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LEGISLATIVE RESOLUTION congratulating Dolores M. Hofman upon the occasion of being crowned Ms. New York Senior America on April 3, 2016

WHEREAS, It is the custom of this Legislative Body to recognize and pay tribute to those individuals who have inspired and brought pride to our majestic Empire State with their character and outstanding achievements; and

WHEREAS, Attendant to such concern, and in full accord with its long-standing traditions, this Legislative Body is justly proud to congratulate Dolores M. Hofman upon the occasion of being crowned Ms. New York Senior America at the Ms. New York Senior America contest held in the John Adams Theater at Hofstra University on Sunday, April 3, 2016; Dolores' reign will end on April 23, 2017; and

WHEREAS, A native New Yorker, Dolores Hofman was born in the Bronx and moved to Levittown, Long Island, with her family at a young age; an active child with many interests and talents, she was a member of the chorus and theater group, and was a participant of many school athletic programs; and

WHEREAS, Raised in a home with values of honesty and integrity, Dolores Hofman's father, in particular, encouraged her independent nature and fostered her love and respect for all living creatures; for 17 years, Dolores Hofman served as President of Animal Lifeline, a non-profit organization set up to help stray domestic animals; and

WHEREAS, As an staunch advocate for animal welfare, Dolores Hofman traveled the world supporting and raising awareness for the plights of stray animals; for her unwavering commitment to the protection of animals, WOMAN'S WORLD MAGAZINE featured her in an article entitled "Angels of a Special Kind"; and

WHEREAS, Dolores Hofman started her aviation career with Pan American

World Airways, Inc., becoming the first female Cargo Service Agent at Kennedy Airport with a license to operate a forklift; NEWSDAY featured her on their "People Page" as a "Versatile Woman" and pictured her sitting atop her forklift; and

WHEREAS, Rising through the ranks of the Cargo, Material and Personnel Departments, Dolores Hofman was promoted to positions with increased responsibility; in 1989, she left her job as Corporate Recruiter at Pan Am to become Director of Personnel for Evergreen International Airlines at Kennedy Airport; and

WHEREAS, Three years later, Dolores Hofman assumed her present title as Program Manager of the Queens Air Services Development Office (ASDO), a non-profit organization designed to match aviation purchasing needs of Kennedy and LaGuardia airports with local enterprises; the program is funded by the Port Authority of New York and New Jersey with their airline partners and administered by the Aviation Development Council; and

WHEREAS, Under her luminous leadership, the Queens ASDO has facilitated over 6,500 contracts, and consequently, she was featured on the front page of CRAIN'S NY BUSINESS and referred to as the "Airport Match-maker"; and

WHEREAS, Despite her busy professional life, Dolores Hofman 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, Throughout Dolores Hofman's tenure in the aviation industry, she has been involved with numerous public and civic-minded organizations, serving on the Board of Directors for the Air Cargo Association, the Island Park Chamber of Commerce, the School Sisters of Notre Dame and the Animal Protection Institute; and

WHEREAS, Furthermore, Dolores Hofman serves as an Advisor to the Board of Directors of the JFK Chamber of Commerce and holds the title of Vice President of the JFK Rotary; and

WHEREAS, For her steadfast and unremitting commitment to her profession she has been the recipient of numerous awards and accolades including being named both the 1997 Woman of the Year Award by the Bishop Wright Air Industry and the 2003 Woman of the Year Award by Our Lady of the Skies, making her the first recipient of both prestigious airport awards; and

WHEREAS, In addition, this remarkable woman received the 2004 Boy Scouts Leadership Award by the Queens' Council and in 2009, she was recognized as one of the "Top Women in Business!" by the QUEENS COURIER & BUSINESS TODAY; and

WHEREAS, Throughout the entire period of her community service, a period of constructive involvement, Dolores Hofman has stood constant in dignity, good grace and humor; and

WHEREAS, With her throughout has been her husband of 48 years, Edward, who feels privileged to be a part of her life and rejoices in her achievements; and

WHEREAS, With her zest for life, Dolores M. Hofman will no doubt inspire other senior women to pursue their dreams; this exceptional woman believes people do not have to stop living life when they reach a certain age, and that it is important to touch lives and be the positive change we want to see in our world, while paying it forward in giving back in appreciation; and

WHEREAS, It is the custom 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 congratulate Dolores M. Hofman upon the occasion of being crowned Ms. New York Senior America on April 3, 2016; and be it further

RESOLVED, That a copy of this Resolution, suitably engrossed, be transmitted to Dolores M. Hofman.