

BY: Senator COMRIE

COMMENDING Joyce Smith for her 15 years of distinguished service to the Queens County District Attorney's Office

WHEREAS, It is the tradition of this State to pay just tribute to those inspiring individuals who have substantially contributed to our quality of life, as exemplified through a lifetime of thoughtful community-building, munificent public service and zealous advocacy; and

WHEREAS, In full accord with its long-standing traditions, this Legislative Body is justly proud to commend Joyce Smith for her 15 years of service to the Queens County District Attorney's Office, to be celebrated on Monday, January 22, 2018; and

WHEREAS, Joyce Smith was born and raised in Hollis, Queens; this dynamic product of local public schools graduated Magna Cum Laude from Adelphi University and subsequently, excelled at Howard University School of Law where she received her Juris Doctor; and

WHEREAS, Joyce Smith immediately embarked upon a career of remarkable and difference-making public service which has included three different tours of duty at the Queens County District Attorney's Office; and

WHEREAS, Joyce Smith also served our nation as a Staff Attorney at the United States Commission on Civil Rights where she fastidiously investigated discrimination cases, including those involving the denial of equal protection of the laws; and

WHEREAS, Joyce Smith was tasked with multiple leadership positions at the Mayor's Office to Combat Domestic Violence including Assistant Commissioner, where she worked with great determination and tenacity on this issue of critical importance to our children, families and communities; and

WHEREAS, Joyce Smith most recently returned to the Queens County District Attorney's Office in the position of Supervising Assistant District Attorney of the Special Prosecutions Division where she has been an invaluable mentor, community resource, leader, teacher, and prosecutor; and

WHEREAS, Joyce Smith is a beacon and pillar in the community, constantly giving back through her dedicated volunteerism on important causes and insightful presentations to community groups; furthermore, her work as a professor at no less than five colleges and universities has shaped the minds, hearts and careers of multiple generations of students; and

WHEREAS, Joyce Smith is now taking her immense passion, skills and talent to the District Attorney's Office of Nassau County where she will

doubtlessly bring all of her gifts, energy, drive and experience, while serving with her signature matchless dedication and tireless devotion; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, That this Legislative Body pause in its deliberations to commend Joyce Smith for her 15 years of distinguished service to the Queens County District Attorney's Office; and be it further

RESOLVED, That a copy of this Resolution, suitably engrossed, be transmitted to Joyce Smith.