

BY: Senator PARKER

HONORING Antonia Yuille Williams upon the occasion of her retirement after 34 years of distinguished service to Con Edison Company of New York, Incorporated

WHEREAS, It is the custom of this Legislative Body to acknowledge those individuals whose professional lives and civic endeavors serve to enhance the stature of the State of New York; and

WHEREAS, Attendant to such concern, and in full accord with its long-standing traditions, this Legislative Body is justly proud to honor Antonia Yuille Williams upon the occasion of her retirement after 34 years of distinguished service to Con Edison Company of New York, Incorporated, to be celebrated at a retirement party on Friday, June 3, 2022, at the Center for Fiction in Brooklyn, New York; and

WHEREAS, For the past 34 years, Antonia Yuille Williams, affectionately known as Toni, rendered faithful, conscientious, and valuable service to Con Edison Company of New York, Incorporated (Con Edison); and

WHEREAS, In her capacity as Director of Regional and Community Affairs, Antonia Yuille Williams served with loyalty, honor and distinction; and

WHEREAS, Antonia Yuille Williams graduated Summa Cum Laude from the University of Massachusetts in Amherst and completed a graduate degree in health services administration from the University of Michigan at Ann Arbor; she went on to complete certificate programs in corporate community relations and social responsibility at Boston College and community negotiations at Harvard University; and

WHEREAS, She has also served in an academic staff position at the University of California at Berkeley, and was an Adjunct Professor at St. Francis College; she is a graduate of the American Academy of Dramatic Art; and

WHEREAS, Antonia Yuille Williams joined Con Edison in 1988 as Manager of Public Information, and shortly thereafter was promoted to the Director of Public Affairs position with the company; and

WHEREAS, As Director, Antonia Yuille Williams develops the strategic direction for the Brooklyn Community Affairs department, for one of the nation's largest investor-owned energy companies; her responsibilities include government relations, corporate community relations, strategic partnerships, media relations, employee communications, volunteerism, and special events; and

WHEREAS, In her official acts, Antonia Yuille Williams was governed by a keen sense of duty and always showed a unique grasp of human

problems; and

WHEREAS, Antonia Yuille Williams is also the creator, on air personality, and executive producer of "Brooklyn Savvy," a Talk Show which airs three times a week on NYClife; the show explores topical and social justice issues resonant to people living in an urban environment; she has created a library of content of over 300 episodes, and has a very active social media presence; and

WHEREAS, As a result of the talk show, Mayor Michael Bloomberg's Commission of Women's Issues honored her at their Annual Women's History Month Program for her part in shaping the dialogue around women's issues; and

WHEREAS, "Brooklyn Savvy" was also recognized with two awards from the Black and Latino Filmmakers Coalition where she received the top award for outstanding series, followed by the top producer award; Antonia Yuille Williams also received a Telly Award for excellence in community programming for her work on The Brooklyn Reporter Roundtable; and

WHEREAS, Antonia Yuille Williams recently launched a new radio show called "Art Movez" which explores the intersection of art and social justice and art and technology; the show takes place on WNYE 91.5 on Sunday nights; and

WHEREAS, A devoted member of her community, Antonia Yuille Williams is Chair of the Federation of Protestant Welfare Agencies, Chair of the Brooklyn Arts Council, and the Chair of The Billie Holiday Theater; she is also on the board of the Brooklyn Navy Yard Development Corporation, Brooklyn Chamber of Commerce, Bedford Stuyvesant Restoration Corporation, BRIC Arts Media, Brooklyn Bridge Park Conservancy, and New York City Technical College Foundation; and

WHEREAS, Antonia Yuille Williams is also the former First Vice Chair of The Brooklyn Links, Inc. Brooklyn Chapter, and Former Vice Chair of Jack and Jill of America, Brooklyn Chapter; she was also appointed to the Mayor's Panel on the Role of Brooklyn in the 19th Century Abolitionist Movement; and

WHEREAS, The recipient of numerous awards and accolades, Antonia Yuille Williams has received with the highest honor a leader can receive the Outstanding Brooklynite Award, given only to those who have made an outstanding contribution, while providing exemplary service to the Borough, the Business Leader of the Year Award from the National Negro Business and Professional Women's Club, and the prestigious Corporate Citizen of the Year Award from the Brooklyn Chamber of Commerce, amongst numerous other revered recognitions; and

WHEREAS, Toni has been featured in numerous articles in **Our Time Press, Harlem Times, Brooklyn Spectator, Courier Life Publications, and Industry Magazine;** she has also presented at numerous conference workshops, and seminars; and

WHEREAS, During her tenure with Con Edison, Antonia Yuille Williams

earned the admiration, esteem, and affection of her colleagues; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, That this Legislative Body pause in its deliberations to honor Antonia Yuille Williams upon the occasion of her retirement after 34 years of distinguished service; and be it further

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