Senate Resolution No. 1835

BY: Senator BAILEY

CONGRATULATING Leah Richardson upon the occasion of her retirement after 30 years of distinguished service to the New York State Unified Court System

WHEREAS, This Legislative Body seeks to acknowledge those individuals whose professional lives and civic endeavors serve to enhance the stature of the State of New York; and

WHEREAS, A lifelong learner and dedicated public servant, Leah Richardson holds a Master of Public Administration from John Jay College of Criminal Justice, specializing in Organizational Management, and a Bachelor of Arts in Communications from the College of New Rochelle; additionally, she is also a Licensed Property Manager (RAM); and

WHEREAS, In 1996, Leah Richardson began her career as Senior P.C. Analyst and was later promoted to Principal P.C. Analyst; she has continued to provide essential technical support to judges, management, and staff in both the Civil and Criminal Supreme Courts; and

WHEREAS, As an accomplished Network Systems Engineer and a respected leader at the Kings County Supreme Court in Brooklyn, New York, Leah Richardson is known for her expertise in technology, training, and program development; and

WHEREAS, Active in her community, Leah Richardson has held several leadership positions, including President, Vice President, County Delegate Coordinator, Kings County Delegate, and Professional Development Coordinator, for the Tribune Society; and

WHEREAS, Leah Richardson boldly addresses tough issues with management to ensure equal opportunities for all court employees; she has brought her leadership and organizational skills to the community where she coordinated a highly successful Teen Summit at a New York City housing development; and

WHEREAS, In coordination with other non-judicial and judicial staff, Leah Richardson has served as Co-Chair and has helped develop numerous programs for which Kings County has become recognized as one of the most active and innovative counties within the New York State Unified Court System; and

WHEREAS, Leah Richardson's leadership extends well beyond the courts; she is distinguished by her active involvement throughout the community and her ability to identify, leverage, and develop impactful programs; and

WHEREAS, Leah Richardson has numerous past and present leadership roles in various organizations, boards, clubs, programs, and committees; her tireless work reflects her belief that community growth begins with opportunity, education, and compassion; and

WHEREAS, For her outstanding service, Leah Richardson has earned many awards, including the Judith Kaye Community Service Award, Mayor David Dinkins Role Model of the Year Award, Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr., "Reflection of the Dream" Award, Appellate Division, Second Department's prestigious Milton Mollen Award, and the Brooklyn Bar Association's Hon. Nathan R. Sobel Award; and

WHEREAS, A few additional honors include: recognition from the New York City Police Department Police Academy and Citizens Police Academy; New York State Senate Proclamation, 25th Senate District - Anti-Violence Women of Courage Award; New York State Assembly Citation; Civil Service Award; Special Citation of Recognition - Community Service Award; and Special Congressional Recognition; and

WHEREAS, A passionate advocate for justice, equity, and community pride, Leah Richardson continues to uplift those around her through her leadership, mentorship, and unwavering dedication to service; and

WHEREAS, Throughout her 30 years of dedication and service to the New York State Unified Court System, Leah Richardson has earned the admiration, esteem, and affection of her colleagues; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, That this Legislative Body pause in its deliberations to congratulate Leah Richardson upon the occasion of her retirement after 30 years of distinguished service to the New York State Unified Court System; and be it further

RESOLVED, That a copy of this Resolution, suitably engrossed, be transmitted to Leah Richardson.