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LEGISLATIVE RESOLUTION mourning the death of Sister Mary Anne Brawley, D.C., passionate spiritual leader, 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, Sister Mary Anne Brawley of Binghamton, New York, died on Saturday, June 6, 2015, at home with her Sisters in the Community of the Daughters of Charity, at the age of 81; and

WHEREAS, Born May 19, 1934, in Elizabeth, New Jersey, Mary Anne Brawley was one of three children born to Henry and Beatrice Brawley; and

WHEREAS, Mary Anne Brawley attended Daughters of Charity School, Emmitsburg, Maryland; in 1957, she graduated from St. Joseph's College in Emmitsburg, with a Bachelor's degree in English, a knowledge she utilized throughout her life as a prolific writer; and

WHEREAS, Sister Mary Anne furthered her education through the years, achieving a Master's degree in Library Science at St. John's University, Jamaica, New York, in 1966, as well as an additional Master's degree in Education Administration at Canisius College, Buffalo, New York, in 1979; and

WHEREAS, Sister Mary Anne Brawley's commitment to excellence, and her spirit of humanity, carried over into all fields of enterprise, including charitable and civic endeavors; and

WHEREAS, Throughout six decades of service as a Daughter of Charity, Sister Mary Anne Brawley used her education, gifts and talents to serve those in need; her first assignment was at Our Lady Queen of Peace, Washington, D.C.; and

WHEREAS, Sister Mary Anne Brawley distinguished herself in her profession and by her sincere dedication and substantial contribution to the welfare of her community; and

WHEREAS, During her 22 year career as a formal educator, Sister Mary Anne Brawley served in the following schools: Elizabeth Seton High School, Bladensburg, Maryland; Seton Catholic High School, Endicott, New York; and Cardinal McCloskey High School, Albany; and

WHEREAS, In 1998, Sister Mary Anne Brawley was assigned to Lourdes Hospital, Binghamton, New York, serving as Chair of the Board of Directors for 14 years; in this capacity, she quickly learned the unique language of the healthcare industry, and endeared herself to physicians, associates and numerous individuals and families she had come to know and love in the Triple Cities; and

WHEREAS, Sister Mary Anne Brawley will be remembered for her marvelous sense of humor, and her ability to never forget a name of her students, their parents and perhaps their grandparents; she was also a committed Daughter of Charity, rich in compassion and caring, with a unique ability to listen and respond in prayer and action; and

WHEREAS, Predeceased by her brother, Henry "Duke" Brawley, Sister Mary Anne Brawley is survived by her sister, Noreen (Jack) Bamford; three nieces, Colleen (Mark) Wamback, Patricia (Alin) Bamford, and Elizabeth (Jeff) Elliott, as well as many Sisters in the Community of the Daughters of Charity; and

WHEREAS, Armed with a humanistic spirit and imbued with a sense of compassion, Sister Mary Anne Brawley leaves behind a legacy which will long endure the passage of time and will remain as a comforting memory to all she served and befriended; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, That this Legislative Body pause in its deliberations to mourn the death of Sister Mary Anne Brawley, D.C., devoted spiritual leader, distinguished citizen and dynamic member of her community; and be it further

RESOLVED, That a copy of this Resolution, suitably engrossed, be transmitted to the family of Sister Mary Anne Brawley.