

## 2015-J233

LEGISLATIVE RESOLUTION honoring Linda Jenkins upon the occasion of her retirement after 50 years of distinguished service to the City of New York and CWA Local 1180

WHEREAS, It is the practice of this Legislative Body to acknowledge the significant milestones in the distinguished careers of esteemed residents of this noble Empire State; and

WHEREAS, Attendant to such concern, and in full accord with its long-standing traditions, this Legislative Body is justly proud to honor Linda Jenkins upon the occasion of her retirement after 50 years of distinguished service to the City of New York, and CWA Local 1180, to be celebrated at a party on Thursday, January 22, 2015, at the Manhattan Penthouse, New York, New York; and

WHEREAS, For the past 50 years, Linda Jenkins rendered faithful, conscientious and valuable service to the City of New York, and CWA Local 1180, earning the admiration, esteem and affection of her colleagues; and

WHEREAS, A native of Brooklyn, New York, Linda Jenkins earned a Bachelor of Science degree from Iona College, and a Master of Science degree in Adult Education from Fordham University; and

WHEREAS, In 1964, Linda Jenkins began her career with the New York City Department of Welfare as a stenographer; she was then promoted to Senior Stenographer, and was assigned as a Secretary to the Senior Case Supervisor; three years later, she was transferred to the Prospect Welfare Center, and worked as Secretary to the Director; and

WHEREAS, Beginning in 1969, Linda Jenkins worked for the Euclid Welfare Center as a Secretary to a Case Supervisor; after two years, she became an Income Maintenance Supervising Clerk, and in 1972, she was promoted to Administrative Assistant as an Income Maintenance Supervi-

sor; and

WHEREAS, Five years later, Linda Jenkins transferred to the Food Stamp Program assigned to F11 as a Group Supervisor; in 1978, she became a Principal Administrative Associate I, and Assistant Site Manager; a year later, she attained the position of Principal Administrative Associate III, and thereafter, was assigned as Site Manager at F12; in 1980, she returned to F11 as Site Manager; and

WHEREAS, In 1972, Linda Jenkins became active in Local 1180 of the Communications Workers of America as a Shop Steward, and worked on the Union's Education Committee; in 1978, she was elected to the CWA Local 1180 Executive Board as a Member-at-Large, and in 1982, she was voted First Vice President; and

WHEREAS, In this capacity, Linda Jenkins negotiated contracts, and organized new titles into the Union, bringing in over two thousand new members; she also handled civil service classification, personnel issues, as well as developed and implemented education and career training programs for CWA Local 1180 members; and

WHEREAS, Linda Jenkins, an integral member of CWA Local 1180, oversaw the Union's involvement in the New York City's Joint Labor-Management Quality of Work Life Program; she also served as a trustee of the Union's Welfare and Education funds, which provide benefits for CWA Local 1180 members and retirees, as well as chaired the civil service committee, and served on the editorial committee for the CWA Local 1180 newspaper, the COMMUNIQUE; and

WHEREAS, An advocate for learning, Linda Jenkins was instrumental in developing and promoting several educational opportunities including undergraduate and graduate degree programs for CWA Local 1180 members; she was committed to enhancing the workplace skills of the Union's

members, and developed and implemented several programs such as comprehensive skills training and civil service exam preparation courses; and

WHEREAS, Linda Jenkins established a state-of-the-art computer center

at CWA Local 1180 headquarters, and was a proponent for the civil service merit system, promoting effective government for the City of New York; and

WHEREAS, Linda Jenkins was affiliated with the Coalition of Black Trade Unionists, the Coalition of Labor Union Women, the NAACP, CWA Minority Caucus, and was a delegate for the New York City Central Labor Council; and

WHEREAS, Throughout Linda Jenkins' illustrious career, she served with loyalty, honor and distinction, and was governed by a keen sense of duty and always showed a unique grasp of human problems in her official acts; 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 the great State of New York; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, That this Legislative Body pause in its deliberations to honor Linda Jenkins upon the occasion of her retirement after 50 years of distinguished service to the City of New York and the CWA Local 1180; and be it further

RESOLVED, That a copy of this Resolution, suitably engrossed, be transmitted to Linda Jenkins.