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LEGISLATIVE RESOLUTION honoring Marilyn Bitterman upon the occasion of her retirement after 40 years of distinguished service to Community Board 7, Borough of Queens

WHEREAS, This Legislative Body seeks to acknowledge those individuals whose professional lives and civic endeavors serve to enhance the stature of the State of New York; and

WHEREAS, Attendant to such concern, and in full accord with its long-standing traditions, this Legislative Body is justly proud to honor Marilyn Bitterman upon the occasion of her retirement after 40 years of distinguished service to Community Board 7, Borough of Queens, to be celebrated at her last District Service Cabinet meeting on Friday, June 24, 2016; and

WHEREAS, For the past 40 years, Marilyn Bitterman rendered faithful, conscientious and valuable service to Community Board 7, Borough of Queens; and

WHEREAS, In January of 1976, Marilyn Bitterman began her illustrious career working part-time with Community Board 7; in 1984, she started working full-time, when she was offered the title of Assistant District Manager and maintained that role until she was appointed District Manager in January of 1988; she will officially retire from that position in August of 2016; and

WHEREAS, Through the years, Marilyn Bitterman has enjoyed working in the most diverse community in the world, and has had the pleasure of assisting on various events such as the Lunar New Year, the Chinese Moon Festival, the Korean American International Fair, and Hindu Temple events; and

WHEREAS, Throughout her tenure, Marilyn Bitterman has dealt with a wide variety of situations and problems, and has successfully assisted

immigrant populations in adapting to their new community; she also works with various city and state agencies preparing literature in Korean and Chinese so that the new businesses coming into the area are aware of city and state regulations; and

WHEREAS, In her capacity as District Manager, Marilyn Bitterman served with loyalty, honor and distinction; and

WHEREAS, A true public servant, Marilyn Bitterman has served on the Queens Traffic Safety Board and has been a member of the Borough President's Flushing Meadow Corona Park Coordinating Committee, the turning point initiative which addressed health care priorities for the borough; and

WHEREAS, Devoted to the young people in her community, Marilyn Bitterman was instrumental in raising significant funds for youth programs through the Flushing Fantastic International Street Festival, and served on the Northeast Queens Network with the Administration for Children's Services on programs dealing with domestic violence, foster care and culturally sensitive projects; and

WHEREAS, Currently, this remarkable woman sits on the Community Advisory Boards of Flushing Hospital and New York Presbyterian Hospital Queens, where she has chaired the scholarship committee which awarded financial scholarships to the children of hospital employees who are going to college; in addition, she is a member of its community benefits committee which is working on two major New York City Health Department projects dealing with breastfeeding and childhood obesity; and

WHEREAS, Furthermore, Marilyn Bitterman volunteers her time and energy to the College Point Corporate Park development, the Cooper Cary Study for the redevelopment of downtown Flushing and waterfront, plus the Willets Point area; and

WHEREAS, In 2000, Marilyn Bitterman graduated from the Citizen's Police Academy, and presently, holds the title of co-President of the Bay Terrace Garden Jewish Center; and

WHEREAS, With her throughout have been her husband, Jack; her two children, Noel and Tracy; a son-in-law, Michael; and three grandchildren, Gabriel, Sadie and Cassidy, all of whom feel privileged to be a part of her life and rejoice in her accomplishments; and

WHEREAS, In her official acts, Marilyn Bitterman was governed by a keen sense of duty and always showed a unique grasp of human problems; during her tenure with Community Board 7, Borough of Queens, she earned the admiration, esteem and affection of her colleagues; and

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

WHEREAS, It is the sense of this Legislative Body that those who enhance the well-being and vitality of their community and have shown a long and sustained commitment to excellence 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 honor Marilyn Bitterman upon the occasion of her retirement after 40 years of distinguished service; and be it further

RESOLVED, That a copy of this Resolution, suitably engrossed, be transmitted to Marilyn Bitterman.