

BY: Senator FUNKE

COMMENDING Hilda R. Escher upon the occasion of her retirement after many years of service to the Ibero American Action League

WHEREAS, This Legislative Body seeks to acknowledge those individuals whose professional lives and civic endeavors serve to enhance the stature of the State of New York; and

WHEREAS, It is the custom of this Legislative Body to recognize that the quality and character of life in communities across New York State are reflective of the concerned and dedicated efforts of those individuals who are devoted to the welfare of their community and its citizenry; and

WHEREAS, Attendant to such concern, and in full accord with its long-standing traditions, this Legislative Body is justly proud to commend Hilda R. Escher upon the occasion of her retirement after many years of distinguished service to the Ibero American Action League; this momentous occasion will be feted with a Farewell Celebration held in her honor on Thursday, February 21, 2019, at the Wegmans Conference Center in Rochester, New York; and

WHEREAS, Born and raised in Vega Baja, Puerto Rico, Hilda Rosario Escher earned her Bachelor of Science degree in sociology, education and social work from the University of Puerto Rico; using her extensive knowledge, she became a highly respected source in the fields of developmental disabilities, foster care, adoption, daycare and employment/training services; and

WHEREAS, After moving to the Rochester area, Hilda R. Escher sought services from the Ibero American Action League, a dual-language human services agency; using her new found skills, she quickly became an involved and active part of her community; and

WHEREAS, In 1975, Hilda R. Escher began her long and distinguished career with Ibero American Action League, the agency which helped her succeed, not only in the classroom, but also in her community; through the years, she rose through the ranks, holding the title of President and CEO from 2006 until her official retirement in 2019; and

WHEREAS, In this capacity, Hilda R. Escher diligently worked to support individuals and families of all ethnic backgrounds with a specific focus on the Latino community; and

WHEREAS, In addition to her work with the Ibero American Action League, Hilda R. Escher served as President of the Rochester Psychiatric Center Board, and is a member of both the Provider Council and the Executive Committee for the Council of Agency Executives, University of Rochester Center for Community Health; and

WHEREAS, For her steadfast and unrelenting commitment to her community, Hilda R. Escher was the recipient of the 2019 Athena International Award; 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 Hilda R. Escher upon the occasion of her retirement after many years of distinguished service to the Ibero American Action League; and be it further

RESOLVED, That a copy of this Resolution, suitably engrossed, be transmitted to Hilda R. Escher.