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LEGISLATIVE RESOLUTION commemorating the 23rd Anniversary of the Annual Women Celebrating Women Gala, and paying tribute to this year's honorees

WHEREAS, It is the custom of this Legislative Body to recognize that the quality and character of life in the communities across New York State are reflective of the concerned and dedicated efforts of those organizations that would devote themselves to the welfare of the community and its citizenry; and

WHEREAS, Attendant to such concern, and in full accord with its long-standing traditions, this Legislative Body is justly proud to commemorate the 23rd Anniversary of the Annual Women Celebrating Women Gala, and pay tribute to this year's honorees on Sunday, April 19, 2015, at the Tropical Paradise Banquet Hall, Brooklyn, New York; and

WHEREAS, This auspicious event, celebrated in honor of Women's History Month, recognizes women who have made outstanding contributions to the Brooklyn community, they are: Rodgezach Augustine, Dr. Una S.T. Clarke, Michelle Danvers Faust, Nyree Dixon, Desma Dofflyn-King, Reverend Dr. Sharon Downer, Karen Gamba, Dr. Patricia Haggler, Rosetta Hancel, Dr. Tamara Henry, Ann Johnson-Richmond, Dr. Lois King, Silvia Lavalas, LaVerne Munro, Agatha Sealy, Marjorie Parker, Bosede Otulaja, and Helen Walker; and

WHEREAS, Women's History Month is an annual declared month that highlights the contributions of women to events in history and contemporary society; and

WHEREAS, Women's History Month had its origins as a national celebration in 1981, when Congress passed Pub. L. 97-28 which authorized and requested the President to proclaim the week beginning March 7, 1982 as Women's History Week; five years later, Congress passed Pub. L. 100-9 which designated the month of March of 1987, as Women's History Month;

and

WHEREAS, Between 1988-1994, Congress passed additional resolutions requesting and authorizing the President to proclaim March of each year as Women's History Month; since 1995, Presidents Clinton, Bush and Obama have issued a series of annual proclamations designating the month of March as Women's History Month; and

WHEREAS, It is the sense of this Legislative Body that when individuals and organizations of such noble aims and accomplishments are brought to our attention, they should be celebrated and recognized by all the citizens of this great Empire State; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, That this Legislative Body pause in its deliberations to commemorate the 23rd Anniversary of the Annual Women Celebrating Women Gala, and paying tribute to this year's honorees; and be it further

RESOLVED, That copies of this Resolution, suitably engrossed, be transmitted to the aforementioned honorees.