

LEGISLATIVE RESOLUTION honoring Hilda Rogers upon the occasion of her designation for special recognition by the Zeta Zeta Lambda Chapter of Alpha Phi Alpha Fraternity Inc.

WHEREAS, It is the sense of this Legislative Body to recognize that the quality and character of life in the communities across New York State are reflective of the concerned and dedicated efforts of those organizations and individuals who would devote themselves to the welfare of the community and its citizenry; and

WHEREAS, Attendant to such concern, and in full accord with its long-standing traditions, this Legislative Body is justly proud to honor Hilda Rogers upon the occasion of her designation for special recognition by the Zeta Zeta Lambda Chapter of Alpha Phi Alpha Fraternity Inc. to be celebrated on Saturday, June 21, 2014; and

WHEREAS, Hilda Rogers was born and raised in Bessemer, Alabama, and received a Bachelor of Arts degree from Knoxville College with additional studies at New York University; and

WHEREAS, A gifted administrator, Hilda Rogers worked for the New York City Housing Authority for 32 years; during this time she held such important positions as Staff Representative for the Department of Community Affairs and Assistant Chief of the Drug Elimination Program; in 2002, she retired from the Housing Authority as Director of the Manhattanville Community Center; and

WHEREAS, Since July 2010, this esteemed woman has served as Executive Director of Alpha Phi Alpha Senior Citizens Center in Cambria Heights, New York, where her outstanding character and intelligence have left an indelible mark; and

WHEREAS, Hilda Rogers eloquently demonstrated her organizational skills by working with her fellow senior center directors to campaign against threatened closures due to future state and city budgetary shortfalls; and

WHEREAS, Hilda Rogers is a member of multiple civic and professional organizations including Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority, and the Queens Botanical Gardens, where she is Assistant Treasurer; she also serves as a member of the Board of Directors at the Queens Sickle Cell Advocacy Network and Charles R. Drew Early Learning Center; and

WHEREAS, A proud member of the NAACP, Hilda Rogers' volunteer service with the organization spans 38 years; she served admirably as President of the New York City Housing Authority Branch and as Regional Director of the Metropolitan Council of NAACP Branches; in addition, she has served on the NAACP's National Nominating Committee and the National Election Supervisory Committee, as well as the Northeast Region Director; and

WHEREAS, This remarkable woman has been the recipient of numerous awards and honors, including the Outstanding Achievement Award from the New York City Housing Authority Guardians; the NAACP New York State Conference E.T. Reed Award; and the New York City Commission on the Status of Women Award and Community Service Award; and

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

WHEREAS, It is the sense of this Legislative Body to commend individuals of outstanding character, who have shown initiative and commitment toward constantly pursuing higher goals for themselves, and acting as role models of leadership to be emulated by both peers and young people; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, That this Legislative Body pause in its deliberations to honor Hilda Rogers upon the occasion of her designation for special

recognition by the Zeta Zeta Lambda Chapter of Alpha Phi Alpha Fraternity Inc.; and be it further

RESOLVED, That a copy of this Resolution, suitably engrossed, be transmitted to Hilda Rogers.