

BY: Senator COMRIE

COMMENDING the United States Postal Service upon the occasion of producing the Dorothy Height Forever Stamp, which went on sale nationwide, February 1, 2017

WHEREAS, It is the sense of this Legislative Body to commend the efforts of those organizations who seek to bring recognition to historical figures within the State of New York, and in doing so, help to ensure that the complete history of our State and Nation is preserved and shared with present generations of citizens; and

WHEREAS, Attendant to such concern, and in full accord with its long-standing traditions, this Legislative Body is justly proud to commend the United States Postal Service upon the occasion of producing the Dorothy Height Forever Stamp, which went on sale nationwide, Wednesday, February 1, 2017, in celebration of Black History Month; and

WHEREAS, Dorothy Height was a true pioneer; as the President of the National Council of Negro Women, she tirelessly advocated for the rights of both women and African Americans; and

WHEREAS, In 1965, Dorothy Height established the Center for Radical Justice, which she led for 12 years; in 1957, she became the President of the National Council of Negro Women; through her steadfast efforts with the Center and the Council, she became one of the leading figures of the Civil Rights Movement; and

WHEREAS, After the famous March on Washington, Dorothy Height joined the fight for women's rights; in 1971, she helped found the National Women's Political Caucus with Gloria Steinem, Betty Friedan, and Shirley Chisholm; and

WHEREAS, Along with her position as a role model for all women, Dorothy Height worked at the YWCA until her retirement in 1977; after she left her job, she continued to run the National Council of Negro Women for two more decades; one of her later projects focused on strengthening the African-American family by organizing the first Black Family Reunion, a celebration of traditions and values; and

WHEREAS, For her resolute and unrelenting commitment to all women and all African Americans, Dorothy Height received numerous awards and accolades, including the Presidential Medal of Freedom and the Congressional Gold Medal; and

WHEREAS, This Legislative Body is pleased to have this opportunity to express its highest admiration for the Dorothy Height stamps, and for all of the individuals who worked to bring proper attention to a person who merits recognition in the grand panorama of the history of our State and Nation; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, That this Legislative Body pause in its deliberations to commend the United States Postal Service upon the occasion of producing the Dorothy Height Forever Stamp, which went on sale nationwide, February 1, 2017; and be it further

RESOLVED, That a copy of this Resolution, suitably engrossed, be transmitted to Postmaster General Megan J. Brennan.