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LEGISLATIVE RESOLUTION mourning the death of Pearline Leontine Thomas-Sandy, 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, Pearline Leontine Thomas-Sandy of Brooklyn, New York, died on December 21, 2014, at the age of 86; and

WHEREAS, Born in Mt. Grace, Tobago, on July 21, 1928, Pearline Leontine was the eldest of six children born to Christina and Henry Thomas; and

WHEREAS, As a young woman, Pearline Leontine Thomas-Sandy dreamed of becoming a nurse and was accepted to nursing school in London; however, out of love and dedication, she chose to stay home and help care for her siblings; this act of love proved vital in helping them attain successful careers; and

WHEREAS, With a sense of deep compassion, although Pearline Leontine Thomas-Sandy never received formal training as a nurse, she fulfilled this desire by caring for others, doing domestic work and taking care of children in her community as young as newborns, as well as the elderly; and

WHEREAS, Today, many of the children Pearline Leontine Thomas-Sandy nurtured and mentored are now working professionals, college students completing their degrees, or in elementary school; and

WHEREAS, In 1986, Pearline Leontine Thomas-Sandy emigrated to the United States, settling in Brooklyn, New York, with her daughter and grandson; and

WHEREAS, Pearline Leontine Thomas-Sandy distinguished herself by her

sincere dedication and substantial contribution to the welfare of her community; and

WHEREAS, A woman of faith, charity and integrity, Pearline Leontine Thomas-Sandy believed in working hard and helping others to achieve their full potential; her spirit of humanity, carried over into all fields of enterprise, including charitable and civic endeavors; and

WHEREAS, Pearline Leontine Thomas-Sandy is survived by her daughter, Erleen; her grandson, Richard; four sisters, Liley (Martin), Angela, Sylvia, and Evelyn; two brothers, Lawrence and Clement (Barbara); as well as numerous nieces and nephews; and

WHEREAS, Armed with a humanistic spirit and imbued with a sense of compassion, Pearline Leontine Thomas-Sandy leaves behind a legacy which will long endure the passage of time and will remain as a comforting memory to all of those she served and befriended; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, That this Legislative Body pause in its deliberations to mourn the death of Pearline Leontine Thomas-Sandy, 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 Pearline Leontine Thomas-Sandy.