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LEGISLATIVE RESOLUTION commending Anita Skop upon the occasion of her designation for special recognition by Housing and Family Services of Greater New York, Inc. on June 16, 2016

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 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 commend Anita Skop upon the occasion of her designation for special recognition by Housing and Family Services of Greater New York, Inc. to be celebrated at its 26th Annual Awards Dinner on Thursday, June 16, 2016, at Rex Manor, Brooklyn, New York; and

WHEREAS, For more than four decades, Housing and Family Services of Greater New York, Inc., formerly known as Brooklyn Housing & Family Services, has been assisting and educating tenants, building owners, and community leaders; through its Tenant Committees, the organization has successfully initiated building improvements and combated the deterioration of housing stock in its Borough; and

WHEREAS, Since 1971, Housing and Family Services of Greater New York, Inc. has strived to stabilize neighborhoods and preserve the quality of housing in its community; during the last few years, it has expanded the scope of its program dramatically, attempting to bond a newer, stronger cooperation between tenants and building owners; and

WHEREAS, Anita Skop has served as the Community Superintendent for District 15 in Brooklyn for the past six and half years and has been an educator in the New York City school system for the past 31 years; and

WHEREAS, This remarkable woman has worked in a wide range of educational settings, having held teaching and leadership positions working with early childhood, elementary and middle school educational programs, as well as High School GED and ELL Adult Education venues; and

WHEREAS, Anita Skop received both her undergraduate and Professional Certification degrees from Brooklyn College; she furthered her education by obtaining her Master's degree in Special Education from Adelphi University; and

WHEREAS, Anita Skop began her career as a parent volunteer who was chosen to serve as a School Aide; using the money she earned in this position, she completed her last 20 college credits and subsequently, became employed as a first grade teacher at PS 199 in Brooklyn; and

WHEREAS, After teaching for nine years, Anita Skop was selected as the 1994 New York State Teacher of the Year and was the recipient of the Reliance Award for Excellence in Education; and

WHEREAS, Two years after creating one of two citywide Elementary Globe Centers for her school, Anita Skop was asked to serve as a District Staff Developer, supporting teachers across the district in all areas of the curriculum; and

WHEREAS, In January of 2001, Anita Skop became the Director of Literacy for District 19 and in this capacity, provided professional development for administrators and classroom educators in all aspects of assessment and curriculum based instruction; and

WHEREAS, In addition, Anita Skop developed an interdisciplinary intervention curriculum with a social studies focus to enhance the learning of struggling students in the Saturday Academy program; and

WHEREAS, With the transition to Regions, Anita Skop was selected as a Local Instructional Superintendent for Region 5 working with schools in

Districts 19, 23 and 27, by assisting in all areas of leadership to enhance instruction, curriculum and school management; and

WHEREAS, Anita Skop also served as the Lead Senior Achievement Facili-

tator for the Knowledge Network for the Office of Accountability, helping schools to develop teacher teams utilizing the Inquiry process across the city and served as a Quality Reviewer for over eight years; and

WHEREAS, This dedicated educator has been involved in many key educational initiatives throughout her career; she was a vital member of the Chancellor's Committee to develop the Writing Initiative in 1994, and also worked to develop the New York City English Language Arts Standards, as well as served as a New York representative at the Goals 2000 Conference in Washington, D. C.; and

WHEREAS, Moreover, Anita Skop served as a Fulbright Educator in India, and as a member of the Channel Thirteen Master Teacher Program; for her steadfast commitment to her profession, she was recognized as a NYCASCD Distinguished Educator; and

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

WHEREAS, It is the sense of this Legislative Body that those who enhance the quality of life in their community and have shown a long and sustained commitment to the maintenance of high standards in their profession, certainly have earned the recognition and applause of all the citizens of this great Empire State; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, That this Legislative Body pause in its deliberations to commend Anita Skop upon the occasion of her designation for special recognition by Housing and Family Services of Greater New York, Inc.; and be it further

RESOLVED, That a copy of this Resolution, suitably engrossed, be transmitted to Anita Skop.