

BY: Senator PARKER

HONORING Arlene B. Punnett upon the occasion of her designation as recipient of the Melvin Jones Fellow Award by Stuy Park Lions Club, Inc. on February 14, 2020

WHEREAS, It is the sense of this Legislative Body to recognize and honor those distinguished citizens who would devote their life's work and purpose to community service, contributing to the welfare of the citizens of their communities and this great Empire State; and

WHEREAS, Attendant to such concern, and in full accord with its long-standing traditions, this Legislative Body is justly proud to honor Arlene B. Punnett upon the occasion of her designation as recipient of the Melvin Jones Fellow Award by Stuy Park Lions Club, Inc. to be celebrated at its Red and White Sweetheart Gala on Friday, February 14, 2020, at Antun's, Queens Village, New York; and

WHEREAS, The Stuy Park Lions Club is part of Lions Club International, one of the largest service organizations in the world, and is deeply committed to meeting the challenges of public service; and

WHEREAS, Active in her community, Arlene B. Punnett currently serves as the Chairperson of the Stewardship Committee at The Church of St. Mark, a member of the Finance Committee and the Brotherhood of St. Andrew; and

WHEREAS, Furthermore she has served as Vice President of The Panama Canal International Alumni Association, Past President of the Advisory Board of Hazel Brooks Neighborhood Center, Past Grand Matron and Supreme Associate Grand Matron of The United Grand Chapter, Financial Secretary of the Supreme Departments Combined Councils Enterprize, Region "F" Chairperson for District 20K1, and treasurer of the Stuy Park Lions Club; and

WHEREAS, Arlene B. Punnett has been the proud recipient of numerous awards and accolades, some of which include, The Lion's President Award, which she earned an astonishing three times, Daughter of the Year from the Imperial Grand Council, Special Appreciation Award from Panama Canal International Alumni Association, as well as the Outstanding Service Award from the Brotherhood of St. Andrew, Chapter 2752S; and

WHEREAS, The success of the Stuy Park Lions Club is in direct correlation to the efforts of dedicated members such as Arlene B. Punnett, whose involvement is, and always has been, characterized by an impressive commitment, an unbridled enthusiasm, and an uncompromising standard of excellence in all endeavors on behalf of the organization and the community it serves; and

WHEREAS, Rare indeed is the impressive dedication shown by an individual for the benefit of others which Arlene B. Punnett has

displayed throughout her life; and

WHEREAS, It has always been the objective of this Legislative Body to honor and support those individuals who have displayed their commitment to the betterment of their communities, and it is the intent of this Legislative Body to inscribe upon its records, this tribute to Arlene B. Punnett, that future generations may know and appreciate her admirable character, her many benevolent deeds, and the respect and esteem in which she is held by her peers; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, That this Legislative Body pause in its deliberations to honor Arlene B. Punnett upon the occasion of her designation as recipient of the Melvin Jones Fellow Award by Stuy Park Lions Club, Inc.; and be it further

RESOLVED, That a copy of this Resolution, suitably engrossed, be transmitted to Arlene B. Punnett.