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LEGISLATIVE RESOLUTION honoring Arlene Rutuelo upon the occasion of her designation as recipient of the 2015 Civic Award by the Bay Ridge Community Council

WHEREAS, It is the custom of this Legislative Body to recognize that the quality and character of life in communities across New York State are reflective of the concerned and dedicated efforts of those organizations and individuals who 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 honor Arlene Rutuelo upon the occasion of her designation as recipient of the 2015 Civic Award by the Bay Ridge Community Council to be celebrated at its 64th Annual Dinner Dance on Thursday, June 4, 2015, in Brooklyn, New York; and

WHEREAS, A lifelong resident of the Bay Ridge neighborhood of Brooklyn, Arlene Rutuelo is an alumnus of PS 170, McKinley Junior High School, and Fort Hamilton High School; and

WHEREAS, Born of a proud Norwegian heritage, Arlene Rutuelo's parents instilled in her the values of working hard, always doing your best, and remembering one's responsibility to his or her family; and

WHEREAS, For almost three decades, Arlene Rutuelo has been an integral part in the successful Bakke family business, Nordic Deli; recently, her family made the difficult decision to close the business and retire; and

WHEREAS, This remarkable woman has been called upon to contribute her time and talents to countless civic and charitable endeavors and has always given of herself unstintingly; and

WHEREAS, Much of Arlene Rutuelo's extensive philanthropic work is related to her Norwegian heritage including her service as the New York

City Coordinator for the Dina Foundation Inc., an organization from Norway with a mission of preventing Human Trafficking; and WHEREAS, In addition, Arlene Rutuelo is Vice Chair of the Executive Board of the Norwegian Christian Home & Health Center, a board member of the Scandinavian East Coast Museum, and the co-Chair of the Miss Norway Contest and Norwegian Day Parade; and

WHEREAS, Arlene Rutuelo has also volunteered in numerous community organizations, including the Guild for Exceptional Children where she serves as the newly elected President; she is also a member of the 68th Precinct Community Council, and a dedicated board member of the Merchants of Third Avenue; and

WHEREAS, A woman of faith, Arlene Rutuelo has attended the First Evangelical Free Church since grade school, and serves as a board member of both the Trustee Board and General Board; and

WHEREAS, With her throughout have been her three children, Paul Joseph, Vinny, and Danielle, and her granddaughter, Alexa Marie, 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 Rutuelo has stood constant in dignity, good grace and humor; and

WHEREAS, Rare indeed is the impressive dedication shown by an individual for the benefit of others which Arlene Rutuelo has displayed throughout her life; and

WHEREAS, It is the sense of this Legislative Body that when individuals 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 honor Arlene Rutuelo upon the occasion of her designation as recipient of the 2015 Civic Award by the Bay Ridge Community Council; and be it

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