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Assembly Resolution No. 922

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HONORING Andrea M. Brown upon the occasion of her designation for special recognition at the 2nd Annual Women's History Month Celebration on March 23, 2018

WHEREAS, Women's History Month, celebrated each year in March, is a time to reflect upon and pay tribute to the women of our State and Nation for their contributions to their communities and their professions; and

WHEREAS, It is the custom of this Legislative Body that women of every economic, ethnic, and religious background have made significant contributions to their community and to the State of New York, and it is appropriate to recognize them and to publicly acknowledge their endeavors which have enhanced the basic humanity among us all; and

WHEREAS, Attendant to such concern, and in full accord with its long-standing traditions, this Legislative Body is justly proud to honor Andrea M. Brown upon the occasion of her designation for special recognition at the 2nd Annual Women's History Month Celebration to be feted on Friday, March 23, 2018, at the Grinton I. Will Library in Yonkers, New York; and

WHEREAS, Andrea M. Brown has truly devoted herself to the welfare of

her community and its citizenry; and

WHEREAS, Andrea M. Brown was born the eldest of eight children in Tarrytown, New York, where she was a student at local public schools; after graduating, she attended Westchester Business School, and Westchester Community College; and

WHEREAS, From June of 1975 to August of 2002, Andrea M. Brown was employed by Westchester County; throughout her tenure, she rose through the ranks, holding the position of Executive Secretary to the Commissioner of Planning at the time of her retirement; and

WHEREAS, Andrea M. Brown then worked in various capacities for Classic Westchester Temporary Agency, Abbott House, City of Yonkers, Office of the City Council Majority Leader, and Shiloh Baptist Church in New Rochelle, New York; currently, she serves as a Special Assistant to New York State Senator Andrea Stewart-Cousins; and

WHEREAS, Andrea M. Brown began her life of servitude at a young age as a participant in various high school clubs and her church; after she married the late Bernard G. Brown, Sr., she moved to Yonkers, New York, where she volunteered her time and energy at her oldest daughter's pre-kindergarten class at School 25, and joined the Parent's Group at the Nepperhan Community Center, where she served as a vital member and President of the Board; and

WHEREAS, In addition, Andrea M. Brown has been actively involved with numerous worthy organizations such as NAACP, Yonkers Board of Education, Empire State Federation of Colored Women's Clubs, Hudson

River Community Association, Redeemer Evangelical Lutheran Church, and Women's Civic Club of Nepperhan, Inc., as well as CSEA; and

WHEREAS, For her steadfast and unremitting commitment to her community, Andrea M. Brown was the recipient of many awards and accolades including the Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. Profile Award by Yonkers Martin Luther King Commission, and Community Service Awards by the Bethany A.M.E. Church, Nepperhan Community Center, and Dominican Cultural Association; and

WHEREAS, Andrea M. Brown was also named a Woman of Distinction by the New York State Senate, and Woman of the Year by Bethany Lutheran Church, the Women's Civic Club of Nepperhan, and the Luther V. Garrison, Sr. Masonic Foundation Scholarship Committee; and

WHEREAS, With her throughout have been her two children, three grandchildren and two great-grandchildren, all of whom have shown her love and support and rejoice in her many achievements; and

WHEREAS, It is the sense of this 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 our recognition and applause; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, That this Legislative Body pause in its deliberations to honor Andrea M. Brown upon the occasion of her designation for special recognition at the 2nd Annual Women's History Month Celebration on March 23, 2018; and be it further

RESOLVED, That a copy of this Resolution, suitably engrossed, be transmitted to Andrea M. Brown.