

BY: Senator PHILLIPS

COMMENDING Quiana Funchess upon the occasion of her designation for special recognition by the Jewish Community Relations Council-Long Island, at its Annual Holocaust Remembrance Day Commemoration on April 26, 2018

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 Quiana Funchess upon the occasion of her designation for special recognition by the Jewish Community Relations Council-Long Island, at its Annual Holocaust Remembrance Day Commemoration to be held on Thursday, April 26, 2018, 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, Quiana Funchess 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, A student at Westbury High School in Old Westbury, New York, Quiana Funchess volunteered to be an assistant ENL tutor in the English as a New Language Newcomers Class during her sophomore year; throughout her last three years of service, she has mentored and tutored numerous students; and

WHEREAS, Quiana Funchess was instrumental in creating the popular Cultural Navigation Team which has helped ENL students feel comfortable in a new place and environment; and

WHEREAS, As a founder of the Team, Quiana Funchess has worked on various presentations and activities, a calendar of events, and recruited multi-lingual students to assist those who were new to the school building; and

WHEREAS, Quiana Funchess is a credit to her family, school, community, and her State and Nation, and it is certain that her future will be filled with accomplishments of equal importance; and

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

Quiana Funchess 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 Quiana Funchess upon the occasion of her designation for special recognition by the Jewish Community Relations Council-Long Island, at its Annual Holocaust Remembrance Day Commemoration on April 26, 2018; and be it further

RESOLVED, That a copy of this Resolution, suitably engrossed, be transmitted to Quiana Funchess.