

## 2013-J5083

LEGISLATIVE RESOLUTION honoring Tonya Ores upon the occasion of her designation as recipient of the Woman of Valor Award on May 22, 2014

WHEREAS, It is incumbent upon the people of the State of New York to recognize and acknowledge those within our midst who have made significant contributions to the quality of life therein; and

WHEREAS, This Legislative Body is justly proud to honor Tonya Ores upon the occasion of her designation as recipient of the Woman of Valor Award, to be celebrated at its 7th Annual Men of Distinction and Women of Valor Awards Ceremony on May 22, 2014; and

WHEREAS, The Men of Distinction and Women of Valor Awards Ceremony is held each year to recognize and pay just tribute to outstanding and accomplished individuals whose leadership roles have had a significant impact on the daily lives of the people of the State of New York, and who have gone above and beyond the call of duty; and

WHEREAS, As an expert in the New York City non-profit community, Tonya Ores is known for her initiation of strong collaborative relationships that help to create new programs and services that positively impact the borough of Brooklyn; and

WHEREAS, Tonya Ores is the Senior Executive Director of Neighborhood Housing Services of East Flatbush; and

WHEREAS, In 1990, Tonya Ores joined the Neighborhood Housing Services family, and since then, she has held positions such as, Senior Loan Officer in Neighborhood Housing Services of Bedford-Stuyvesant, Director of Homeownership Education for Neighborhood Housing Services of New York City, and Program Director in Neighborhood Housing Services of Richmond Hill; and

WHEREAS, Tonya Ores been called upon to contribute her time and talents to countless civic and charitable endeavors and has always given

of herself unstintingly; and

WHEREAS, An affordable housing advocate who is very active in her community, Tonya Ores serves on the Advisory Board of Carver Community Development Corporation, is a member of Community Board 18, and a Board Member and youth mentor of the Glorious Church of God In Christ International where she was very instrumental in implementing their sound financial policies; and

WHEREAS, Post Super Storm Sandy, Tonya Ores has been extremely involved in the Disaster Recovery work in Brooklyn, and has been instrumental in obtaining resources to stabilize communities; and

WHEREAS, Tonya Ores attended Medgar Evers College, and the University of Phoenix, earning degrees in business management and public administration; and

WHEREAS, It is the sense of this Legislative Body that those who enhance the well-being and vitality of their community and have shown a long and sustained commitment to excellence certainly have earned the recognition and applause of all the citizens of this great Empire State; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, That this Legislative Body pause in its deliberations to honor Tonya Ores upon the occasion of her designation as recipient of the Woman of Valor Award on May 22, 2014; and be it further

RESOLVED, That a copy of this Resolution, suitably engrossed, be transmitted to Tonya Ores.