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LEGISLATIVE RESOLUTION commending the Miss New York Plus America upon the occasion of hosting its Pageant on May 22, 2016

WHEREAS, It is incumbent upon the people of the State of New York to recognize and acknowledge those within our midst who have made significant contributions to the quality of life therein; and

WHEREAS, This Legislative Body is justly proud to commend the Miss New York Plus America upon the occasion of hosting its Pageant on Sunday, May 22, 2016; and

WHEREAS, The Miss Plus America Pageant has been the premier Pageant system for the Plus Size woman and has been giving them titles and opportunities for the last 13 years; and

WHEREAS, Under the luminous leadership of New York Regional Director, Emicia Parker, the organization's New York preliminary to select a woman to represent New York at the Miss Plus America Pageant in Dallas, Texas, will be held on Sunday, May 22, 2016, at the Banquet Hall at the John Wesley United Methodist Church in Brooklyn, New York; and

WHEREAS, This year's Reigning Queens have platforms which range from mental health and suicide awareness and prevention, mentoring, kidney disease, childhood obesity, mentorship and heart disease, as well as stroke awareness and prevention; and

WHEREAS, The woman who won last year, Joneisa Smith, went on to the National Pageant in Atlanta, Georgia, in July of 2015, and beat 64 women from across the Country to bring the Miss Plus America Elite crown to New York, which was the first time a New Yorker took home top honors; and

WHEREAS, This occasion presents an opportunity for this Legislative Body to recognize and pay tribute to the Miss New York Plus America; and

WHEREAS, It is the sense of this Legislative Body that when organiza-

tions 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 commend the Miss New York Plus America upon the occasion of hosting its Pageant on May 22, 2016; and be it further

RESOLVED, That a copy of this Resolution, suitably engrossed, be transmitted to Emicia Parker, New York Regional Director, Miss New York Plus America.