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Senate Resolution No. 4221

BY: Senator PARKER

HONORING Melissa Salguero upon the occasion of her designation for special recognition by Healthfirst, on March 29, 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 Melissa Salguero upon the occasion of her designation for special recognition by Healthfirst, to be observed at its Community Award Celebration at Maestro's Caterers, Bronx, New York, on Thursday, March 29, 2018, in conjunction with the observance of Women's History Month; this year's award celebration theme is "Groundbreakers and Herstory Makers of Today"; and

WHEREAS, Melissa Salguero is being recognized for demonstrating an unwavering commitment to being a voice in the community and is focused on issues that are important to its residents; this exceptional woman reflects the fabric of her city and works daily to improve conditions for others; and

WHEREAS, Melissa Salguero holds a Bachelor of Science degree in Music Education from the University of South Florida and a Master of Science degree in Elementary Education from the University of Bridgeport; and

WHEREAS, Melissa Salguero started her career teaching middle school band in South Florida and has been teaching music at P.S.48 Joseph R. Drake Elementary School in the South Bronx since 2010; she has built the music program from the ground up and has raised over \$160,000 for her music program; and

WHEREAS, In 2013, Melissa Salguero was honored as the Lincoln Center Arts Teacher of the Year; the following year, after P.S. 48 suffered a break-in, she was invited to represent the school on "The Ellen DeGeneres Show", and was named the GRAMMY Music Educator Award Recipient in 2018; and

WHEREAS, Melissa Salguero combines science and musical concepts by transforming her classroom into a Mad Scientist lab; she plans hands-on experiments in her lessons to demonstrate how science and music are related; her goal is to foster creativity, curiosity and a strong work ethic in her students through the power of music; and

WHEREAS, This exceptional educator's classroom is a place where creativity, curiosity, humor, and hard work combine to create a passion for learning; she truly inspires her students and makes learning music fun, relatable and accessible to all; 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 Melissa Salguero upon the occasion of her designation for special recognition by Healthfirst, on March 29, 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 Melissa Salguero.