

## 2015-J1224

LEGISLATIVE RESOLUTION commending the Carol Maraj Foundation upon the occasion of hosting its 1st Annual H.O.P.E. Rising Awards Gala on May 7, 2015

WHEREAS, It is the custom of this Legislative Body to acknowledge certain events held to build support for charitable causes of significant societal concern; and

WHEREAS, Attendant to such concern, and in full accord with its long-standing traditions, this Legislative Body is justly proud to commend the Carol Maraj Foundation upon the occasion of hosting its 1st Annual H.O.P.E. Rising Awards Gala on Thursday, May 7, 2015, at the Coral House in Baldwin, New York; and

WHEREAS, As an advocate for families and homes free from domestic violence, President/Founder Carol Maraj's mission is to empower victims of this tragedy to once again see their human value through programs designed to nurture their self-esteem, build their inner strength, and give them hope of a better today and brighter future; and

WHEREAS, An inspirational singer, songwriter, and playwright, Carol Maraj's drama presentations are designed to educate and bring awareness to all affected by domestic violence; and

WHEREAS, A survivor herself, Carol Maraj spends her time and energies educating by means of motivational speaking in schools and other vital organizations throughout the tri-state area; and

WHEREAS, With strategically implemented programs, the Carol Maraj Foundation is on its way to enhancing family lives, and ultimately decreasing the rate of domestic violence in America; and

WHEREAS, Today, Carol Maraj is the loving mother of rap-icon, Nicki Minaj; and

WHEREAS, From time to time this Legislative Body takes note of certain

altruistic individuals and organizations it wishes to acknowledge for their philanthropic contributions to our society which enhance the basic humanity among us all; and

WHEREAS, It is with great pleasure that this Legislative Body recognizes the many contributions of the Carol Maraj Foundation, and wishes this worthy foundation continued success in its proactive mission to benefit the communities it represents; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, That this Legislative Body pause in its deliberations to commend the Carol Maraj Foundation upon the occasion of hosting its 1st Annual H.O.P.E. Rising Awards Gala on May 7, 2015; and be it further

RESOLVED, That a copy of this Resolution, suitably engrossed, be transmitted to Carol Maraj, President, Carol Maraj Foundation.