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Geraldine Daniels Street Co-naming Resolution

Resolution: To support the Street Co-naming at the northeast corner of Malcom X Boulevard (aka Lenox Avenue) and 132nd Street to Honorable Geraldine L Daniels Way.

WHEREAS, Honorable Geraldine L. Daniels was a distinguished citizen and female leader in Harlem politics and the overall Harlem community. A Harlem resident, she was dedicated to the development of Village of Harlem. She is known and remembered as a soldier in the fight against oppression, injustice and equality for women and all people.

WHEREAS, Honorable Geraldine L Daniels of Harlem, New York, died on July 27th 2012 at the age of 80; and

WHEREAS, Honorable Geraldine L. Daniels was born in New York City on September 9th 1931 to Darnley and Pearl Walcott-Miller; and

WHEREAS, Honorable Geraldine L. Daniels' political career began when she became a member of the New Era Democratic club from there, she was elected New York State Committee Woman and Female District leader, a position she held for years and later ascended to the role of Executive Member of the Martin Luther King Democratic Club of Central Harlem; and

WHEREAS, in 1974, Honorable Geraldine L. Daniels graduated from Malcom King Harlem College where she received her Associate degree in Disciplinary History and Social Sciences and later attend Queens College (CUNY) and received her B.A. degree in Political Science in 1976; and

WHEREAS, in January 1981, Honorable Geraldine L. Daniels was inaugurated into the new York State Legislature as an Assemblywoman representing the 70th Assembly District in Harlem; a seat which she held for 12 years; and

WHEREAS, during her tenure in the Assembly, Honorable Geraldine L Daniels most notable legislative enactments included: yielding over 5 million dollars in funding towards education throughout Harlem and, legislating a bill signed by then Governor Hugh Carey funding in the amount of \$35,000 to her alma mater Malcom-King Harlem college.

WHEREAS, as an advocate for preventive health care, Honorable Geraldine L. Daniels chaired the Sub-Committee on Preventive Health care for four years. She ensured that Harlem Hospital received its own licensing. In 1984, the Honorable Assemblywoman Daniels passed legislation that renamed the New York State Harlem Office Building after the late Adam Clayton Powell Jr. she also advocated for the construction of the building itself.

WHEREAS the Honorable Geraldine L Daniels was also responsible for bringing notable international figures to Harlem including the late Princess Diana of London, England in 1989 and, the late Nelson Mandela of South Africa in 1990; and

WHEREAS, the Honorable Assemblywoman Geraldine Daniels was the first African American female to Chair a standing Committee, and Chair the Majority Steering Committee in the New York State Assembly. These accomplishments made her the first African American women to be significantly incorporated into the Majority Leadership. She was a member of the Committees on Health, Mental Health, Higher Education, Labor, Women's Task force and Housing, Honorable Daniels served as Chairperson of the Judicial Convention of New York State; Chairwoman of Subcommittee on Preventive Healthcare; Vice Chair of the Black and Puerto Rican Caucus; and, former Chairperson of the New York Women's Caucus. She also sat on several standing committees of Governmental Employees including: Health, Housing, Labor and Social Services; and

WHEREAS, Honorable Assemblywoman Geraldine L Daniels continued her tireless efforts in the New York State Assembly until her retirement in 1992; and

WHEREAS, as a Democrat, Honorable Geraldine L Daniels was a delegate for the 1972, 1984 and 1988 Democratic National Conventions; and

WHEREAS, Honorable Geraldine L .Daniels was a Lifetime member of Delta Sigma Theta Sorority Incorporated's North Manhattan Chapter and, the New York Branch NAACP. Until her death, she served as an active member of the National Association of Negro and Business Professional Women, New York Chapter; Eastern Star Prince Hall Temple; and the Martin Luther King Democratic; and

WHEREAS, Honorable Geraldine L Daniels will forever be remembered as a beloved mother, grandmother, great grandmother, godmother, aunt, sister and friend.

IT IS HEREBY RESOLVED THAT, through her activism and legislation passed, Honorable Geraldine L Daniels was influential in the reshaping and expansion of the Harlem community socially and politically and in particular the inclusion of women in politics. She was a staunch advocate of all women becoming engaged in the political process; and

FURTHER RESOLVED THAT, Manhattan Community Board 10 wishes to remember Honorable Geraldine L Daniels, former Assemblywoman for the 70th AD by formally requesting that the New York City Council and the Mayor of New York City enact legislation to support the street co-naming at the Northeast corner of Malcom X Boulevard (aka Lenox Avenue) at 132nd Street to Honorable Geraldine L Daniels Way.

The Historic Preservation and Transportation Committee of CB 10 voted on this item May 9th 2017 with a vote of 6 in favor 0 opposed and 0 abstentions.