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LEGISLATIVE RESOLUTION commending Ilene Sacco upon the occasion of stepping down as President of the 68th Precinct Community Council on June 16, 2016

WHEREAS, In the course of the evolving development of this Empire State, when the ingredients of shared concern and responsive endeavor combine in commitment to community, there emerge among the distinguished citizenry of the State of New York, certain individuals who warrant special recognition; and

WHEREAS, This Legislative Body is justly proud to commend Ilene Sacco upon the occasion of stepping down as President of the 68th Precinct Community Council, to be celebrated at a Farewell Party on Thursday, June 16, 2016, at Bay Ridge Manor, Brooklyn, New York; and

WHEREAS, Born and raised in Queens, New York, Ilene Sacco fell in love with Brooklyn, especially the neighborhoods of Bay Ridge and Dyker Heights, in the early 1990s, when she started working for the Kings County District Attorney's Office; and

WHEREAS, Ilene Sacco earned both her Bachelor's and Master's degrees in Criminal Justice from John Jay College; she then furthered her education by obtaining her law degree from New York Law School in 1994; and

WHEREAS, Throughout her illustrious law career, Ilene Sacco has held the title of Deputy of Community Relations, in the New York City Comptroller's Office, and both Counsel and Director of the Brooklyn Office of City Councilman James S. Oddo, as well as Counsel to Primary Land Title Company; and

WHEREAS, Today, Ilene Sacco holds the position of Director of the New York City Waiver Unit with the New York State Office of People with Developmental Disabilities; in this capacity, she manages almost a billion dollars' worth of services which help people with developmental

disabilities; and

WHEREAS, Ilene Sacco has always been extremely involved in her hometown community of Queens, and her Brooklyn community; for the last decade, she has been the President of the 68th Precinct Community Council; throughout her tenure, she was instrumental in accomplishing numerous goals such as implementing a comprehensive community email notification system which provides thousands of residents in the community information on important crime and local topics; and

WHEREAS, Under her luminous leadership, the 68th Precinct Council's system was named in a Unit Citation which was given to the precinct from the NYPD; this feat is very rare as Unit Citations almost always list accomplishments done by local precincts, by giving this citation, the NYPD recognized the importance of the Council and the fact that this particular Council truly works hand in hand with the precinct; and

WHEREAS, Moreover, the Council was honored for its work by NIA, one of the neighborhood's larger community groups; and

WHEREAS, Through her able guidance, the 68th Precinct Community Council proudly hosted one of the largest National Night Out Against Crime in the city, with this year's attendance reaching over 5,000 people; most recently, the Council established Summer of Support, a three month project created to collect pictures, cards, letters and posters showing support for police; the project was an overwhelming success and the Council proudly displayed the entire precinct with the materials they received; and

WHEREAS, In addition to her invaluable work with the 68th Bay Ridge Community Council, Ilene Sacco served as the Vice President of the Bay Ridge Lions Club and was a vital member of Resource Training Center, the Dyker Heights Civic Association and Reaching Out Community Services

Board of Directors, as well as a trustee of the Kassenbrock Brothers Memorial Scholarship Fund and a longstanding participant of the Ragamuffin Parade committee; and

WHEREAS, This remarkable public servant has also been involved in numerous other community organizations and has worked on many community projects and chaired many events through the years; and

WHEREAS, For her steadfast and unremitting commitment to her community, Ilene Sacco was the recipient of numerous awards and accolades including the Ronald Reagan Americanism Award, the Top Brooklyn Women in Business Award by the HOME REPORTER/BROOKLYN SPECTATOR newspapers, and the Community Leadership Award by the Guild for Exceptional Children; and

WHEREAS, Ilene Sacco was also named the Woman of the Year by the Advocates for Services for the Blind and Multi-handicapped and by the Dyker Heights Civic Association, Lion of the Year by the Bay Ridge Lions, Brooklyn Woman of Distinction by the Kings County District Attorney's Office, and Civic Leader of the Year by Reaching Out Community Services; and

WHEREAS, Furthermore, Ilene Sacco received awards of merit from many organizations including Community School District 20, the Fifth Avenue Board of Trade, the Merchants of Third Avenue, Fort Hamilton Army Garrison, and the New York City Department of Parks and Recreation; she was also given commendations and citations from numerous elected officials; and

WHEREAS, Throughout the entire period of her community service, a period of constructive involvement, Ilene Sacco has stood constant in dignity, good grace and humor; and

WHEREAS, With her throughout has been her husband, John Walsh, who feels privileged to be a part of her life and rejoices in her achievements; and

WHEREAS, Rare indeed is the impressive dedication shown by an individual for the benefit of others which Ilene Sacco 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 profession, 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 commend Ilene Sacco upon the occasion of stepping down as President of the 68th Precinct Community Council on June 16, 2016; and be it further RESOLVED, That a copy of this Resolution, suitably engrossed, be transmitted to Ilene Sacco.

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