

BY: Senator PHILLIPS

COMMENDING Sophia Ramcharitar upon the occasion of her designation for special recognition by the Jewish Community Relations Council at the Annual Holocaust Remembrance Day Commemoration on April 27, 2017

WHEREAS, It is the custom of this Legislative Body to recognize and pay tribute to those young people within the great Empire State who have made strong contributions to their communities and who serve as role models for their peers; and

WHEREAS, Attendant to such concern, and in full accord with its long-standing traditions, this Legislative Body is justly proud to commend Sophia Ramcharitar upon the occasion of her designation for special recognition by the Jewish Community Relations Council at the Annual Holocaust Remembrance Day Commemoration to be held on Thursday, April 27, 2017, at Hofstra University in Hempstead, New York; and

WHEREAS, Holocaust Remembrance Day, known in Hebrew as Yom HaShoah, is a day set aside for remembering the victims of the Holocaust and for reminding New Yorkers, all Americans, and people around the world of what can happen to civilized people when bigotry, hatred and indifference reign; and

WHEREAS, At this auspicious event, Sophia Ramcharitar will be recognized for her diligent work in creating a more civil society for the citizens of not only Nassau County, but the entire State of New York; and

WHEREAS, Sophia Ramcharitar, a student at Floral Park Memorial High School, in Floral Park, New York, created the Global Awareness Club which includes 30 students from eighth to twelfth grade; the Club strives to promote awareness on global issues; and

WHEREAS, The Global Awareness Club has participated in numerous fundraising activities for various international nongovernmental organizations such as UNICEF, Reason2Smile, the Malala Fund and BuildOn; and

WHEREAS, In addition to her work with humanitarian organizations in Floral Park, Sophia Ramcharitar traveled to her family's country of origin, Trinidad and Tobago to work with children at Couva Children's Home and Crisis Nursery in July of 2016; she graciously tutored children ages four through 13 in basic literacy skills; and

WHEREAS, After graduation, Sophia Ramcharitar plans to study international relations at college and aspires to become an international law attorney; and

WHEREAS, With her sense of civic duty and her commitment to others,

Sophia Ramcharitar represents the best development of the potential which is inherent in our most precious resource, our youth; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, That this Legislative Body pause in its deliberations to commend Sophia Ramcharitar upon the occasion of her designation for special recognition by the Jewish Community Relations Council at the Annual Holocaust Remembrance Day Commemoration; and be it further

RESOLVED, That a copy of this Resolution, suitably engrossed, be transmitted to Sophia Ramcharitar.