

BY: Senator PARKER

CELEBRATING the life and accomplishments of Mary Bishop, proud Trinidadian, 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, Mary Bishop of Brooklyn, New York, died on Sunday, May 9, 2021, at the age of 59; and

WHEREAS, A native of Trinidad and Tobago, Mary Bishop grew up in Point Fortin; in 1994, she migrated to Brooklyn, New York, where she attended Medgar Evers and John Jay Colleges; she earned her Baccalaureate of Science degree with a double major in Psychology and Criminal Justice graduating cum laude from City University of New York, and her Master's degree in public administration with a concentration on Prisoner's Reintegration; and

WHEREAS, Mary Bishop began her political career as an aide for then Council Member Yvette Clarke; upon Ms. Clarke's elevation to Congress, she was assigned to the position of Executive Assistant in the House of Representatives in Washington D.C., a position she held for two years before returning to the New York office; and

WHEREAS, As a result of her commitment and dedication to her community and oath to service to her country, Mary Bishop received a well-deserved promotion to Director of Constituent Services, focusing on the Caribbean community, especially the women and children; and

WHEREAS, A woman of strong Catholic faith, Mary Bishop was a proud mother, grandmother, loving friend, and compassionate community advocate which is ultimately a testament to the greatness that results from living a life of integrity, selflessness, and outstanding community service; and

WHEREAS, Armed with a humanistic spirit and imbued with a sense of compassion, Mary Bishop 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 celebrate the life and accomplishments of Mary Bishop, proud Trinidadian, distinguished citizen and devoted member of her community; and be it further

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

