

LEGISLATIVE RESOLUTION honoring Vivian Rodgers-Hill upon the occasion of her retirement after 26 distinguished years as an educator

WHEREAS, It is the practice of this Legislative Body to take note of and publicly acknowledge individuals of remarkable integrity and character whose endeavors have enhanced the quality of education in this great State; and

WHEREAS, This Legislative Body is justly proud to honor Vivian Rodgers-Hill upon the occasion of her retirement after 26 distinguished years as an educator; her long-term commitment to the children of New York City will be celebrated at a retirement party on Tuesday, June 25, 2013, at the Crest Hollow Country Club, Woodbury, New York; and

WHEREAS, The daughter of Charles Rodgers and Joan Guthrie, Vivian Rodgers-Hill was born and raised in Queens, New York; she attended York College, City University of New York, where she earned a Bachelor of Science in Community Health; she went on to earn a Master of Science in Educational Technology from New York Institute of Technology at Old Westbury, and, in addition, holds a Professional Certificate for Administration and Supervision from Baruch College, City University of New York; and

WHEREAS, Vivian Rodgers-Hill began her illustrious career in education as a Health Resource coordinator for the Department of Health, where she worked with at risk middle school students to educate them on developing positive health behaviors; her work took her to the Brooklyn neighborhoods of Brownsville, Bushwick, Canarsie and East New York, all high-risk areas for teenage pregnancy, sexual diseases and poor health habits; and

WHEREAS, Her life-long passion for youth development and empowerment, as well as her knowledge of the needs of her community, led her to accept a classroom teaching position at JHS 263; in addition to teaching, Vivian Rodgers-Hill worked on a School based Leadership team and helped create mini schools for over 1500 students; and

WHEREAS, In 1990, Vivian Rodgers-Hill accepted a teaching position at I.S. 59 where she held many positions: Dean, Coordinator of Student Activities, Administrative Assistant, Assistant Principal and Interim Acting Principal; and

WHEREAS, In 2001, Vivian Rodgers-Hill transitioned into a position as an Assistant Principal at Renaissance Middle School 192, where, led by her strong conviction that all children can learn, she worked with faculty and staff to create innovative programs that helped children to reach their fullest potential; and

WHEREAS, Vivian Rodgers-Hill has continually demonstrated an impressive dedication, an unparalleled devotion and an unrelenting enthusiasm for the quality of the educational programs and opportunities offered at Renaissance Middle School 192 for the benefit of its faculty and students, as well as for the entire community; and

WHEREAS, Outside of the classroom, for five years Vivian Rodgers-Hill worked as a CSA (Council of Administrators and Supervisors) representative for District 29 administrators of Empowerment schools; in addition, she worked closely with others to create the CSA Black Caucus; and

WHEREAS, Vivian Rodgers-Hill 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, She sits on several boards including: Worlds Arts Film Festival, DreamBig Theater Company, Eastern Region Women's Conference Advisory Board and St. Albans Montessori Academy of Learning; she is a member of Delta Sigma Theta Sorority Inc., Queens Alumnae Chapter, and

is the co-chair of the International Committee and member of the Educa-

tion Committee; and

WHEREAS, With her throughout have been her husband, Arthur B. Hill Jr., and their son, Drew Timberlake Hill, both of whom feel privileged to be a part of her life and rejoice in her achievements; and

WHEREAS, In completing her service as an educator, administrator, and advocate, Vivian Rodgers-Hill leaves behind more than mere bricks and mortar; she leaves behind a legacy for all who attend New York City public schools, and to future generations of students; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, That this Legislative Body pause in its deliberations to honor Vivian Rodgers-Hill upon the occasion of her retirement, and for her significant contributions to education in New York State; and be it further

RESOLVED, That a copy of this Resolution, suitably engrossed, be transmitted to Vivian Rodgers-Hill.