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LEGISLATIVE RESOLUTION honoring Dr. Marcella Maxwell upon the occasion of her designation as recipient of The Honorable Dorothy I. Height Lifetime Leadership Award by the Neighborhood Technical Assistance Clinic

WHEREAS, It is the custom of this Legislative Body to recognize that the quality and character of life in the communities across New York State are reflective of the concerned and dedicated efforts of those organizations and individuals who would devote themselves to the welfare of the community and its citizenry; and

WHEREAS, Attendant to such concern, and in full accord with its longstanding traditions, this Legislative Body is justly proud to honor Dr. Marcella Maxwell upon the occasion of her designation as recipient of The Honorable Dorothy I. Height Lifetime Leadership Award by the Neighborhood Technical Assistance Clinic, to be celebrated at its 8th Annual Gala, on Tuesday, June 16, 2015, at Giando on the Water, Brooklyn, New York; and

WHEREAS, This auspicious award recognizes those remarkable individuals, such as Dr. Marcella Maxwell, who have demonstrated a lifetime of service as exemplified in the spirit and tradition of Dr. Dorothy Irene Height, whose life exemplified her passionate commitment for a just society and her vision of a better world; and

WHEREAS, The 2015 Gala is entitled "A Salute to New York City's Nonprofits and the Neighborhoods They Serve: Promoting Wellness and Healthy Neighborhoods", which will bring together the city's borough Presidents as Honorary Chairs, as well as nonprofit organizations, funders and supporters; and

WHEREAS, Founded in 1998, the Neighborhood Technical Assistance Clinic (NTAC) strengthens partnerships between communities and philanthropies; its services build the capacity of New York City community-based and

faith-based organizations serving low income and service-deprived neighborhoods through ongoing assessments which identify human, financial and other necessary resources; and

WHEREAS, NTAC's services include Funding and Grantmaking Assistance, Project Assistance and Consultation, Board Strategy and Consultation, Meet the Grantmakers, Grant Writing 101, Marketing Outreach and Special Events, Staff/Volunteer Training, Speakers and Trainers, and Continuing Education; and

WHEREAS, A native of Cleveland, North Carolina, Marcella Maxwell moved to the New York City area at a young age; she was employed as a secretary for the New York City Housing Authority until she decided to further her education; and

WHEREAS, A recipient of a Ford Foundation Scholarship, Dr. Marcella Maxwell earned both her bachelor's and master's degrees in Elementary Education from Long Island University; she also received her Doctorate in Educational Administration and Supervision from Fordham University; and

WHEREAS, Throughout the years, Dr. Marcella Maxwell has held numerous positions in the education field, including classroom teacher, college professor and administrator; and

WHEREAS, During her years in the classroom, Dr. Marcella Maxwell was selected to go to Puerto Rico to teach English as a second language; upon her return, she trained teachers at Bank Street College of Education; and

WHEREAS, For 13 years, Dr. Marcella Maxwell served as Dean of both External Affairs and Adult and Continuing Education at Medgar Evers College; today, she is still affiliated with the college, participating on the Foundation Board; and

WHEREAS, Currently a Clinical Supervisor of Teaching Fellows at Brooklyn College, Dr. Marcella Maxwell is nurturing the next generation of educators; she is involved in several outreach projects through her

membership in organizations, including the Greater New York Links, Delta Sigma Theta Sorority, Inc. and the Women's Forum; and

WHEREAS, In addition, Dr. Marcella Maxwell has taken on citywide positions, such as Commissioner and Chair of Human Rights; and

WHEREAS, It is the sense of this Legislative Body that those who enhance the quality of life in their community and have shown a long and sustained commitment to the maintenance of high standards in their profession, 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 Dr. Marcella Maxwell upon the occasion of her designation as recipient of The Honorable Dorothy I. Height Lifetime Leadership Award by the Neighborhood Technical Assistance Clinic; and be it further

RESOLVED, That a copy of this Resolution, suitably engrossed, be transmitted to Dr. Marcella Maxwell.