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LEGISLATIVE RESOLUTION honoring Carol Maraj upon the occasion of her designation for special recognition by the King of Kings Foundation Inc. on June 7, 2014

WHEREAS, Individuals who give of their time and energies and serve the best interests of their communities are an asset beyond remuneration and cannot be sufficiently extolled; and

WHEREAS, Carol Maraj has given not only of her time and energies but also of her competence, intelligence and leadership and consequently has been designated for special honor; and

WHEREAS, This Legislative Body is justly proud to honor Carol Maraj upon the occasion of her designation for special recognition by the King of Kings Foundation Inc., to be celebrated at its Black Tie Awards Gala on Saturday, June 7, 2014; and

WHEREAS, Carol Maraj is the Founder and Chief Executive Officer of The Carol Maraj Foundation, which provides support for women and children who have suffered domestic violence; she earned a Bachelor's degree in Liberal Arts and Human Services from La Guardia Community College in 2004; and

WHEREAS, A long-standing advocate for housing, employment, public assistance, and health care for families affected by domestic violence, Carol Maraj, through her Foundation, helps to provide individual and group counseling for battered women, as well as assistance with safety planning and shelter placement in crisis situations; and

WHEREAS, Under the luminous direction of Carol Maraj, the Foundation offers programs such as groups to handle domestic violence issues and help for families dealing with drug and alcohol addiction, childcare volunteer programs, and support for children who have witnessed domestic violence; and

WHEREAS, Furthermore, Carol Maraj leads the Foundation's workshops on domestic violence, parenting, and understanding diversity and disability rights; she also researched and produced a guide on pregnancy and parenting for disabled women; and

WHEREAS, Carol Maraj has been called upon to contribute her time and talents to countless civic and charitable endeavors and has always given of herself unstintingly; and

WHEREAS, In 2013, Carol Maraj launched the Dolls Up Program, which offers self-image improvement to battered women; she was Chairman of The Caring Sharing Project in Queens, New York from 2004 until 2012, providing crisis intervention in domestic violence situations within the community; and

WHEREAS, A survivor of domestic violence, Carol Maraj has dedicated her life to raise awareness of domestic violence issues; she is committed to helping families recover from abuse, and women to reintegrate into society through job-training and self-empowerment; and

WHEREAS, Throughout the entire period of her community service, a period of constructive involvement, Carol Maraj has stood constant in dignity, good grace and humor; and

WHEREAS, Rare indeed is the impressive dedication shown by an individual for the benefit of others which Carol Maraj has displayed throughout her life; and

WHEREAS, It is the sense of this Legislative Body that when individuals of such noble aims and accomplishments are brought to our attention, they should be celebrated and recognized by all the citizens of this great Empire State; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, That this Legislative Body pause in its deliberations to honor Carol Maraj upon the occasion of her designation for special

recognition by the King of Kings Foundation Inc. on June 7, 2014; and be it further

RESOLVED, That a copy of this Resolution, suitably engrossed, be tran-

mitted to Carol Maraj.