

LEGISLATIVE RESOLUTION honoring Louise Alvarado upon the occasion of her retirement as the Coordinator of the Meals on Wheels Program at the Tompkins Park Senior Center

WHEREAS, It is the sense of this Legislative Body to recognize and honor those distinguished citizens of this great Empire State who have devoted themselves to faithfully serving the best interests of their community and the needs of its residents; and

WHEREAS, Attendant to such concern, and in full accord with its long-standing traditions, this Legislative Body is justly proud to honor Louise Alvarado upon the occasion of her retirement as the Coordinator of the Meals on Wheels Program at the Tompkins Park Senior Center; and

WHEREAS, Born and raised in Spanish Harlem, Louise Alvarado was second of Alfonso and Lucille Padron's five children; she attended Mable Dean Bacon Vocational School and graduated from Fashion Industries High School in 1957, before entering the job market; and

WHEREAS, After getting married to Philip Alvarado, Louise Alvarado moved to the Bushwick section of Brooklyn to raise a family; at this time, she attended the Williamsburg Adult Training Center, where she received a Certificate of Completion in the field of business machines and manual bookkeeping which enabled her to land a job as an Assistant Bookkeeper at the Blue Ribbon Fish Company; and

WHEREAS, Louise Alvarado resigned from the Blue Ribbon Fish Company in 1976 to have her final child; as her son attended day care, she completed a course in Key Punch and Typing and landed a position as an Office Clerk at Boulevard Chrysler Plymouth Sales; unfortunately, she was laid off a year later due to a staff reduction and took on a variety of odd jobs to support her family; and

WHEREAS, A short while later, Louise Alvarado received an offer to work as a home health aide at Concord Services for the Elderly and enrolled in a three year course at the College for Human Services to further her education; and

WHEREAS, During this time, Louise Alvarado came across an offer to be a bilingual coordinator and supervisor for the homebound meals delivery services and was highly recommended by her boss at the time, Alfonso Hines, who felt she was perfect for the position; and

WHEREAS, In 1986, BHRAGS-Tompkins Park welcomed Louise Alvarado to its team and she has dedicated over two decades to successfully running the Meals on Wheels Program, with the exception of a two-year period acting as the Director of Wayside-Tompkins Park; and

WHEREAS, Throughout her career with Meals on Wheels, Louise Alvarado has served with intelligence and caring dedication, continuously striving to effectively fulfill the duties of her position; and

WHEREAS, Sincerely loved and greatly respected by all those with whom she worked, Louise Alvarado will be remembered for her honesty, integrity, keen sense of duty and ability to show a unique grasp of human problems in her official acts; and

WHEREAS, With Louise Alvarado throughout have been her four children, Deborah, Audrey, Jamar and Philip Jr., all of whom feel privileged to be a part of her life and rejoice in her many achievements; 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 the great State of New York; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, That this Legislative Body pause in its deliberations to honor Louise Alvarado upon the occasion of her retirement as the Coordinator of the Meals on Wheels Program at the Tompkins Park Senior Center,

and to wish her continued success in all of her future endeavors; and be

it further

RESOLVED, That a copy of this Resolution, suitably engrossed, be transmitted to Louise Alvarado.