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COMMENDING Andrea Scarborough upon the occasion of her designation for special recognition by the National Council of Negro Women-Queens County Section on June 8, 2025

WHEREAS, It is incumbent upon the people of the State of New York to recognize and acknowledge those within our midst who have made significant contributions to the quality of life therein; and

WHEREAS, Attendant to such concern, and in full accord with its long-standing traditions, this Legislative Body is justly proud to commend Andrea Scarborough upon the occasion of her designation for special recognition by the National Council of Negro Women-Queens County Section, to be celebrated at its 37th Annual Black and White Celebration of Honorees on Sunday, June 8, 2025, at Antun's in Queens Village, New York; and

WHEREAS, Andrea Scarborough, a proud native of Trinidad and Tobago, moved to New York as a teenager and has since dedicated her life to service, education, and community advocacy, earning degrees from LaGuardia Community College and Baruch College; and

WHEREAS, Andrea Scarborough had a distinguished 20-year career at AT&T Communications, where she retired as an Account Executive and was repeatedly recognized for outstanding service, while also co-founding Jasmine's Catering Service with her sister, building a business known for excellence, attention to detail, and quality; and

WHEREAS, A passionate community advocate, Andrea Scarborough has contributed her time and leadership to numerous civic and environmental organizations, including the United Coalition of Veterans & Community Rights and the Southern Queens Residents Environmental Justice Council, where she has championed issues from veterans' health care to flood mitigation in Southeast Queens; and

WHEREAS, As former President of the Addisleigh Park Civic Organization (APCO), Andrea Scarborough led transformative initiatives including securing nonprofit status for APCO, developing a vibrant community garden from a vacant lot, lobbying for street safety improvements, and securing funding for community security cameras; and

WHEREAS, Andrea Scarborough has played a critical role in environmental justice efforts, including advocacy that led to the passage of the NYC Waste Equity Law (Intro 157-C), a key policy that reduced waste inflow into Jamaica/Queens by 33%, and helped secure a \$1 million EPA grant to study air pollution and health impacts in Southeast Queens; and

WHEREAS, Through successful environmental litigation efforts, Andrea Scarborough and her partners achieved a settlement with local waste

transfer stations that included commitments to significant facility upgrades to reduce odor, dust, and noise, further improving quality of life for area residents; and

WHEREAS, A devoted member of St. Albans Congregational Church, Andrea Scarborough continues to serve as the Servant Leader of the Archives Ministry, and remains a steadfast advocate for Southeast Queens through her work with numerous advisory boards and civic coalitions; 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 commend Andrea Scarborough upon the occasion of her designation for special recognition by the National Council of Negro Women-Queens County Section; and be it further

RESOLVED, That a copy of this Resolution, suitably engrossed, be transmitted to Andrea Scarborough.