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LEGISLATIVE RESOLUTION honoring Zoe Koutsoupakis upon the occasion of her designation as recipient of the 2015 Civic Award by the Bay Ridge Community Council

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, this Legislative Body is justly proud to honor Zoe Koutsoupakis upon the occasion of her designation as recipient of the 2015 Civic Award by the Bay Ridge Community Council to be celebrated at its 64th Annual Dinner Dance on Thursday, June 4, 2015, in Brooklyn, New York; and

WHEREAS, Born in Khartoum, Sudan to Greek parents, Zoe Koutsoupakis was raised on the island of Karpathos in Greece; she later immigrated with her family to the United States at the age of 14; and

WHEREAS, Zoe Koutsoupakis is a graduate of John Jay High School and received her degree in Elementary Education from Brooklyn College; and

WHEREAS, This esteemed woman has achieved a successful 33-year career in banking utilizing her admirable financial skills for the benefit of both Greek Americans and the overall community; and

WHEREAS, Currently, Zoe Koutsoupakis is the Senior Vice President and Group Director at Signature Bank; prior to this position, she served as District Manager of Atlantic Bank and Marathon Bank; and

WHEREAS, Zoe Koutsoupakis 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 addition to her successful career, Zoe Koutsoupakis is well-known for her dedication and service in the Greek American community; she is a member of numerous organizations including the Federation of Hellenic Societies of New York, Archdiocesan Organizations, Bay Ridge Development Corp., and the local Boy Scouts of America, where she serves as Chairperson; and

WHEREAS, Furthermore, she has helped sponsor both the District 20 Drug & Alcohol Abuse Prevention Fair and Ronald McDonald House, and has acted as the Treasurer of the Greek America Property Owners of Brooklyn; and

WHEREAS, Zoe Koutsoupakis has been honored with the Hellenic Cultural Award, the Kallikrateon Award, the Borough President's Business Women Award, and the Boy Scouts of America's Women of Achievement Award; she is also an honoree of St. Constantine and Helen Cathedral of Brooklyn, the Guild for Exceptional Children, and the Diplatanos Society, Agia Marina; and

WHEREAS, In addition, she has received the 2007 Brooklyn Real Estate Board Business Achievements Award, the 2009 Extraordinary Women's Award by the Brooklyn District Attorney Charles Hynes, and the 2013 Distinguished Community Service Award from the Salaam Club of New York; and

WHEREAS, With her throughout has been her daughter, Paula-Anna, who feels privileged to be a part of her life and rejoices in her achievements; 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 Zoe Koutsoupakis upon the occasion of her designation as recipient

of the 2015 Civic Award by the Bay Ridge Community Council; and be it further

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

mitted to Zoe Koutsoupakis.