LEGISLATIVE RESOLUTION commending Melissa Morrone upon the occasion of her being honored on March 24, 2011, in conjunction with Women's History Month in the State of New York

WHEREAS, This Legislative Body is justly proud to honor Melissa Morrone upon the occasion of her designation for special recognition to be celebrated at the Annual Women's History Celebration at the Cort Club in Gerritsen Beach, Brooklyn, New York, on March 24, 2011; and

WHEREAS, Women of every race, class, and ethnic background have made historic contributions to the growth and strength of New York State in countless recorded and unrecorded ways; and

WHEREAS, Each year, the State of New York officially sets aside time to recognize the unique contributions that women have made to this great Empire State and its society; and

WHEREAS, Melissa Morrone has continually demonstrated extreme competence, extraordinary intelligence and diligent leadership in her unwavering service to her community and profession; and

WHEREAS, A Westchester County native, Melissa Morrone graduated cum laude from Columbia University as an English major and received her Master's in Library and Information Studies from Montreal's McGill University in 2002; and

WHEREAS, Melissa Morrone is currently the Technology Training Specialist for the future Information Commons at Brooklyn Public Library and until recently, she was the Library Information Supervisor at its Flatlands branch; and

WHEREAS, Melissa Morrone has conducted workshops at Brooklyn Public Library as well as community outreach projects on topics such as Internet research, managing information online, and basic website development; and

WHEREAS, Melissa Morrone is co-author of a 2009 article, "Radical Reference: Socially Responsible Librarianship Collaborating with Community"; and

WHEREAS, Melissa Morrone 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, In addition to librarianship, Melissa Morrone is active in local social justice groups, including the books-to-prisoners group Books Through Bars; and

WHEREAS, Throughout the entire period of her community service, a period of constructive involvement, Melissa Morrone has stood constant in dignity, good grace and humor; and

WHEREAS, This Legislative Body is pleased to have this opportunity to express its highest admiration for Melissa Morrone, and to wish her continued success in all of her future endeavors; 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 commend Melissa Morrone upon the occasion of her being honored on March 24, 2011, in conjunction with Women's History Month in the State of New York; and be it further

RESOLVED, That a copy of this Resolution, suitably engrossed, be transmitted to Melissa Morrone.