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LEGISLATIVE RESOLUTION honoring Juanita L. Sherwood recipient of the National Association of University Women - Queens Branch's Woman of the Year Award at its 60th Anniversary and Scholarship Luncheon on May 18, 2014

WHEREAS, It is the sense of this Legislative Body to recognize and honor individuals who distinguish themselves in their profession and in service to their community; and

WHEREAS, Attendant to such concern and in keeping with its long-standing tradition, this Legislative Body is justly proud to honor Juanita L. Sherwood upon the occasion of her designation as the recipient of the National Association of University Women - Queens Branch's Woman of the Year Award at its 60th Anniversary and Scholarship Luncheon on May 18, 2014; and

WHEREAS, An advocate for public education for more than two decades, Juanita Sherwood has devoted countless hours and years of study to ensure that all children receive a first rate education; her interest in becoming an educator dates back to her childhood, attending P.S. 90 Elementary School in Harlem, New York; she credits Ms. Lehrer, her 6th grade teacher, for planting the seed and is forever grateful to many colleagues, professors, and family for their support along the way; and

WHEREAS, Juanita Sherwood graduated from City College of New York with a Bachelor of Science degree in Elementary Education and furthered her studies at St. John's University, earning a Master of Science degree in Reading; she also earned a certificate in Supervision and Administration from Queens College and is currently pursuing her doctorate in Instructional Leadership and Technology; and

WHEREAS, After a change in career in 1992, Juanita Sherwood began her journey as an educator with the City of New York's Department of Educa-

tion (DOE); while working with the DOE she earned full-time tenure serving as a classroom teacher and reading specialist; and

WHEREAS, She continued her career with Westbury Public Schools in Nassau County, Long Island and currently holds the position of Assistant Principal at Dryden Street School; and

WHEREAS, Prior to assuming this position, Juanita Sherwood served as Director of Grants for the 21st Century Community Learning Centers, as well as Coordinator for the Reading Excellence Act Grant program; and

WHEREAS, During her tenure and leadership with Westbury Public Schools, she successfully implemented several programs addressing the academic, social and emotional development of students; and

WHEREAS, In addition to her work impacting the lives of school-aged children, Juanita Sherwood is a founding member of the Long Island Council of Administrative Women in Education (LICAWE) - 2002 and currently services as its President; and

WHEREAS, The focus of LICAWE is to provide support for practicing and aspiring women administrators; and

WHEREAS, LICAWE, an affiliate of the New York State Association of Woman in Administration (NYSAWA), promotes gender-balanced leadership and the advancement of equity and diversity in schools; and

WHEREAS, Juanita Sherwood is passionate about community service and joined the Queens Branch of the National Association of University Women (NAUW) in 1997; she works diligently to ensure that its scholarship luncheon is a success, as it is the organization's main fundraiser; and

WHEREAS, NAUW is an organization whose mission is to serve women, youth and the disadvantaged by addressing educational, human relations and civic issues; and

WHEREAS, Juanita Sherwood has two loving adult children and one National Junior's Honor Society granddaughter; she resides in Queens, New York and has done so for more than twenty-five years; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, That this Legislative Body pause in its deliberations to honor Juanita Sherwood upon the occasion of her designation as the recipient of the National Association of University Women - Queens Branch's Woman of the Year Award at the organization's Scholarship Luncheon and Celebration of its 60th Anniversary on May 18, 2014; and be it further

RESOLVED, That a copy of this Resolution, suitably engrossed, be transmitted to Juanita L. Sherwood.