

Senate Resolution No. 2071

BY: Senator MYRIE

HONORING the life and legacy of Marilyn D. Mosley, distinguished citizen, respected leader, 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 this great Empire State; and

WHEREAS, Marilyn D. Mosley of Brooklyn, New York, died on Monday, May 4, 2026; and

WHEREAS, Known fondly as "Mama Mosley" to those who loved her, Marilyn D. Mosley was born and raised in Brooklyn, New York, and attended New York City public schools, including PS 29 and Girls High School; and

WHEREAS, Upon graduating from New York City public schools in 1959, Marilyn D. Mosley attended Morgan State University to obtain her bachelor's degree in mathematics; and

WHEREAS, Marilyn D. Mosley later graduated cum laude from City College with a master's degree in science and mathematics education and a second master's degree in educational administration and supervision; while attending college, she was inducted into Phi Delta Kappa and joined Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority, Inc.; and

WHEREAS, At the start of her career, Marilyn D. Mosley worked as a sixth-grade teacher at PS 29; she served in several teaching, supervisory, and administrative roles, including as director of the Citywide Task Force on Pregnant and Parenting Teens in the 1980s; and

WHEREAS, Marilyn D. Mosley distinguished herself in her profession and by her sincere dedication and substantial contribution to the welfare of her community; and

WHEREAS, As a dedicated and committed educator, Marilyn D. Mosley spent over 25 years of her career as a public school educator; she changed the lives of many high school students by advising and assisting students with obtaining grants and scholarships to pursue higher education; and

WHEREAS, A firm believer in closing the equity gap in education, Marilyn D. Mosley often donated her own resources to New York City public schools to ensure all students had adequate enrichment programming; and

WHEREAS, Marilyn D. Mosley's commitment to excellence, and her spirit of humanity, carried over into all fields of enterprise, including charitable and civic endeavors; and

WHEREAS, Outside of education, Marilyn D. Mosley was very involved with local government, and she worked as an assistant to Brooklyn Borough President Howard Golden and as an administrative manager for the city comptroller's office from 1992 to 2018; she also served as a special advisor to New York City Council Speaker Corey Johnson from 2018 to 2022; and

WHEREAS, Having successfully advised and assisted several local government leaders, Marilyn D. Mosley founded and led the Progressive Association for Political Action Democratic Club, which supports progressive Democrats running for office in Central Brooklyn; and

WHEREAS, With a strong desire to make a difference in her community, Marilyn D. Mosley served as a delegate to the 2004 Democratic National Convention for the 10th Congressional District and as District Leader for the New York State 57th Assembly District; and

WHEREAS, In all of her community leadership and political opportunities, Marilyn D. Mosley prioritized mobilizing her communities, always ensuring that the interests of the underrepresented was a top priority in her advocacy; and

WHEREAS, Above all else, Marilyn D. Mosley was a unique and monumental individual who approached each day with abundant generosity, selfless dedication, a desire to nurture others, and a commitment to strengthening community bonds; and

WHEREAS, Armed with a humanistic spirit and imbued with a sense of compassion, Marilyn D. Mosley 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 honor the life and legacy of Marilyn D. Mosley, distinguished citizen, respected leader, 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 Marilyn D. Mosley.