

LEGISLATIVE RESOLUTION honoring Susan Samuel upon the occasion of her designation as a Top Woman in Business by the QUEENS COURIER

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, Attendant to such concern, and in full accord with its long-standing traditions, this Legislative Body is justly proud to honor Susan Samuel upon the occasion of her designation as a Top Woman in Business by the QUEENS COURIER on Thursday, May 9, 2013; and

WHEREAS, Susan Samuel is a true leader in delivering innovative, flexible child care solutions which allows parents to customize their child care schedule and puts the well-being of children first; it took 16 years of planning to open her dream community service non-profit organization; and

WHEREAS, It Takes A Community To Raise A Child in South Ozone Park New York, is New York's only 24 hours a day, seven days per week, child care/after school learning center; the Center houses Dream Catcher's Youth Business Program where children from ages five - 12 years old are taught financial literacy and entrepreneurship; and

WHEREAS, It Takes a Community To Raise A Child (ITAC) partnered with the welfare to work program by opening its doors and allowing participants to obtain work experience at the learning center; ITAC also collaborates with Easter Seals by providing training and internship for the elder population; and

WHEREAS, Susan Samuel enjoys training young adults that are interested in early-childhood education and starting their own business; ITAC partnered with various youth groups and summer youth employment to allow an active experience working with infants and school aged children; and

WHEREAS, Earning an associate's degree in liberal arts and science from Queens Borough Community College, Susan Samuel received her bachelor's degree in Psychology from York College, her Master of Science degree in Special Education and a Post Graduate Degree, Professional Diploma in School Administration and Supervision from Queens College; and

WHEREAS, Susan Samuel is also an Educational Therapist/Evaluator for the Susan Samuel Services Inc.; she is a Special Education Consultant working with children up to three years old that are born prematurely and/or diagnosed with a learning disability; and

WHEREAS, Active in her community, Susan Samuel is the co-chair of the Education subcommittee in conjunction with The Greater Allen AME Cathedral and The Jamaica Community Partnership Project (JCPP); in addition, she is a member of ACQC/HIV awareness network of Queens; 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 Susan Samuel upon the occasion of her designation as a Top Woman in Business by the QUEENS COURIER; and be it further

RESOLVED, That a copy of this Resolution, suitably engrossed, be transmitted to Susan Samuel.