

BY: Senator PARKER

COMMENDING WyQuasia C. King-Thomas upon the occasion of her designation for special recognition by the Most Worshipful Prince Hall Grand Lodge of New York at its Celebration of Women Luncheon

WHEREAS, Individuals who give of their time and energies and serve the best interests of their communities are an asset beyond remuneration and cannot be sufficiently extolled; and

WHEREAS, WyQuasia C. King-Thomas has given not only of her time and energies but also of her competence, intelligence and leadership and consequently has been designated for special honor; and

WHEREAS, This Legislative Body is justly proud to commend WyQuasia C. King-Thomas upon the occasion of her designation for special recognition by the Most Worshipful Prince Hall Grand Lodge of New York to be recognized at its Celebration of Women Luncheon on Saturday, March 25, 2023; and

WHEREAS, Each year New York State officially sets aside time to recognize the unique contributions that New York women have made to New York State and beyond; and

WHEREAS, WyQuasia C. King-Thomas has been called upon to contribute her time and talents to countless civic and charitable endeavors and has always given of herself unstintingly; and

WHEREAS, WyQuasia C. King-Thomas was born on January 9, 1990, in Peekskill, New York, to Mr. and Mrs. Walter C. King Jr.; and

WHEREAS, With a passion for fashion and a Bachelor's degree in Business Administration from Berkeley College, WyQuasia C. King-Thomas founded the Fashion Club and Modeling Troupe where she served two terms as President; and

WHEREAS, WyQuasia C. King-Thomas began her illustrious career in the corporate fashion industry as a buyer for DressBarn Inc. before taking on her role with Macy's where she has remained for the past 10 years, curating all day dresses for 450 Macy's locations and macys.com; and

WHEREAS, In 2016, WyQuasia C. King-Thomas founded Class With Capri Events, Inc., an event planning and design company based in Westchester, New York; she is also very involved in her family-owned businesses and works as the Assistant Director of Little Kings and Queens Learning Center as well as the Event Operations Manager of Little Kings and Queens Entertainment Inc.; and

WHEREAS, In 2021, WyQuasia C. King-Thomas became a pioneer with her creation of the Macy's x Kasper Divine Nine Sorority Collection, a dress and suit collection representative of the various historically Black

Greek letter sororities exclusive to Macy's, and was featured in business segments from **The Wall Street Journal**, Bloomberg Networks and countless other publications like **Ebony Magazine**, Yahoo News, BET and many more; and

WHEREAS, Holding many titles in various fraternal organizations, WyQuasia C. King-Thomas is a member of Zeta Phi Beta Sorority Incorporated and currently serves as the Parliamentarian of Gamma Xi Zeta Chapter in Westchester County; she is a Past Matron of Ruth Chapter No. 8, and currently serving as District Deputy Grand Matron of Eureka Grand Chapter, Prince Hall Order Eastern Star Incorporated, State of New York, and Past Grand Queen of Emmett J. Avery Grand Court Ladies of The Circle of Perfection; and

WHEREAS, Furthermore, she is a Past Illustrious Commandress of Elejmal Court No. 171, Imperial Court Daughters, as well as Royal Lady of Magdalene Court No. 12, Order of Cyrene; and

WHEREAS, With a steadfast and unwavering commitment to her community, WyQuasia C. King-Thomas is an advocate of charity and serves as a mentor to other young women and aspiring business professionals; she is a member of the NAACP as well as a certified member of the National Association of Parliamentarians; she received her first board appointment to the Board of Directors for Ferrara Management Group Inc., in 2023; and

WHEREAS, WyQuasia C. King-Thomas has been the proud recipient of countless awards and accolades for her achievements and dedication to her local community, and she is a graduate of the McKinsey Leadership Accelerator Program, a development experience for the next generation of business leaders; and

WHEREAS, A resident of Peekskill, New York, WyQuasia C. King-Thomas is a woman of indomitable faith and a member of Star of Bethlehem Baptist Church in Ossining; in her spare time she enjoys traveling, shopping, participating in community events, and fine dining; and

WHEREAS, With her throughout has been her loving husband, Kenneth Thomas, who feels privileged to be a part of her life and rejoices in her many achievements; and

WHEREAS, Rare indeed is the impressive dedication shown by an individual for the benefit of others which WyQuasia C. King-Thomas has displayed throughout her life; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, That this Legislative Body pause in its deliberations to honor WyQuasia C. King-Thomas upon the occasion of her designation for special recognition by the Most Worshipful Prince Hall Grand Lodge of New York at its Celebration of Women Luncheon; and be it further

RESOLVED, That a copy of this Resolution, suitably engrossed, be transmitted to WyQuasia C. King-Thomas.