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LEGISLATIVE RESOLUTION commending the Queens County Section of the National Council of Negro Women, Inc. on hosting its 28th Annual Black Tie Awards Gala and paying tribute to this year's honorees on June 7, 2015

WHEREAS, It is the custom of this Legislative Body to recognize that the quality and character of life in the communities across New York State are reflective of the concerned and dedicated efforts of those organizations and individuals who would devote themselves to the welfare of the community and its citizenry; and

WHEREAS, Attendant to such concern, and in full accord with its long-standing traditions, it is the intent of this Legislative Body to commend the Queens County Section of the National Council of Negro Women, Inc. on hosting its 28th Annual Black Tie Awards Gala and paying tribute to this year's honorees, to be celebrated on Sunday, June 7, 2015, at Antun's Caterers, Queens Village, New York; and

WHEREAS, The six remarkable women who will be honored at the 28th Annual Black Tie Awards Gala were selected for their significant contributions to human services, the arts, music, health and veterans care; and

WHEREAS, The 2015 honorees include: Winsome J.H. Dyer-Anthony, Veterans Activist; Yolanda DeBerry, Minister of Music; Lorraine Stephens, Human Services Administrator; Leslie Ellen Phillips, Stage Director and Playwright; Perisa Harrison, Breast Health Advocate; and Shandeeyaky Shabazz, Community Activist; and

WHEREAS, The Queens County Section of the National Council of Negro Women (NCNW), Inc. was organized on May 13, 1987, by Reva Anthony based on the growing need for community based programs and services in South East Queens; this vital group was chartered in August of 1987, at the

St. Albans Naval Hospital in St. Albans, New York; and

WHEREAS, Today, under the luminous leadership of President Pamela Davis, the Queens County Section of NCNW, Inc. is comprised of approximately 170 members, which includes associate members; in September of 1992, the Queens County Junior Section was organized and chartered; and

WHEREAS, Members of the Queens County Section of NCNW formed 11 committees which include health, cultural arts, religion, voter's education, good and welfare, membership, economic development, social welfare, Big Sisters, education and community services which were designed to disseminate information about issues affecting African American women and their families, promote healthy lifestyles and disease prevention projects, promote community empowerment and self-help programs, support career development and economic equity, and build upon the rich heritage, traditional values and historic strengths of African American families; and

WHEREAS, Since its inception, the Queens County Section has worked to lead, develop and advocate for women of African descent as they support their families and communities; and

WHEREAS, It is the sense of this Legislative Body that when individuals and organizations 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 commend the Queens County Section of the National Council of Negro Women, Inc. on hosting its 28th Annual Black Tie Awards Gala and paying tribute to this year's honorees; and be it further

RESOLVED, That copies of this Resolution, suitably engrossed, be transmitted to Pamela Davis, President of the Queens County Section of the National Council of Negro Women, Inc., and the aforementioned honorees.