

Assembly Resolution No. 191

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COMMENDING DaQueen Monroe, President and CEO of The Autism Project-FLOS, Inc., in conjunction with Women's History Month, for her unwavering commitment to special needs children and their families

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 DaQueen Monroe, President and CEO of The Autism Project-FLOS, Inc. in conjunction with Women's History Month, for her unwavering commitment to special needs children and their families; and

WHEREAS, Women of every race, class, and ethnic background have made invaluable contributions to the growth and strength of New York State in countless recorded and unrecorded ways; and

WHEREAS, Each year, the State of New York officially sets aside time to recognize the achievements and lives of these exemplary women, representatives of the wide-ranging and vital roles women have played in the historic development of this great Empire State and its communities; and

WHEREAS, A life-time resident of the city of Yonkers, New York, DaQueen Monroe received her Master of Business Administration degree from Monroe College; currently, she is working on her master's degree in disability studies at the City University of New York School of Professional Studies; and

WHEREAS, After her son, Shaquan, was diagnosed with autism, DaQueen Monroe realized it was difficult to find an organization in the urban community that worked with special needs children; her unwavering dedication to her son gave her the inspiration to start The Autism Project-FLOS, For the Love of Shaquan; and

WHEREAS, The Autism Project-FLOS was established as an outreach program to enlighten, help and support parents, caregivers and anyone in direct contact with anyone on the autism spectrum; it helps autistic individuals learn life skills through opportunity, training and education in an affordable and accessible way; and

WHEREAS, In addition, The Autism Project-FLOS supports the family members of the individual with autism through training, workshops and community outreach, ensuring the person has opportunities to help transition into adulthood; and

WHEREAS, With the inception of The Autism Project-FLOS, DaQueen

Monroe strives to help parents not feel isolated and hopeless when their children are diagnosed; using her own experiences, she hopes to educate all parents on autism awareness and teach them the best way to work with an autistic individual; and

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

WHEREAS, It is the sense of this Legislative Body that when individuals of such noble aims and accomplishments are brought to our attention, they should be celebrated and recognized by all the citizens of the great State of New York; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, That this Legislative Body pause in its deliberations to commend DaQueen Monroe, President and CEO of The Autism Project-FLOS, Inc. in conjunction with Women's History Month, for her unwavering commitment to special needs children and their families; and be it further

RESOLVED, That a copy of this Resolution, suitably engrossed, be transmitted to DaQueen Monroe, President and CEO of The Autism Project-FLOS, Inc.