

BY: Senator PARKER

COMMENDING Florence R. Simmons upon the occasion of her designation for special recognition by the National Action Network, West Nassau Chapter on March 26, 2017

WHEREAS, From time to time this Legislative Body takes note of certain extraordinary individuals it wishes to recognize for their valued contributions to the success and progress of society and publicly acknowledge their endeavors which have enhanced the basic humanity among us all; and

WHEREAS, This Legislative Body is justly proud to commend Florence R. Simmons upon the occasion of her designation for special recognition by the National Action Network, West Nassau Chapter to be celebrated at its Dreams of Greatness Gala on Sunday, March 26, 2017, at Westbury Manor in Westbury, New York; and

WHEREAS, This auspicious award is given to individuals who have demonstrated exemplary work, services, and commitment to the people of their communities; Florence R. Simmons deserves this honor for her contributions to her neighborhood; and

WHEREAS, The West Nassau Chapter, under the able leadership of District Chairperson, Pastor Emmanuel Asse, continues the mission of NAN which fulfills a vital role in moving our Nation forward; and

WHEREAS, Born and raised in Queens, New York, Florence R. Simmons holds a Master of Science degree from Fordham University; in addition, she is a Certified New York State Chaplain; and

WHEREAS, A true asset to her community, Florence R. Simmons began her lifelong commitment to volunteerism with her local clergy, church community and within the Queens Public Library; she was instrumental in the creation of such initiatives as daycare, food pantry, mentoring and computer tutorial programs; and

WHEREAS, In 1994, Florence R. Simmons created Teens Against Crime, a nonprofit organization dedicated to providing skills development, training and guidance to local youth in an ongoing effort to save and empower young people; 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 commend Florence R. Simmons upon the occasion of her designation for special recognition by the National Action Network, West Nassau Chapter;

and be it further

RESOLVED, That a copy of this Resolution, suitably engrossed, be transmitted to Florence R. Simmons.