

Assembly Resolution No. 192

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COMMENDING Kathy Graves, past-President of the Longvale Homeowners Association, in conjunction with Women's History Month, for her unwavering commitment to the families and communities of Yonkers

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 Kathy Graves, past-President of the Longvale Homeowners Association, in conjunction with Women's History Month, for her unwavering commitment to the families and communities of Yonkers, New York; 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 graduate of University of Pennsylvania, Kathy Graves received her Master of Business Administration degree from Columbia University and went on to secure a Certificate in College Counseling from University of California, Los Angeles; and

WHEREAS, Kathy Graves is the past-President of the Longvale Homeowners Association, a neighborhood civic organization which she helped revive in 2012; under her luminous leadership, the association has become one of the most active neighborhood associations in Yonkers, sponsoring local events from block parties to luminary nights to community service activities; and

WHEREAS, As an advocate at the city, county and state level, Kathy Graves worked for better storm water management to protect the quality of life in communities along the Bronx River and the Sprain Brook; due to her dedication, she was able to help secure a grant for Yonkers to study storm recovery and resilience; and

WHEREAS, For her tireless efforts, Kathy Graves was appointed to the Yonkers New York Rising Community Reconstruction Committee, sponsored by the Governor's Office of Storm Recovery; she also serves as a community representative to the Bronx River Advisory Board; and

WHEREAS, In addition to caring for her community, Kathy Graves owns and operates her own consulting firm, Admissions Blueprint, where she counsels college-bound students through the admissions process; and

WHEREAS, Rare indeed is the impressive dedication shown by an individual for the benefit of others which Kathy Graves 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 honor Kathy Graves, past-President of the Longvale Homeowners Association, in conjunction with Women's History Month, for her unwavering commitment to the families and communities of Yonkers, New York; and be it further

RESOLVED, That a copy of this Resolution, suitably engrossed, be transmitted to Kathy Graves, past-President, Longvale Homeowners Association.