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LEGISLATIVE RESOLUTION honoring Janet Ndzibah upon the occasion of her designation as recipient of the 2015 Woman of the Year Award by the Bensonhurst West End Community Council

WHEREAS, Individuals who give of their time and energies and serve the best interests of their communities are an asset beyond remuneration and cannot be sufficiently extolled; and

WHEREAS, It is the sense of this Legislative Body to acknowledge outstanding individuals whose professional lives, personal endeavors and community service are an example and inspiration to their colleagues, friends, and family; and

WHEREAS, It is also the practice of this Legislative Body to take note of and publicly acknowledge individuals of remarkable integrity and character whose endeavors have enhanced the quality of education in this great State; and

WHEREAS, Attendant to such concern, and in full accord with its long-standing traditions, this Legislative Body is justly proud to honor Janet Ndzibah upon the occasion of her designation as recipient of the 2015 Woman of the Year Award by the Bensonhurst West End Community Council to be celebrated at its 54th Annual Gala, at El Caribe, Brooklyn, New York on Thursday, March 5, 2015; and

WHEREAS, Born and raised in Bay Ridge, Brooklyn, New York, Janet Ndzibah was inspired by her nurturing teachers at St. Patrick's Catholic School in Bay Ridge to become an educator; and

WHEREAS, Janet Ndzibah earned a Bachelor of Arts degree in Education from the State University of New York at Buffalo; upon graduation, she began her career in education as a third grade teacher at PS 9 in District 13, in Brooklyn, New York; and

WHEREAS, Throughout her tenure at PS 9, Janet Ndzibah taught grades

two through five; concurrently, she obtained her Master's degree as a Reading Teacher and Reading Specialist for Corrective Reading at the City University of New York (CUNY) Hunter College, in Manhattan, New York; and

WHEREAS, Janet Ndzibah then became a teacher of PS 13 in the Rosebank section of Staten Island, New York, serving as a classroom teacher, Reading Teacher, and Literacy Coach; and

WHEREAS, With the support of her family, mentors and school administrators, Janet Ndzibah received her Advanced Post Master's degree in School Leadership from CUNY College of Staten Island; she then went on to become the Assistant Principal of PS 13, a position she held for four and a half years; and

WHEREAS, In January 2011, Janet Ndzibah accepted the position of Principal at PS 95, in District 21, Brooklyn, New York; and

WHEREAS, Today, Janet Ndzibah proudly continues to work side by side with the dedicated and hardworking assistant principals, teachers, staff, PTA, parents, and students of PS 95; as a result, the school has shown academic gains in both reading and mathematics over the past four years; and

WHEREAS, With her throughout have been her supportive husband, Kwesi Ndzibah, and her loving children, Sierra and Maxwell, all of whom feel privileged to be a part of her life and rejoice in her achievements; and

WHEREAS, Educator Janet Ndzibah and her dedicated staff continue to build a collaborative professional learning community, committed to providing a rigorous and supportive learning environment for all of the 1,000 students that the school serves; and

WHEREAS, Janet Ndzibah has brought great credit upon herself by continually demonstrating an impressive dedication, an unparalleled

devotion and an unremitting enthusiasm for the quality of the educational programs and opportunities offered at the schools where she has served; and

WHEREAS, Throughout the entire period of her professional and community service, a period of constructive involvement, Janet Ndzibah has stood constant in dignity, good grace and humor, and has earned the respect and admiration of her colleagues, family and friends; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, That this Legislative Body pause in its deliberations to honor Janet Ndzibah upon the occasion of her designation as recipient of the 2015 Woman of the Year Award by the Bensonhurst West End Community Council; and be it further

RESOLVED, That a copy of this Resolution, suitably engrossed, be transmitted to Janet Ndzibah.