

BY: Senator MONTGOMERY

HONORING Natasha Esteves upon the occasion of her designation as recipient of the Community Service Award by The Brooklyn Club of the National Association of Negro Business and Professional Women's Clubs, Inc.

WHEREAS, Individuals who give of their time and energies and serve the best interests of their communities are an asset beyond remuneration and cannot be sufficiently extolled; and

WHEREAS, Natasha Esteves has given not only of her time and energies but also of her competence, intelligence and leadership and consequently has been designated for special honor; and

WHEREAS, This Legislative Body is justly proud to honor Natasha Esteves upon the occasion of her designation as recipient of the Community Service Award by The Brooklyn Club of the National Association of Negro Business and Professional Women's Clubs, Inc., to be celebrated at its 51st Annual Founders' Day Observance, "Empowering Communities and Shaping Lives," on Saturday, April 28, 2018, at Gargiulo's Restaurant, Brooklyn, New York; and

WHEREAS, Born and raised in Bedford Stuyvesant, Brooklyn, Natasha Esteves graduated from Boys and Girls High School (BGHS), during which time she received the Survivors' Award for her dramatic change and direction in life; she went on to attend Borough of Manhattan Community College and Virginia Union University (VUU), earning her Bachelor of Arts degree in Criminal Justice in 2007; and

WHEREAS, Natasha Esteves began her career as a substitute teacher with the Department of Education (DOE) and a family worker in the Bedford Stuyvesant Community, where she became inspired to help those in need; and

WHEREAS, While working full time at the DOE, Natasha Esteves used this inspiration to earn her Master of Social Work degree in Community Organizing, Planning, and Development at Hunter College; and

WHEREAS, After graduation, Natasha Esteves began working at the Bedford Stuyvesant Community Partnership Program where she was able to use her personal and professional connections and relationships to help rebuild partnerships; and

WHEREAS, Throughout the years, with her vast experiences in the nonprofit sector, education system, mentally disabled, youth offenders, children services, foster care and community based organizations, Natasha Esteves has developed a passion for effective change in her community; and

WHEREAS, Natasha Esteves has flourished and grown into a truly

amazing grassroots community organizer; and

WHEREAS, Rare indeed is the impressive dedication shown by an individual for the benefit of others which Natasha Esteves has displayed throughout her life; and

WHEREAS, It has always been the objective of this Legislative Body to honor and support those individuals who have displayed their commitment to the betterment of their communities, and it is the intent of this Legislative Body to inscribe upon its records, this tribute to Natasha Esteves, that future generations may know and appreciate her admirable character, her many benevolent deeds, and the respect and esteem in which she is held by her peers; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, That this Legislative Body pause in its deliberations to honor Natasha Esteves upon the occasion of her designation as recipient of the Community Service Award by The Brooklyn Club of the National Association of Negro Business and Professional Women's Clubs, Inc.; and be it further

RESOLVED, That a copy of this Resolution, suitably engrossed, be transmitted to Natasha Esteves.