

LEGISLATIVE RESOLUTION honoring Nancy E. Fitch upon the occasion of her retirement after 22 years of distinguished service to the Literacy Volunteers Learning Center at the Mount Vernon Public Library

WHEREAS, This Legislative Body seeks to acknowledge those individuals whose professional lives and civic endeavors serve to enhance the stature of the State of New York; and

WHEREAS, Attendant to such concern, and in full accord with its long-standing traditions, this Legislative Body is justly proud to honor Nancy E. Fitch upon the occasion of her retirement after 22 years of distinguished service to the Literacy Volunteers Learning Center at the Mount Vernon Public Library; a luncheon will be held in her honor on Thursday, April 17, 2014, at the Mount Vernon Public Library in Mt. Vernon, New York; and

WHEREAS, Nancy E. Fitch was born in Spartanburg, South Carolina, and moved to Scarsdale, New York, as a little girl; she attended Scarsdale High School and then City College of New York; and

WHEREAS, For the past 22 years, Nancy E. Fitch rendered faithful, conscientious and valuable service to the Literacy Volunteers Learning Center at the Mount Vernon Public Library as Coordinator, and led the organization's involvement in the national African-American Read-In Chain for 20 years; and

WHEREAS, Nancy E. Fitch's service and commitment to the betterment of Mount Vernon and Westchester County is legendary; she is a former City Clerk of Mount Vernon, the first woman and first African-American to hold that post; in addition, she is the founder and was the first President of the National Black Women's Health Project; and

WHEREAS, Among her many accomplishments and honors, Nancy E. Fitch has served as board member, Westchester County Office for Women; board member/Treasurer, Westchester County Public/Private Partnership for Senior Services; member, Advisory Committee of the Salvation Army; board member, Mount Vernon Church Women United, as well as active on many additional committees; and

WHEREAS, Furthermore, Nancy E. Fitch was a board member, Visiting Nurse of Westchester; Consultant, Self-Help Clearing House; board member, Westchester County Department of Parks, Recreation, and Conservation; board member, Westchester County Urban League; Trustee, Afro-American Cultural Foundation; executive board member, Mount Vernon Community Action Group; board member and President, Mount Vernon Day Care Center; Vice President, Key Women of America Mount Vernon Chapter; and

WHEREAS, Today, this nonagenarian brings her special wisdom, experience, and enthusiasm to countless endeavors, helping to shape and strengthen the character of our communities and the quality of our lives; in 1996, Nancy E. Fitch was inducted into the Westchester County Senior Hall of Fame, and received their Leadership Award; and

WHEREAS, With her throughout have been her husband, Robert F., and their three children, Nancy E., Robert Franklin III, and Kevin D., all of whom feel privileged to be a part of her life and rejoice in her achievements; and

WHEREAS, Literacy enables individuals to acquire the skills necessary to be productive and successful in their personal and professional lives; Nancy E. Fitch has brought the gift of literacy to untold numbers of adult learners in the Mount Vernon community; and

WHEREAS, Individuals such as Nancy E. Fitch bring enduring honor to themselves and their families, and stand as an inspiration to all; and

WHEREAS, In her capacity as Coordinator of the Literacy Volunteers Learning Center at the Mount Vernon Public Library, Nancy E. Fitch served with loyalty, honor and distinction, earning the admiration,

esteem and affection of her colleagues; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, That this Legislative Body pause in its deliberations to honor Nancy E. Fitch upon the occasion of her retirement after 22 years of distinguished service to the Literacy Volunteers Learning Center at the Mount Vernon Public Library; and be it further

RESOLVED, That a copy of this Resolution, suitably engrossed, be transmitted to Nancy E. Fitch.