

LEGISLATIVE RESOLUTION commending Christina Wilkinson upon the occasion of her designation for special recognition by the Queens Civic Congress, Inc. on April 17, 2016

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, Christina Wilkinson 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 Christina Wilkinson upon the occasion of her designation for special recognition by the Queens Civic Congress, Inc., to be celebrated at its Biennial Civic Luncheon on Sunday, April 17, 2016, at Antun's Caterers in Queens Village, New York; and

WHEREAS, This auspicious event brings together over 200 civic leaders representing all of Queens, New York, as well as notable federal, state and city officials; and

WHEREAS, The Queens Civic Congress, Inc. is proud to recognize Christina Wilkinson for her substantial role as a community leader; she has continuously cast a positive impact on her community and displayed an unbridled enthusiasm in all her civic endeavors; and

WHEREAS, A fifth generation resident of Queens, Christina Wilkinson is originally from the Maspeth area and currently resides in the Ridgewood section; and

WHEREAS, A prolific author, Christina Wilkinson has written articles about several Queens neighborhoods such as Woodside, Sunnyside, Winfield, Corona, Middle Village, Glendale and Ridgewood for the website Forgotten New York; in addition, she holds the position of Assistant Editor of the JUNIPER BERRY, a quarterly magazine published by the Juniper Park Civic Association; and

WHEREAS, Christina Wilkinson has been called upon to contribute her time and talents to countless civic and charitable endeavors and has always given of herself unstintingly; and

WHEREAS, A valued and involved member of her community, Christina Wilkinson serves as Chair of the Juniper Park Civic Association's Committee to Save St. Saviour's Church, leading a citywide educational effort about the importance of the Richard Upjohn-designed chapel and the historical figures connected to it; and

WHEREAS, In 2007, Christina Wilkinson co-founded the Newtown Historical Society and has been its President ever since; currently, she serves as the communications officer for the COMET civic association (Communities of Maspeth and Elmhurst Together) and as a board member of the Queens County Farm Museum; and

WHEREAS, A devoted public servant, Christina Wilkinson has been deeply involved in several campaigns including protecting the Ridgewood Reservoir from development, working to stop the construction of a megamall inside Flushing Meadows-Corona Park, assisting with the effort to preserve the Brinckerhoff Cemetery and working with Elmhurst United in calling attention to issues regarding the Pan Am homeless shelter; and

WHEREAS, In addition, Christina Wilkinson assists on a wide array of quality-of-life issues from improving railroad safety to graffiti removal; she is also diligently working to help the 281-year-old St. James Church of Elmhurst achieve official New York City landmark status; and

WHEREAS, Throughout the entire period of her community service, a period of constructive involvement, Christina Wilkinson has stood constant in dignity, good grace and humor; and

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

WHEREAS, It is the sense of this Legislative Body that when individuals of such noble aims and accomplishments are brought to our attention, they should be celebrated and recognized by all the citizens of this great Empire State; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, That this Legislative Body pause in its deliberations to commend Christina Wilkinson upon the occasion of her designation for special recognition by the Queens Civic Congress, Inc. on April 17, 2016; and be it further

RESOLVED, That a copy of this Resolution, suitably engrossed, be transmitted to Christina Wilkinson.