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LEGISLATIVE RESOLUTION commending Police Officer Brenda Ramos, upon the occasion of being honored on May 20, 2010, in conjunction with Women of Valor Day in the State of New York

WHEREAS, The State of New York is home to countless women who have contributed to the advancement of our culture through their traditional and non-traditional roles in society; and

WHEREAS, It is the sense of this Legislative Body to recognize and pay tribute to those Women of Valor within the Empire State who have made strong contributions to their communities and who inspire others through their model citizenship; and

WHEREAS, Attendant to such concern, and in full accord with its longstanding traditions, this Legislative Body is justly proud to commend Police Officer Brenda Ramos, upon the occasion of being honored on May 20, 2010, in conjunction with Women of Valor Day in the State of New York; and

WHEREAS, Women of every race, class, and ethnic background have made historic contributions to the growth and strength of New York State in countless recorded and unrecorded ways; and

WHEREAS, The New York State Senate has set aside time to recognize the unique contributions that valiant women have made to this great Empire State and its society; and

WHEREAS, Police Officer Brenda Ramos was born in the Williamsburg section of Brooklyn, where she attended and graduated from Eli Whitney Vocational High School and afterwards enrolling in the John Jay College of Criminal Justice; and

WHEREAS, Police Officer Brenda Ramos is a community activist, counselor, and humanitarian; while attending John Jay College of Criminal Justice, she worked for a law firm specializing in landlord\tenant issues such as warrants, and holdover proceedings which gave her a greater appreciation for people in need of good reliable counsel; and WHEREAS, Upon graduation from John Jay College of Criminal Justice, Ms. Ramos took the New York City Police Officers exam and was hired in 1990; upon her graduation from the Academy, she was assigned to the busiest command in the City, the 75th Precinct; and WHEREAS, Police Officer Brenda Ramos has served in various capacities at 75th Precinct, including patrol, training officer, truancy detail, and truancy liaison (between the 75th Precinct and the Brooklyn District Attorney's Office); and

WHEREAS, Police Officer Brenda Ramos has been credited for processing over 37,000 truants; she has communicated with parents and legal guardians, assisting them with reducing juvenile victimization; and WHEREAS, Officer Ramos has organized and participated in various events geared towards activism and community self-empowerment; she strongly believes that an investment in the community is an investment that will yield good dividends in the future; and

WHEREAS, Officer Ramos, being of Latino heritage and dealing with a large Latino community in East New York for the past twenty years, was appointed as one of the Community Affairs Officers; as Community Affairs Officer, she has received numerous community citations and recognitions from elected officials for her interactions within the East New York community; and

WHEREAS, Officer Ramos, in addition to her commitment to the community she serves, is also committed to her family; she is the proud mother of two lovely sons, Christopher and Rayanthony.

WHEREAS, Officer Ramos stands as a model to women everywhere, encouraging them to be strong, hold family together, work hard to build community, and succeed in every field of human enterprise; and WHEREAS, Police Officer Brenda Ramos, exemplifies the New York Police Department's philosophy to Serve and Protect; and WHEREAS, This Legislative Body is pleased to have this opportunity to express its highest admiration for Police Officer Brenda Ramos, and to wish her continued success in all of her future endeavors; and WHEREAS, It is the sense of this Legislative Body that when Women of Valor, 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 Police Officer Brenda Ramos, upon the occasion of being honored on May 20, 2010, in conjunction with Women of Valor Day in the State of New York; and be it further RESOLVED, That a copy of this Resolution, suitably engrossed be transmitted to Police Officer Brenda Ramos.