

## 2009-J906

LEGISLATIVE RESOLUTION commending Woman of Distinction Bernice M. Williams upon the occasion of her designation for special recognition in celebration of Women's History Month 2009

WHEREAS, Women's History Month, celebrated each year in March, is a time to reflect upon and pay tribute to the women of our State and Nation for their contributions to their communities and their professions; and

WHEREAS, It is the sense of this Legislative Body that women of every economic, ethnic, and religious background have made significant contributions to their community and to the State of New York, and it is appropriate to recognize them and to publicly acknowledge their endeavors which have enhanced the basic humanity among us all; and

WHEREAS, Attendant to such concern, and in full accord with its long-standing traditions, this Legislative Body is justly proud to commend Woman of Distinction Bernice M. Williams upon the occasion of her designation for special recognition in celebration of Women's History Month 2009, at a special ceremony to be held on March 27, 2009, at the Bronx Library Center, Bronx, New York; and

WHEREAS, Bernice M. Williams graduated from Malcolm King College with an Associate of Arts degree in Accounting; after graduating, she worked for Julius Blumberg, Inc., where she started as a receptionist and after five years was promoted to the Marketing Department as a Representative; and

WHEREAS, Upon her retirement, Bernice M. Williams made it her life's passion to make a difference in her community and the lives of others; and

WHEREAS, Bernice M. Williams has been a dedicated member of Community Board 5 since 2003; for the past four years, she has served as its 1st Vice Chairperson as well as Chairperson of the Human Services Committee; and

WHEREAS, In addition, Bernice M. Williams serves on the Neighborhood Advisory Board 5, where she is a past Chairman and the current Vice Chairman; she is also the President of 1985 Webster Avenue Tenant's Association and a local branch Board Member of the Selective Service

System; and

WHEREAS, Bernice M. Williams graduated from the Citizens Police Academy in 2005, and has been a Citizen Police Academy Alumni member ever since; she is the Treasurer of the 46th Precinct Council; and

WHEREAS, A breast cancer survivor of seven years, Bernice M. Williams devotes much of her time and energies to the American Cancer Society through its Reach to Recovery program; women who are newly diagnosed are referred to her so that she may share with them her personal journey, offering them much needed hope and courage; and

WHEREAS, New York State is home to countless women, strong and colorful threads vital to the fabric of our rich heritage, who have and continue to contribute to the advancement of our society; and

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

RESOLVED, That this Legislative Body pause in its deliberations to commend Woman of Distinction Bernice M. Williams upon the occasion of her designation for special recognition in celebration of Women's History Month 2009; and be it further

RESOLVED, That a copy of this Resolution, suitably engrossed, be transmitted to Bernice M. Williams.