

LEGISLATIVE RESOLUTION commending David A. Ford, Sr. upon the occasion of his designation for special recognition for his worthy contributions to the Westchester Community

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 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 long-standing traditions, this Legislative Body is justly proud to commend David A. Ford, Sr. upon the occasion of his designation for special recognition for his worthy contributions to the Westchester Community; and

WHEREAS, David A. Ford, Sr. proudly served his country as a member of the United States military during World War II; and

WHEREAS, For over three decades, David A. Ford, Sr. served as the Commissioner of the Mount Vernon Water Department until his retirement in January of 2010; under his luminous leadership, the Board of Water Supply maintained an enduring tradition of excellence; and

WHEREAS, Dedicated to his community, David A. Ford, Sr. was a vital member of the Mount Vernon Young Men's Christian Association, and both the Citizens and Veterans Association, as well as many other exemplary organizations; in addition, he held the position of President of the Lions Club of Mount Vernon; and

WHEREAS, For over 30 years, David A. Ford, Sr. served as Board Chairman of the Mount Vernon Neighborhood Health Center; in his tenure, he supported the growth of the health center from a small program in trailer units with 19 employees to one of the largest health care centers in the region; and

WHEREAS, David A. Ford, Sr. is the recipient of numerous awards and accolades for his exemplary work and passion including the Torch of Liberty Award by the Anti-Defamation League, the Ernest G. Lindsay Award, the Political Action Award from the Mount Vernon National Association for the Advancement of Colored People, the Young Men's Christian Association Citizen of the Year Award and is listed in Who's Who in Government Services; and

WHEREAS, Along with his late wife of over 55 years, the former Eula Daisy Gadson, with him throughout are his three devoted sons, David, Jr., Michael, and Garey; his two beloved daughters, Renee, and Karen; and five treasured grandchildren Rachel, Shaarod, Nardara, Jerel and David Christopher; as well as three beautiful great-grandchildren, Amira, Sydney and Camden, all of whom feel privileged to be a part of his life and rejoice in his accomplishments; and

WHEREAS, It is the sense of this Legislative Body that when individuals of such noble aims and accomplishments are brought to our attention, they should be celebrated and recognized by all the citizens of this great Empire State; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, That this Legislative Body pause in its deliberations to commend David A. Ford, Sr. upon the occasion of his designation for special recognition for his worthy contributions to the Westchester Community; and be it further

RESOLVED, That a copy of this Resolution, suitably engrossed, be transmitted to David A. Ford, Sr.