

BY: Senator STAVISKY

COMMENDING Queensborough Community College upon the occasion of hosting its 2017 Partners For Progress Gala, and paying tribute to this year's honoree

WHEREAS, It is the sense of this Legislative Body to recognize and commend those institutions of true purpose and high achievement whose exemplary programs and accomplishments clearly demonstrate an enduring pursuit of excellence in higher education for the youth of this noble Empire State; and

WHEREAS, Attendant to such concern, and in full accord with its long-standing traditions, this Legislative Body is justly proud to commend Queensborough Community College upon the occasion of hosting its 2017 Partners For Progress Gala on Thursday, April 27, 2017, and to pay tribute to this year's honoree; and

WHEREAS, This year's distinguished honorees being recognized for their unwavering dedication to the mission of Queensborough Community College, and their loyal support of its students include: Art Gallery Partner of the Year, Thomas Chen, Founder, President and CEO of Crystal Window & Door Systems, Ltd; Community Partners of the Year, Jackson and Muriel Lum, Professor Emeritus, Engineering Technology, QBCC/CUNY; and Kupferberg Holocaust Center Partner of the Year, Benjamin L. Schwartz, President and CEO, Metropolitan Property Services, Inc.; and

WHEREAS, Situated in the most diverse county in the United States, Queensborough Community College reflects its surroundings with a student body hailing from more than 140 countries speaking 84 different languages; and

WHEREAS, With over 17 academic departments, more than 26,000 students are enrolled in either degree, certificate or continuing education programs on the campus; and

WHEREAS, Queensborough Academies is an initiative which offers both extended outreach and intervention strategies to help students succeed, as well as in-depth writing courses, internships, and educational opportunities at the college's cultural resource centers: The Kupferberg Holocaust Resource Center and Archives, the QCC Art Gallery and the Performing Arts Center - all serving to reinforce classroom teaching; and

WHEREAS, Queensborough Community College is under the able leadership of President Dr. Diane B. Call; today, over half of the college's students continue their education and go on to four-year CUNY colleges or for additional skills training for career advancement; and

WHEREAS, Dedicated to research in both teaching methodologies and individual disciplines, 58 percent of Queensborough Community College's

faculty hold doctoral degrees; and

WHEREAS, It is only fitting that this Legislative Body extend its highest commendation to the administration, teachers and staff, both past and present, of Queensborough Community College for their dedication and commitment to the students and community in the creation of a better world for the leaders of tomorrow; and

RESOLVED, That this Legislative Body pauses in its deliberations to commend Queensborough Community College upon the occasion of hosting its 2017 Partners For Progress Gala, and to pay tribute to this year's honoree; and be it further

RESOLVED, That a copy of this Resolution, suitably engrossed, be transmitted to Dr. Diane B. Call, President, Queensborough Community College, and the aforementioned honorees.