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LEGISLATIVE RESOLUTION commending Arlene Keating upon the occasion of being honored on March 10, 2011, in conjunction with Women's History Month 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 both 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 illustrious women 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 long-standing traditions, this Legislative Body is justly proud to commend Arlene Keating upon the occasion of being honored on Thursday, March 10, 2011, in conjunction with Women's History Month in the State of New York, at a special event to be held at the Bay Ridge Manor, Bay Ridge, 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, Each year, the State of New York officially sets aside time to recognize the unique contributions that women have made to this great Empire State and its society; and

WHEREAS, A woman of singular distinction, Arlene Keating has continually demonstrated extreme competence, extraordinary intelligence and diligent leadership in her unwavering service to her profession and community; and

WHEREAS, Arlene Keating is a lifelong Bay Ridge resident who graduated from Our Lady of Angels Grammar School, Fort Hamilton High School, and attended Staten Island Community College; in September of 2002, she joined the Bay Ridge law firm of Connors and Sullivan and she is currently a litigation and Real Estate Paralegal; and

WHEREAS, Prior to that Arlene Keating spent over 25 years in the Insurance/Reinsurance business; she spent 17 of those years as an under-

writer with Generali-US Branch located in lower Manhattan; she retired from Generali in February of 2002 as a Senior Vice President; and WHEREAS, Arlene Keating has been doing community volunteer work for over 35 years; as an athlete and advocate of sports, she was a CYO basketball coach at Our Lady of Angels, and a recipient of the prestigious Bishop Boardman Award for service to the youth of the parish; she was a CYO basketball official and a New York State certified basketball referee with the National Association for Girls and Women in Sports (NAGWS) from 1977 to 1990; and

WHEREAS, Currently Arlene Keating serves as the Executive Secretary of the Bay Ridge Community Council, and was its President in 2008; she is also a Trustee of the Kassenbrock Brothers Memorial Scholarship Fund; since 2004, she has served as Secretary of the Ragamuffin Parade Committee; and

WHEREAS, Arlene Keating is an Executive Board Member and Secretary of Brooklyn ONE Theater since its inception in 2006; she is a member of Narrows Community Theater since 1981 and served as its President from 1991-1993; she volunteers regularly at the 68th Precinct's National Night Out and is a relatively new volunteer at the Bay Ridge Halloween Walk; and

WHEREAS, In 2008, Arlene Keating was awarded the Vince Mazza Award for her contribution and support of Theater and the Arts by Brooklyn ONE Theater; she was a Deputy Grand Marshal in the 2009 Bay Ridge St.

Patrick's Day Parade, and in 2009 together with the Brooklyn Cyclone's Organization, she implemented Bay Ridge Night at the Cyclone's Game; and WHEREAS, With her throughout have been her long-time companion, George, her daughter, Jennifer, and her grandchildren, Ryan and Lauren, all of whom feel privileged to be a part of her life and rejoice in her achievements; and

WHEREAS, Throughout the entire period of her community service, a period of constructive involvement, Arlene Keating has stood constant in dignity, good grace and humor; and

WHEREAS, This Legislative Body is pleased to have this opportunity to express its highest admiration for Arlene Keating, and to wish her continued success in all of her future endeavors; and

WHEREAS, It is the sense of this Legislative Body that when individuals of such noble aims and accomplishments are brought to our atten-

tion, 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 Arlene Keating upon the occasion of being honored on March 10, 2011, in conjunction with Women's History Month in the State of New York; and be it further

RESOLVED, That a copy of this Resolution, suitably engrossed, be transmitted to Arlene Keating.