LEGISLATIVE RESOLUTION commending Gail Coleman Kupferberg upon the occasion of her designation for special honor by the Queens Botanical Garden on June 6, 2013

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, Gail Coleman Kupferberg 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 commend Gail Coleman Kupferberg upon the occasion of her designation for special honor by the Queens Botanical Garden, to be celebrated at its 18th Annual Rose Gala on Thursday, June 6, 2013; and

WHEREAS, The Queens Botanical Garden is an urban oasis where people, plants and cultures are celebrated through inspiring gardens, innovative educational programs and demonstrations of environmental stewardship; and

WHEREAS, Gail Coleman Kupferberg graduated magna cum laude from Duke University where she earned her Bachelor of Arts degree; she went on to receive her Master of Business Administration degree, with distinction, from Harvard Business School; and

WHEREAS, Gail Coleman Kupferberg has held the position of both Managing Director and Chief Financial Officer of J Fitzgibbons LLC since 2005; prior to joining the firm, she was Chief Financial Officer of Azimuth Trust Company, and served as Executive Vice-President and Chief Financial Officer of Khanty Mansiysk Oil Corporation, a privately held oil exploration and production company; and

WHEREAS, Gail Coleman Kupferberg is Chairman of the Board of Safe Space, a non-profit agency for youth and family services in New York City; and

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

WHEREAS, Rare indeed is the impressive dedication shown by an individual for the benefit of others which Gail Coleman Kupferberg has displayed throughout her life; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, That this Legislative Body pause in its deliberations to commend Gail Coleman Kupferberg upon the occasion of her designation for special honor by the Queens Botanical Garden on June 6, 2013; and be it further

RESOLVED, That a copy of this Resolution, suitably engrossed, be transmitted to Gail Coleman Kupferberg.