist Church in South Andros for many years; subsequent to his emigration to Harlem, he became a well-respected member of the Church of the Master, where he had the honor of serving as Deacon and President of the Church's Credit Union; he joined Bethany Baptist Church in 2005 where he was a member of the Male Chorus, Church Finance Committee, Chair of the Men's Day Committee, Sunday School teacher and Trustee; and

WHEREAS, Predeceased by his son, Glenn Sweeting, William Sweeting is survived by his wife, Mary, his children, Elizabeth and Machele, and a loving community; and

WHEREAS, Armed with a humanistic spirit and imbued with a sense of compassion, William Sweeting leaves behind a legacy which will long endure the passage of time and will remain as a comforting memory to all he served and befriended; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, That this Legislative Body pause in its deliberations to mourn the death of William Sweeting; and be it further

RESOLVED, That a copy of this Resolution, suitably engrossed, be transmitted to the family of William Sweeting.