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Senate Resolution No. 3646

BY: Senator AVELLA

HONORING Helen Chiotes upon the occasion of her designation as recipient of the Homeric Award by the Chian Federation

WHEREAS, Individuals who give of their time and energies and serve the best interests of their communities are an asset beyond remuneration and cannot be sufficiently extolled; and

WHEREAS, Helen Chiotes has given not only of her time and energies but also of her competence, intelligence and leadership and consequently has been designated for special honor; and

WHEREAS, This Legislative Body is justly proud to honor Helen Chiotes upon the occasion of her designation as recipient of the Homeric Award by the Chian Federation, to be celebrated at its 38th Annual Homeric Award Gala on Friday, February 9, 2018, at the Hellenic American Cultural Center, Astoria, New York; and

WHEREAS, The Homeric Award was established in 1977, to honor individuals who have exhibited exceptional leadership in the field of politics, science, arts, education, and public service; these individuals have distinguished themselves in their field and have shown strong and abiding commitment to public service and social progress, serving as an exemplary model to humanity; and

WHEREAS, Helen Chiotes is a renowned Journalist, Philanthropist, and advocate of numerous US/Hellenic and Orthodox causes; and

WHEREAS, A 40-year veteran of CBS, Helen Chiotes has always been committed to the Greek Orthodox Church; and

WHEREAS, In the late 1960s, Helen Chiotes was invited by the late Archbishop Iakovos to participate in a panel on American media which promoted the Greek Orthodox Church; nine years later, she was instrumental in arranging the first television broadcast of the Divine Liturgy from the Greek Orthodox Cathedral in New York; and

WHEREAS, Helen Chiotes is the youngest daughter of Constantine and Vasiliki Chiotes, who came to America from Sparta, Greece, at the age of 16; at an early age, she dedicated her time to studying various forms of dance, expecting to become a ballerina; and

WHEREAS, After attending the Barbizon School of fashion modeling, Helen Chiotes became a fashion and photographic model, which led to her career as an executive at CBS; and

WHEREAS, This remarkable woman went on to study journalism at New York University and various subjects at the New York School for Social Research; she focused on adult education at the New York County Lawyers Association and advanced economics at the Henry George School of Social Science; and

WHEREAS, The recipient of numerous awards and accolades, Helen Chiotes was the subject of commendation in two separate editions of the book, Two Thousand Women Achievement; she was also featured in the book, Foremost Women in Communications, and received recognition for outstanding and continuing meritorious service to CBS; and

WHEREAS, Helen Chiotes is a member of the Women's Press Club of New York City, the American Women in Radio and Television and the National Academy of Television Arts and Sciences; and

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

WHEREAS, It has always been the objective of this Legislative Body to honor and support those individuals who have displayed their commitment to the betterment of their communities, and it is the intent of this Legislative Body to inscribe upon its records, this tribute to Helen Chiotes, that future generations may know and appreciate her admirable character, her many benevolent deeds, and the respect and esteem in which she is held by her peers; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, That this Legislative Body pause in its deliberations to honor Helen Chiotes upon the occasion of her designation as recipient of the Homeric Award by the Chian Federation; and be it further

RESOLVED, That a copy of this Resolution, suitably engrossed, be transmitted to Helen Chiotes.