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LEGISLATIVE RESOLUTION honoring Wendy McLean upon the occasion of her designation as recipient of the Woman of Valor Award on May 22, 2014

WHEREAS, It is incumbent upon the people of the State of New York to recognize and acknowledge those within our midst who have made significant contributions to the quality of life therein; and

WHEREAS, This Legislative Body is justly proud to honor Wendy McLean upon the occasion of her designation as recipient of the Woman of Valor Award, to be celebrated at the 7th Annual Men of Distinction and Women of Valor Awards Ceremony on Thursday, May 22, 2014; and

WHEREAS, The Men of Distinction and Women of Valor Awards Ceremony is held each year to recognize and pay just tribute to outstanding and accomplished individuals whose leadership roles have had a significant impact on the daily lives of the people of the State of New York, and who have gone above and beyond the call of duty; and

WHEREAS, Born and raised in the Brownsville section of Brooklyn, New York, Wendy McLean grew up under the amazing tutelage of her late father, who taught her valuable life lessons and molded her into a terribly charismatic business mogul, and shining humanitarian beacon; and

WHEREAS, Being a true people's person, and living life in the positive light of her influential father, Wendy McLean utilized her potential to its fullest, and by the age of 25, she had found herself purchasing her first home, becoming a landlord, promoter, and solidifying herself as a powerful brand in the city; and

WHEREAS, After overcoming many adversities, Wendy McLean pushed herself beyond her limits, strategically planning and accomplishing her next goal of opening the infamous Denim Lounge; and

WHEREAS, Subsequent to the opening of Denim Lounge, Wendy McLean found

herself on a perpetual roll of success; events, new business ventures, as well as loving relationships blossomed, finally culminating in the most beautiful of her creations, her son, Denim; and

WHEREAS, Fostering a powerful connection with her son, Denim, allowed Wendy McLean to bring forth Denim Kids, a non-profit organization which provides the underprivileged children and youth of New York City communities with clothing, food and school supplies; and

WHEREAS, Both Denim and Wendy enjoyed a wonderful and love-filled two years together, when a tragic accident would eventually claim the life of young Denim; and

WHEREAS, The spirit which Denim possessed and his will to survive rang strongly in the hearts of all those who heard his story; this powerful connection found itself reincarnated in a new addition to the Denim Kids mission, which now embraces and guides the future leaders of tomorrow while also providing a supportive network for mothers and caregivers mourning over their children who unexpectedly lost their lives; and

WHEREAS, Today, Denim lives on through the continued pioneering, giving, and inspirational hands of his mother, Wendy McLean; she continues to capture the hearts of all those she comes across; and

WHEREAS, It is the sense of this Legislative Body that those who enhance the well-being and vitality of their community and have shown a long and sustained commitment to excellence certainly have earned the recognition and applause of all the citizens of this great Empire State; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, That this Legislative Body pause in its deliberations to honor Wendy McLean upon the occasion of her designation as recipient of the Woman of Valor Award on May 22, 2014; and be it further

RESOLVED, That a copy of this Resolution, suitably engrossed, be transmitted to Wendy McLean.