

## 2015-J3579

LEGISLATIVE RESOLUTION commemorating the 20th Anniversary of the Quilt-N-Queens Guild of Queens, New York

WHEREAS, It is the sense 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 which serve to enhance the cultural enrichment of the State of New York; and

WHEREAS, Attendant to such concern, and in full accord with its long-standing traditions, this Legislative Body is justly proud to commemorate the 20th Anniversary of the Quilt-N-Queens Guild to be celebrated at its 20th Anniversary Luncheon on Saturday, March 5, 2016, at Antun's Catering Hall in Queens Village, New York; and

WHEREAS, Established in 1996, the Quilt-N-Queens Guild (QNG) was founded by a handful of quilters committed to serving their community and preserving America's unique crafts and heritage; and

WHEREAS, Today, QNG is one of the premiere area cultural centers in its area, and continually engages local artists to promote culture and education during its meetings at the Jamaica Center for Arts & Learning; and

WHEREAS, Each year, this vibrant arts organization donates its members' creations to such worthy causes as area children's service programs, New York State Veteran homes, local hospital pediatric units, and many more; they have also created special programs to celebrate the Underground Railroad, Black History Month, and Women's History Month; and

WHEREAS, QNG has also crafted quilts which have been featured in exhibitions at York College, the Queens Borough President's Office, the Citicorp Building and various New York City Libraries, as well as the

Jamaica Center for Arts & Learning; and

WHEREAS, Dedicated to community service, QNQ members have mentored and educated children and adults in the art of quilt making, its historical value, and the need to preserve the craft; they have also provided families and individuals with the warmth of quilts including ones given to 75 families after Hurricane Katrina; and

WHEREAS, It is the custom of this Legislative Body that those organizations and individuals which enhance the well-being and vitality of their community and have shown a long and sustained commitment to excellence certainly have earned the recognition and applause of all the citizens of this great Empire State; and

WHEREAS, It is with great pleasure that this Legislative Body recognizes the many contributions of the Quilt-N-Queens Guild of Queens, New York, and wishes this worthy organization continued success in its proactive mission to benefit the communities it represents; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, That this Legislative Body pause in its deliberations to commemorate the 20th Anniversary of the Quilt-N-Queens Guild of Queens, New York; and be it further

RESOLVED, That a copy of this Resolution, suitably engrossed, be transmitted to Shirley Beckworth, President, Quilt-N-Queens Guild of Queens, New York.