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LEGISLATIVE RESOLUTION commending Sister Shirley Sharifa Dye upon the occasion of her designation for special recognition by the Clara Muhammad School of Queens and the CMS Consultant Board

WHEREAS, A great community is only as great as those persons that provide exemplary service, whether through participation in voluntary programs, through unique personal achievement in their profession or other endeavors, or simply through a lifetime of good citizenship; and

WHEREAS, Sister Shirley Sharifa Dye has given not only of her time and energies but also of her competence, intelligence and leadership and consequently has been designated for special honor; and

WHEREAS, This Legislative Body is justly proud to commend Sister Shirley Sharifa Dye upon the occasion of her designation for special recognition by the Clara Muhammad School of Queens and the CMS Consultant Board, to be celebrated at its 2nd Annual Awards Dinner; and

WHEREAS, Sister Shirley Sharifa Dye has been called upon to contribute her time and talents to countless civic and charitable endeavors and has always given of herself unstintingly; and

WHEREAS, A person of great compassion, Sister Shirley Sharifa Dye is dedicated to improving education, and advocating for social and political justice; and

WHEREAS, Sister Shirley Sharifa Dye graduated from high school at the young age of 15; she then went on to earn a Bachelor of Arts degree in both Early Childhood and Elementary Education from the State University of New York (SUNY) at Old Westbury; and

WHEREAS, Sister Shirley Sharifa Dye furthered her education by receiving a Master's degree and a PhD in Education Administration at American Century University, San Jose, California; and

WHEREAS, Sister Shirley Sharifa Dye married Joseph Dye and together

they enjoyed 37 years of marriage before his passing; and

WHEREAS, As a former New York State Representative to the Department of Islamic Education for the Clara Muhammad School system of the North East Region, Sister Shirley Sharifa Dye has lectured extensively and conducted numerous workshops in several states; and

WHEREAS, Sister Shirley Sharifa Dye is the co-founder of the Child Creative Educational Center at SUNY Old Westbury; for 20 years, she served as the Supervisor of Student Teachers Founder of Colleges for You, mentoring and taking students on interfaith tours and assisting them in the process of getting into college; and

WHEREAS, In addition, Sister Shirley Sharifa Dye is the co-founder of the You Can Go To College Committee; and

WHEREAS, Today, Sister Shirley Sharifa Dye holds the esteemed position of Principal at the Clara Muhammad School of Queens; she strives to provide a valuable Islamic education to all her students; and

WHEREAS, Sister Shirley Sharifa Dye has been the recipient of numerous awards and accolades for her dedicated service to her students, parents, and the community, including being named the Woman of the Year by the Mosque Cares Ministry of Imam W. Deen Mohammed; she was also nominated several times for Who's Who of Teachers; and

WHEREAS, An active member of her society, Sister Shirley Sharifa Dye volunteers at the Departments of Social Service, Welfare, and Corrections; she also works for Foster Care Advocating for Children, making referrals and trying to keep families together during times of crisis; and

WHEREAS, Throughout the entire period of her community service, a period of constructive involvement, Sister Shirley Sharifa Dye has stood constant in dignity, good grace and humor; and

WHEREAS, With her throughout have been her two sons, and a granddaughter, all of whom feel privileged to be a part of her life and rejoice in her achievements; and

WHEREAS, Rare indeed is the impressive dedication shown by an individual for the benefit of others which Sister Shirley Sharifa Dye has displayed throughout her life; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, That this Legislative Body pause in its deliberations to commend Sister Shirley Sharifa Dye upon the occasion of her designation for special recognition by the Clara Muhammad School of Queens and the CMS Consultant Board; and be it further

RESOLVED, That a copy of this Resolution, suitably engrossed, be transmitted to Sister Shirley Sharifa Dye.