

Assembly Resolution No. 866

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HONORING Barbara Williams for assisting in the delivery of meals to seniors at Lindsay Park Housing Corporation in the Williamsburg neighborhood of Brooklyn, New York

WHEREAS, It is the custom of this Legislative Body to call attention to the dedicated efforts of those individuals from across the State of New York who volunteer their time and energies in service to the community; and

WHEREAS, Attendant to such concern, and in full accord with its long-standing traditions, this Legislative Body is justly proud to honor Barbara Williams for assisting in the delivery of meals to seniors at Lindsay Park Housing Corporation in the Williamsburg neighborhood of Brooklyn, New York; and

WHEREAS, Barbara Williams, a lifelong Brooklynite, has a reputation as the neighborhood do-gooder in Williamsburg; she volunteers with census outreach, regularly hosted movie nights for seniors before the pandemic, and owns a business which supports women going through menopause; and

WHEREAS, This extraordinary woman coordinates distribution efforts for over 5,000 hot meals in Williamsburg, half of them for senior citizens; the majority of the meals are distributed in Lindsay Park Housing, the sprawling seven-building cooperative housing complex where Barbara Williams has lived for 24 years; and

WHEREAS, Barbara Williams oversees a team of seven volunteers who deliver hot meals obtained from a variety of sources, including: private donations, Bushwick non-profit Sustainable United Neighborhoods, and World Central Kitchen, the charity run by celebrity chef Jose Andres; and

WHEREAS, Volunteerism is an essential element of all societies; it provides a way in which the human values of community, caring and serving can be sustained and strengthened; and

WHEREAS, Furthermore, volunteerism promotes family and community solidarity; most importantly, people who volunteer their time in civic and charitable endeavors inspire others to the call of volunteerism; and

WHEREAS, Service to community and country is the foundation of our society, and the contributions and future efforts of those in service to them are a vital part of, and valuable asset to, the fabric of our communities; 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 this great Empire State; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, That this Legislative Body pause in its deliberations to honor Barbara Williams for assisting in the delivery of meals to seniors at Lindsay Park Housing Corporation; and be it further

RESOLVED, That a copy of this Resolution, suitably engrossed, be transmitted to Barbara Williams.