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LEGISLATIVE RESOLUTION honoring Aileen McKinnon upon the occasion of her designation for special recognition by the BWICA Educational Fund, Inc.

WHEREAS, Senior citizens bring a wealth of experience and knowledge to the increasingly active roles they play in today's society; their past contributions and future participation are a vital part of, and valuable asset to, the fabric of community life and activity; and

WHEREAS, Attendant to such concern, and in full accord with its long-standing traditions, this Legislative Body is justly proud to honor Aileen McKinnon upon the occasion of her designation for special recognition by the BWICA Educational Fund, Inc. at its Outstanding Seniors in Service Celebration to be held Wednesday, May 28, 2014, at the Brooklyn Borough Hall Court Room, Brooklyn, New York; and

WHEREAS, The Brooklyn-wide Interagency Council on Aging (BWICA) is recognizing the great work performed by seniors in its interagency councils and communities; Aileen McKinnon, known as Sis Evelyn, is one such senior; and

WHEREAS, Born in Guyana, South America, Aileen McKinnon is the eldest of 11 children; at a very young age, she adopted the vision that she would help to secure a better life for her parents and siblings; and

WHEREAS, Aileen McKinnon attended St. Thomas High School in Georgetown, Guyana; after graduating high school, she attended a commercial school where she excelled in shorthand and typing at a speed of 150 words per minute; and

WHEREAS, At age 18, Aileen McKinnon was baptized at the John Street Church of God; she worked at a tobacco company which was one of the largest companies in Guyana; she was employed there as a clerk typist and worked there until her migration to the United States on August 6, 1969; and

WHEREAS, Aileen McKinnon enrolled in Brooklyn College where she studied interior design; in the 1970s, she joined God's Battalion of Prayer Church and worked as a filing clerk at Ideal Corporations; and WHEREAS, Active in her community, two years ago Aileen McKinnon began to serve at God's Battalion of Prayer Church soup kitchen and counseled men and women from different shelters every fourth Saturday of each month; in addition, she serves at the JASA Institute for Senior Action; 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 Aileen McKinnon upon the occasion of her designation for special recognition by the BWICA Educational Fund, Inc.; and be it further

RESOLVED, That a copy of this Resolution, suitably engrossed, be transmitted to Aileen McKinnon.