

LEGISLATIVE RESOLUTION honoring Rose M. Fleming for her many years of distinguished community service and years as an educator to be celebrated July 3, 2014

WHEREAS, Individuals who give of their time and energies and serve the best interests of their communities are an asset beyond remuneration and cannot be sufficiently extolled; and

WHEREAS, Rose M. Fleming 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 honor Rose M. Fleming for her many years of distinguished community service and years as an educator to be celebrated July 3, 2014; and

WHEREAS, Born in Pine Bluff, Arkansas, Rose Marie Fleming graduated at the top of her class with a Bachelor of Science degree in Biology; soon after graduation, she decided to broaden her horizons and moved to New York City; and

WHEREAS, While living in New York, Rose M. Fleming married, was widowed and raised five children, Robert, Regina, Robin, Rita and Roger; and

WHEREAS, Rose M. Fleming met every obstacle and challenge with faith and endurance; she emphasized the importance of religion, education and good work ethics to her children; and

WHEREAS, Rose M. Fleming enjoyed spending time at the Far Rockaway Branch of the Public Library; before computers, she would hand write and categorize the hundreds of books her children would check out and read from the library each year; and

WHEREAS, With her guidance, her children hold 11 degrees between the five of them; in addition, they have been the recipients of numerous community service awards for their volunteerism; and

WHEREAS, Rose M. Fleming has been an educator for over 30 years in the New York School system and for over 40 years in the Rockaway community; she has served as a volunteer at P.S. 104 in Far Rockaway, as a paraprofessional in Maxwell High School, Brooklyn, New York and currently as a paraprofessional at Beach Channel High School in Rockaway Park, New York which she will be retiring from in June 2014; and

WHEREAS, Her passion and dedication for children is well-known throughout the Far Rockaway area, whether it is providing donations for prom dresses, buying notebooks for students or simply making a student's day by giving them a birthday card; and

WHEREAS, Affectionately known as Grandma Rose, Rose M. Fleming is a gentle leader to many, always displaying the teachings of kindness, generosity and love; and

WHEREAS, A member of First Baptist Church in Far Rockaway for 40 years, Rose M. Fleming has been the Nursery and Kindergarten teacher for over 20 years; she is a member of the Mother's Day board which raises money for high school students to go to college, directs the children's special Sunday School Programs and participates in Vacation Bible School; and

WHEREAS, Even a chance meeting with 75 year-old Rose M. Fleming can both enhance and change one's life; with a heart for children, a loving spirit, a commitment to education and community involvement, this extraordinary woman is creating a legacy that will stand the test of time; and

WHEREAS, Rare indeed is the impressive dedication shown by an individual for the benefit of others which Rose M. Fleming has displayed throughout her life; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, That this Legislative Body pause in its deliberations to

honor Rose M. Fleming for her many years of distinguished community service and years as an educator to be celebrated July 3, 2014; and be it further

RESOLVED, That a copy of this Resolution, suitably engrossed, be transmitted to Rose M. Fleming.