

BY: Senator COMRIE

COMMEMORATING the 25th Anniversary of the Queens
Educational Opportunity Center on January 26, 2017

WHEREAS, It is the custom of this Legislative Body to recognize and honor those commemorative historical events which symbolize the growth and development of the educational institutions which comprise the communities of this great State of New York; and

WHEREAS, Attendant to such concern, and in full accord with its long-standing traditions, this Legislative Body is justly proud to commemorate the 25th Anniversary of the Queens Educational Opportunity Center, to be celebrated on Thursday, January 26, 2017, at York College, Jamaica, New York; and

WHEREAS, Established in 1991, and located in the Jamaica business district, the Queens Educational Opportunity Center (EOC) strives to produce lifelong learners who are self-directed, empowered, and committed to excellence; and

WHEREAS, Students and residents of the surrounding communities are provided a range of services designed to develop their academic, vocational and life skills necessary to become self-sufficient individuals; and

WHEREAS, The program and services at the Queens Educational Opportunity Center are structured to adapt to the needs of the community, and to serve as a readily accessible first step toward the attainment of long-term education and vocational goals; and

WHEREAS, The QEOC is committed to forging supportive service connections with other community organizations, and all programs are tuition free for eligible participants; annually, the Center enrolls more than 1,000 students and provides a host of services including referrals, post-employment and pre-college follow-up to hundreds more; and

WHEREAS, The Queens Educational Opportunity Center offers a variety of programs including, Basic Education, English As a Second Language, High School Equivalency (HSE) Preparation, HSE Assessment Project (HSEAP), Pathways to College, Computerized Medical Billing Specialist, Microsoft Certification Specialist, Emergency Medical Technician, Security Guard Training, Home Health Aide, Job Readiness and Employment Counseling; and

WHEREAS, Steeped in a proud and distinguished history, the Queens Educational Opportunity Center may look back with pride upon its humble beginnings, find just satisfaction in its purposeful growth and hold true of purpose in its commitment to serving the educational needs of the citizens of New York; and

WHEREAS, It is the sense of this Legislative Body to join with the Queens Educational Opportunity Center in the celebration of its 25th Anniversary, recognizing on this auspicious occasion that the quality and dignity of life are empowered by the faithful and diligent efforts of such noble institutions of learning; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, That this Legislative Body pause in its deliberations to commemorate the 25th Anniversary of the Queens Educational Opportunity Center on January 26, 2017; and be it further

RESOLVED, That a copy of this Resolution, suitably engrossed, be transmitted to the Queens Educational Opportunity Center.