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LEGISLATIVE RESOLUTION honoring Eileen Peralta upon the occasion of her designation as recipient of the Humanitarian Award by Bridge to Youth on March 6, 2015

WHEREAS, It is the practice of this Legislative Body to take note of and publicly acknowledge individuals who have distinguished themselves through their exemplary careers, accomplishments, and purposeful lives of service to their community; and

WHEREAS, Attendant to such concern, and in full accord with its longstanding traditions, this Legislative Body is justly proud to honor Eileen Peralta upon the occasion of her designation as recipient of the Humanitarian Award by Bridge to Youth to be celebrated at its Annual Dinner Dance on Friday, March 6, 2015; and

WHEREAS, A community based non-profit organization in its eleventh year, Bridge to Youth serves the social and physical needs of developmentally disabled children from all five boroughs of New York City; and WHEREAS, Bridge to Youth allows children and their families to interact with other peers and typically developing teenage volunteers in such sponsored activities as, adaptive physical education, music therapy, art therapy, literacy through cooking, and Zumba; these programs foster new friendships, and improve the children's social skills; and WHEREAS, A woman of singular distinction, Eileen Peralta has continually demonstrated extreme competence, extraordinary intelligence and diligent leadership in her unwavering service to her community and profession and consequently has been selected for this most prestigious honor; and

WHEREAS, A Brooklyn native, Eileen Peralta grew up in Bay Ridge and attended Our Lady of Perpetual Help High School; and WHEREAS, Eileen Peralta has served as Vice President Branch Manager of Northfield Bank for nearly four years; she began her illustrious career more than two decades ago as a teller, and climbed the ladder of success to her current esteemed position; and WHEREAS, Throughout her tenure as Branch Manager, Eileen Peralta has met many of Northfield Bank's financial goals and her vital role as mentor and leader has been instrumental in its success and growth; and WHEREAS, Active within her community, Eileen Peralta is a member of the Parent Teachers Association, Dyker Heights Civic Association, Hispanic Chamber of Commerce, Dyker/Mapleton Kiwanis Association, and New York State Women, Inc., Richmond Chapter; and WHEREAS, In addition, she serves as Secretary/Treasurer of Business Networking International (BNI), and is a Representative of Northfield Bank for the Brooklyn Chamber of Commerce; and WHEREAS, Throughout the entire period of her community service, a period of constructive involvement. Eileen Peralta has stood constant in dignity, good grace and humor; and WHEREAS, With her throughout have been her three children, Samantha, Stephanie and Anthony, all of whom feel privileged to be a part of her life and rejoice in her achievements; and WHEREAS, Rare indeed is the impressive dedication shown by an individual for the benefit of others which Eileen Peralta has displayed throughout her life; and WHEREAS, It is the sense of this Legislative Body that those who enhance the quality of life in their community and have shown a long and sustained commitment to the maintenance of high standards in their career, 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 Eileen Peralta upon the occasion of her designation as recipient of the Humanitarian Award by Bridge to Youth on March 6, 2015; and be it further RESOLVED, That a copy of this Resolution, suitably engrossed, be transmitted to Eileen Peralta.