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Senate Resolution No. 4055

BY: Senator PARKER

HONORING Melanie Ayala upon the occasion of her designation for special recognition by Opportunities for a Better Tomorrow, on March 7, 2018, in conjunction with the observance of Women's History Month

WHEREAS, The State of New York is home to countless women who have contributed to the advancement of our culture through both their traditional and non-traditional roles in society; and

WHEREAS, Attendant to such concern, and in full accord with its long-standing traditions, this Legislative Body is justly proud to honor Melanie Ayala upon the occasion of her designation for special recognition by Opportunities for a Better Tomorrow (OBT), on March 7, 2018, in conjunction with the observance of Women's History Month; and

WHEREAS, This exceptional woman is being recognized for overcoming several obstacles and achieving her many goals; and

WHEREAS, Currently an Emergency Medical Technician with New York State, Melanie Ayala started with OBT in 2015 enrolling in the Young Adult Internship Program; she wanted to obtain work readiness skills and on the job experience through a paid internship; and

WHEREAS, This vital a New York State program helped her obtain an internship with a New York State Senator who helped her obtain her Permanent Residency; and

WHEREAS, After graduating, she enrolled in OBT's Woodlawn Cemetery Preservation Training Program where she underwent an intensive nine-week internship learning how to care for historic stone monuments via cutting, polishing, caulking, and renew -stonework; and

WHEREAS, Through the Woodlawn Program she earned her OSHA certification; Melanie's lifelong dream was to become an EMT because she wanted a rewarding career that helps people; she is proud to be the first line on the field during an emergency doing work that saves lives; and

WHEREAS, It is the sense of his Legislative Body that those who 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; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, That this Legislative Body pause in its deliberations to honor Melanie Ayala upon the occasion of her designation for special recognition by Opportunities for a Better Tomorrow, on March 7, 2018, in conjunction with the observance of Women's History Month; and be it further

RESOLVED, That a copy of this Resolution, suitably engrossed, be transmitted to Melanie Ayala.