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LEGISLATIVE RESOLUTION congratulating C.J. Marie of North Bellmore, New York, upon the occasion of being named 2015 Ms. New York Senior America

WHEREAS, It is the sense of this Legislative Body to recognize and pay tribute to those individuals who have inspired and brought pride to our majestic Empire State with their character and outstanding achievements; and

WHEREAS, Attendant to such concern, and in full accord with its long-standing traditions, this Legislative Body is justly proud to congratulate C.J. Marie of North Bellmore, New York, upon the occasion of being named 2015 Ms. New York Senior America at the Ms. New York Senior America contest held at Hofstra University on Sunday, May 3, 2015; and WHEREAS, As a young child, C.J. Marie grew up in Astoria, Queens, New York, and started dance classes when she was five years old; she continued her passion with dance through her high school years at Long Island City High School; and

WHEREAS, Today, she enjoys interpretive dance which has been enhanced by the instruction of Dance with Me Studio in Glen Head, New York; and WHEREAS, After attending Queensboro Community College and graduating from Queens College, C.J. Marie diligently served students, parents, teachers, staff and community members for 35 years teaching elementary school; and

WHEREAS, In addition, she was a lead teacher for the kindergarten curriculum for the Archdiocese of New York in the inner city schools in the South Bronx; and

WHEREAS, C.J. Marie moved to Long Island, New York in 1992, and has lived in North Bellmore for the past 23 years where she guides individuals to reach their personal and professional goals as a Certified Professional Life Coach Counselor; and

WHEREAS, C.J. Marie is also an accomplished writer, entrepreneur and real estate proprietor; she has authored 14 books and has been issued five United States patents; and

WHEREAS, In recognition of her efforts of in-depth magnitude, C.J.

Marie has been honored for her many achievements in newspaper and magazine articles and has been named "Woman of the Year" as well as being included in "Who's Who Among American Business Women" and "Who's Who Among American Teachers"; and

WHEREAS, Despite her busy professional life, C.J. Marie 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, C.J. Marie is the proud mother of one son, the loving grand-mother of two grandchildren, and a wife for 25 years; she is poised eagerly with enthusiasm and determined purpose and stands honorably with just pride in her accomplishments and in eager anticipation of future challenges; and

WHEREAS, With her zest for life, C.J. Marie will no doubt inspire other senior women to pursue their dreams; this exceptional woman believes people do not have to stop living life when they reach a certain age, and that it is important to touch lives and be the positive change we want to see in our world, while paying it forward in giving back in appreciation; and

WHEREAS, It is the custom 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 congratulate C.J. Marie of North Bellmore, New York, upon the occasion of being named 2015 Ms. New York Senior America; and be it further RESOLVED, That a copy of this Resolution, suitably engrossed, be transmitted to C.J. Marie. North Bellmore. New York.