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Senate Resolution No. 515

BY: Senator COMRIE

COMMEMORATING the 48th Annual Celebration of the Queens Interagency Council on Aging (QICA) on March 28, 2019

WHEREAS, Senior citizens bring a wealth of experience and knowledge to the increasingly active roles they play in today's society; their past contributions and future participation are a vital part of, and valuable asset to, the fabric of community life and activity; and

WHEREAS, This Legislative Body is justly proud to commemorate the 48th Annual Celebration of the Queens Interagency Council on Aging (QICA) to be observed on Thursday, March 28, 2019, in the Queens Community House, at Kew Gardens Community Center, Kew Gardens, New York; and

WHEREAS, Founded in 1971 by social workers and health care providers in the Borough of Queens, New York, the QICA is a non-profit, borough-wide membership organization which speaks with one voice on behalf of seniors and agencies that serve them; and

WHEREAS, Through its member agencies, the QICA strives to ensure that all older adults have access to essential services necessary to improve their health and well-being; and

WHEREAS, In so effectively carrying out its mission, the QICA has demonstrated the value of education and training, advocacy, and partnering with non-profit organizations and businesses to provide a fertile meeting ground for facilitating networking, social action, and cultural enrichment; and

WHEREAS, Throughout the years, as the only interagency council on aging in the Borough of Queens, the QICA has helped set the annual agenda for addressing aging-related issues in New York City; and

WHEREAS, Under the luminous leadership of Executive Director Bruce Cunningham, this vital organization has fulfilled its motto of speaking with one voice involving and coordinating its efforts with the agency's diverse membership which includes community organizations, service providers, seniors, and other individuals; and

WHEREAS, For 48 years, the QICA has been dedicated to promoting the concerns of older citizens in the Borough of Queens, New York; this facility has never lessened its concern for the dignity of every resident it serves, or compromised its standard of excellence for resident care; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, That this Legislative Body pause in its deliberations to commemorate the 48th Annual Celebration of the Queens Interagency Council on Aging on March 28, 2019; and be it further

RESOLVED, That a copy of this Resolution, suitably engrossed, be transmitted to Bruce Cunningham, Executive Director, the Queens Interagency Council on Aging.