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LEGISLATIVE RESOLUTION commemorating the 45th Anniversary of the Queens Interagency Council on Aging on March 17, 2016

WHEREAS, Senior citizens planted the seeds that made our communities grow and prosper; their past contributions and future participation are a vital part of, and valuable asset to, the fabric of community life; and

WHEREAS, It is the sense of this Legislative Body to recognize organizations which faithfully serve the needs of the community and its citizens with diligence and compassionate commitment to improving the quality and dignity of life for their loved ones; and

WHEREAS, Attendant to such concern, and in full accord with its long-standing traditions, this Legislative Body is justly proud to commemorate the 45th Anniversary of the Queens Interagency Council on Aging to be celebrated on March 17, 2016, in the Queens Community House, at Kew Gardens Community Center, Kew Gardens, New York; and

WHEREAS, At this auspicious event, the Queens Interagency Council on Aging will honor Council Member Julissa Ferreras-Copeland with the Rose Kryzak Legislative Award for her outstanding leadership in championing the cause of older adults and sustaining essential services for the senior population; and

WHEREAS, In addition, community leader and senior advocate, Joyce Lawrence, will be the recipient of the Leon Von Holden Advocacy Award, which is bestowed upon her for her demonstrated commitment to the health and well-being of the aging population; and

WHEREAS, Founded in 1971 by social workers and health care providers in the Borough of Queens, New York, the Queens Interagency Council on Aging is a non-profit, borough-wide membership organization which speaks with one voice on behalf of seniors and agencies that serve them; and

WHEREAS, Through its member agencies, the Queens Interagency Council on Aging strives to ensure that all older adults have access to essential services necessary to improve their health and well-being; and

WHEREAS, In so effectively carrying out its mission, the Queens Interagency Council on Aging has demonstrated the value of education and training, advocacy, and partnering with non-profit organizations and businesses to provide a fertile meeting ground for facilitating networking, social action, and cultural enrichment; and

WHEREAS, Throughout the years, as the only interagency council on aging in the Borough of Queens, the Queens Interagency Council on Aging has helped set the annual agenda for addressing aging-related issues in New York City; and

WHEREAS, Under the luminous leadership of Executive Director Bruce Cunningham, this vital organization has fulfilled its motto of speaking with one voice involving and coordinating its efforts with the agency's diverse membership which includes community organizations, service providers, seniors, and other individuals; and

WHEREAS, Determined to achieve its goals, the Queens Interagency Council on Aging has gained the support and recognition of both local and State elected officials, as well as government agencies; and

WHEREAS, For 45 years, the Queens Interagency Council on Aging has been dedicated to promoting the concerns of older citizens in the Borough of Queens, New York; this facility has never lessened its concern for the dignity of every resident it serves, or compromised its standard of excellence for resident care; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, That this Legislative Body pause in its deliberations to commemorate the 45th Anniversary of the Queens Interagency Council on Aging; and be it further

RESOLVED, That a copy of this Resolution, suitably engrossed, be transmitted to Bruce Cunningham, Executive Director, the Queens Interagency Council on Aging.