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LEGISLATIVE RESOLUTION commending the Brooklyn Branch of Key Women of America, Inc. upon the occasion of its 35th Annual Awards Luncheon on April 7, 2012 and saluting Peace Titilawo, recipient of its 2012 Constance Rose Scholarship

WHEREAS, It is the sense of this Legislative Body to act, in accord with its long-standing traditions, to honor the achievements of its young citizens and leaders of tomorrow, whose character and accomplishments exemplify the ideals and values cherished by this great State and nation; and

WHEREAS, Attendant to such concern and fully in accord with its long-standing traditions, this Legislative Body is justly proud to commend the Brooklyn Branch of Key Women of America, Inc. upon the occasion of its 35th Annual Awards Luncheon, to be held at the Fleur de Lis in Ridgewood, Queens on Saturday, April 7, 2012, and to salute Peace Titilawo, recipient of its 2012 Constance Rose Scholarship; and

WHEREAS, Key Women of America, Inc. is a community service organization founded in 1954 by the Reverend Bertha Nelms Harris, an ordained minister who had a deep desire to address the needs of children in the home, schools, institutions, and in conflict with the law; and

WHEREAS, She called on women leaders to join with her to address these concerns; she called the women who joined with her "Key Women" and, what began as a small group of women in Harlem, New York, grew into a larger group and on December 23, 1966, they incorporated as Key Women of America, Inc. and chose Investment in Children, Family Service, Community Needs, and World Concerns as their mission; and

WHEREAS, With Manhattan as its founding and parent body, branches began to be formed in other boroughs, including Brooklyn; and

WHEREAS, The Brooklyn Branch of Key Women of America, Inc. was organized in 1972 under the leadership of Mrs. Lillian James; the officers and members were and continue to be civic minded women who are dedicated to Key Women's mission and, since its inception, it has undertaken a variety of worthy causes; and

WHEREAS, Each year at its Annual Awards Luncheon, the Brooklyn Branch

of Key Women of America, Inc. proudly honors individuals who exemplify those principles and values; Peace Titilawo truly merits such recognition; and

WHEREAS, Peace Titilawo is an outstanding student in many ways; her educational development is outstanding; she inspires and impresses others by her manner and demeanor; she leads by example and her classmates, as well as others, find her enthusiasm and dedication both inspiring and motivating; and

WHEREAS, She also recognizes the importance of a strong work ethic, persistence, and integrity, qualities which are clearly evident in her leadership, character and integrity; and

WHEREAS, In addition to her regular school curriculum, Peace Titilawo has completed Advanced Placement courses in English Literature and Composition, United States Government and Politics, Calculus AB/BC and Physics B/C as well as Physics 112, Physics 211, Speech 101, English 112 and Calculus 211 college courses; and

WHEREAS, An optimistic and dedicated student, in addition to her educational success to date, Peace Titilawo has served her East New York community helping backyard gardeners grow fresh produce and by becoming a youth usher at her church to assist the food pantry, clean the church, and organize people and events; and

WHEREAS, Peace Titilawo has also served her community volunteering at the Soul Soup Kitchen in Brooklyn and in shelters; she has been a youth

intern with the East New York Farms! project for four years; she works to improve the availability of fresh affordable food in her community by growing produce in community gardens and running a weekly farmers market; and

WHEREAS, Through these endeavors, Peace Titilawo has demonstrated her commitment to improve her community, her ability to work with people of all ages and backgrounds, and her great potential for leadership; and

WHEREAS, This young scholar, Peace Titilawo, is a self-motivated student who is dedicated to her academic endeavors; she has a positive outlook and a character which never lacks perseverance with both her teachers and her fellow students; and

WHEREAS, Among Peace Titilawo's most outstanding qualities are her honesty, cooperative spirit, good sense of humor and the seriousness with which she approaches her tasks; and

WHEREAS, The school activities in which she is involved are diverse and substantial; she is currently an Executive Member of the Yearbook Club and was formerly a member of the Bowling Team and the Vice President of the Service Club and, she recently appeared on the cover of the teen magazine YC TEEN; and

WHEREAS, Born to two God-fearing parents, Jemilat and Ezekiel Titilawo, in a Christian church in Ibadan, Nigeria, Peace Titilawo, at the age of two and a half, accompanied her grandparents to their farms; while they cultivated, harvested and tended to their fruits and vegetables, she chewed endlessly on sugar canes, and as a five year old, occupied herself with magazines, picture books, and newspapers, all of which helped her develop her curiosity to learn, her excellent imagination, her love of math, and her intention to pursue a career in the automotive industry; and

WHEREAS, An outstanding role model for her classmates, Peace Titilawo has brought honor to her family, school, and community; and

WHEREAS, Peace Titilawo may stand with pride in her achievements, experiencing the satisfaction of her labors and the joy of her accomplishments, eager to face the challenge of new experiences as she continues her education and begins her career; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, That this Legislative Body pause in its deliberations to commend the Brooklyn Branch of Key Women of America, Inc. upon the occasion of its 35th Annual Awards Luncheon on April 7, 2012 and to salute Peace Titilawo, recipient of its 2012 Constance Rose Scholarship; and be it further

RESOLVED, That copies of this Resolution, suitably engrossed, be transmitted to the Brooklyn Branch of Key Women of America, Inc. and to Peace Titilawo.