

**BY:** Senator COMRIE

**HONORING** Michele A. Sparks upon the occasion of her retirement after 36 years of distinguished public service to New York City government

**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 Michele A. Sparks upon the occasion of her retirement after 36 years of distinguished public service to New York City government on Thursday, May 5, 2022; and

**WHEREAS,** For nearly four decades, Michele A. Sparks gave tirelessly of her time and energies as a steadfast public servant to the citizens of New York City, providing her beloved community with exceptional counsel and leadership; and

**WHEREAS,** A native of Port-Au-Prince, Haiti, and long-time resident of Queens, New York, Michele A. Sparks earned a bachelor's degree in sociology from Hunter College; and

**WHEREAS,** Throughout her illustrious career of service to others, Michele A. Sparks worked in Child Support, Family Court, the Shelter System, and most extensively, in the Home Care Services Program's Community Alternative System Agency (CASA); and

**WHEREAS,** Michele A. Sparks made extraordinary contributions and demonstrated tremendous dedication in striving to facilitate the delivery of vital Social Services to homebound clients of the City's Human Resources Administration in her role of Case Supervisor for the Jamaica, Queens CASA throughout the current global health pandemic; and

**WHEREAS,** Under the able leadership of Michele A. Sparks, this vital organization within the Department of Social Services helps countless homebound Queens residents remain in their homes while receiving personal care, meals and housekeeping services; and

**WHEREAS,** For the past 36 years, Michele A. Sparks rendered faithful, conscientious and valuable service to the City of New York, serving those in need with loyalty, honor and distinction; and

**WHEREAS,** Renowned as a family-oriented, devout Christian and conscientious worker, Michele A. Sparks has demonstrated her shining loyalty and commitment to those who have had the privilege to work beside her in her selfless endeavors; and

**WHEREAS,** With her throughout have been her beloved husband, Laurence

Sparks, and her four children, Gabriel, Susanne, Joel, and Benjamin; and

**WHEREAS,** Rare indeed is the occurrence of such a compassionate blending of strength, leadership, intellect, and commitment as that demonstrated by Michele A. Sparks over a lifetime of sacrifice and dedication to others; now, therefore, be it

**RESOLVED,** That this Legislative Body pause in its deliberations to honor Michele A. Sparks upon the occasion of her retirement after 36 years of distinguished service, and to wish her great success in her future endeavors; and be it further

**RESOLVED,** That a copy of this Resolution, suitably engrossed, be transmitted to Michele A. Sparks.