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Senate Resolution No. 2500

BY: Senator BONACIC

COMMENDING Sita Construction Co., Inc. upon the occasion of celebrating its 25th Anniversary

WHEREAS, It is the sense of this Legislative Body to recognize the achievements of those individuals and businesses which substantially contribute to the economic vitality of their communities and the entire Empire State; and

WHEREAS, Attendant to such concern, and in full accord with its long-standing traditions, this Legislative Body is justly proud to commend Sita Construction Co., Inc. upon the occasion of celebrating its 25th Anniversary; and

WHEREAS, Born in Spain, Bienvenido "Pepe" Carretero came to the United States at the young age of 18; shortly thereafter, he began his career in heavy and highway construction; it was at this time, he met the love of his life, Elsa, who turned out to be his perfect business partner; and

WHEREAS, After working mostly as a general foreman for several companies on road and bridge projects, Pepe and Elsa Carretero decided to start their own construction company in 1991; incorporated in Kearny, New Jersey, Sita Construction Co., Inc. was born; and

WHEREAS, Initially, Pepe and Elsa Carretero handled every aspect of the business; Elsa handled the books and the contracts, and Pepe personally managed every project on the field; and

WHEREAS, Over time, Sita Construction Co., began handling larger and more complex contracts in the public sector; building upon this solid foundation of successful roadwork projects, the company significantly expanded its portfolio of construction disciplines; and

WHEREAS, In 2001, Pepe and Elsa Carretero's daughter, Sandra, joined the company by helping with the bookkeeping; by 2002, she had become a full-time employee and her role quickly expanded; three years later, the family's other daughter, Lidia began working for the company handling the inner-office clerical duties; and

WHEREAS, The company found success as a prime contractor and subcontractor in both New York and New Jersey; their business has also grown since their certification as a D/S/W/MBE firm with the New Jersey Department of Transportation, NJ TRANSIT and the Port Authority of NY/NJ; in addition, the family added project manager, Ayman Botros to their team; and

WHEREAS, In 2009, Sita Construction Co., grew exponentially as it landed its largest and most prestigious job, a contract with Hudson County; the business built five separate parks, which included several playgrounds, pavilions, athletic fields, basketball courts, tennis courts and water parks; and

WHEREAS, After Superstorm Sandy, Sita Construction Co., was chosen to handle the Parkway Avenue Bridge washout in Warwick, New York; it performed the precast installation of the bridge during the difficult aftermath of the storm, and restored this critical piece of

infrastructure for the Orange County region in a timely and efficient manner; and

WHEREAS, During its 25 years of business, Sita Construction Co., was selected to handle the Port Newark Davit Street Extension, which they successfully completed ahead of schedule; and

WHEREAS, It is with great pleasure that this Legislative Body acknowledges this exceptional business and its contributions to the local and State economies, fully confident that it will continue to enjoy the sparkling successes it has experienced thus far; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, That this Legislative Body pause in its deliberations to commend Sita Construction Co., Inc. upon the occasion of celebrating its 25th Anniversary; and be it further

RESOLVED, That a copy of this Resolution, suitably engrossed, be transmitted to Bienvenido and Elsa Carretero, Owners, Sita Construction Co., Inc.