

BY: Senator PHILLIPS

COMMENDING Home Health Aide Training Institute, Inc. upon the occasion of hosting its Women of Excellence Awards, and paying tribute to this year's honorees on March 29, 2018

WHEREAS, It is the custom of this Legislative Body to recognize and pay tribute to those women of achievement within the Empire State who have made strong contributions to their communities and who inspire others through their model citizenship; and

WHEREAS, Attendant to such concern, and in full accord with its long-standing traditions, this Legislative Body is justly proud to commend Home Health Aide Training Institute, Inc. upon the occasion of hosting its Women of Excellence Awards, and to pay tribute to this year's honorees on Thursday, March 29, 2018, at Westbury Manor in Westbury, New York; and

WHEREAS, The theme for the 2018 gala event will be "Nevertheless She Persisted"; and

WHEREAS, This year's WOE Honorees include: Education, Gloria P. Dingwall, Principal, Dryden Street School; Finance Industry, Pastor Audrey D. F. Smart, Owner and Founder, SMARTS Management and Consultants; Youth Development, Dr. Samarth Joseph, Owner and Founder, ESPOIR Youth Empowerment; Lifetime Achievement: Woman of Wisdom, Lena Bly, Client of Home Health Aide Training Institute; Humanitarian, Kayla Joie Jean-Baptiste, Founder and Owner, A Need to Feed; Longevity Award, Pastor Sheila M. Beckford, Westbury Methodist Church; Social Justice Advocate, Candace Coleman, Weekday Facilitator, Riker's Island; and Family Life Specialist, Kira Bryant; and

WHEREAS, Each and every one of these strong and compassionate women are receiving this auspicious award for their steadfast and unrelenting commitment to their community, and for their many accomplishments; and

WHEREAS, Rare indeed is the impressive dedication shown by an individual for the benefit of others which these remarkable women have displayed throughout their lives; 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 Home Health Aide Training Institute, Inc. upon the occasion of hosting its Women of Excellence Awards, and to pay tribute to this year's honorees on March 29, 2018; and be it further

RESOLVED, That copies of this Resolution, suitably engrossed, be transmitted to the aforementioned honorees.