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Senate Resolution No. 4243

BY: Senator PARKER

COMMENDING Isma Chaudhry upon the occasion of her designation for special recognition by the National Action Network, West Nassau Chapter on March 17, 2018

WHEREAS, From time to time this Legislative Body takes note of certain extraordinary individuals it wishes to recognize for their valued contributions to the success and progress of society and publicly acknowledge their endeavors which have enhanced the basic humanity among us all; and

WHEREAS, This Legislative Body is justly proud to commend Isma Chaudhry upon the occasion of her designation for special recognition by the National Action Network, West Nassau Chapter to be celebrated at its 5th Annual Prestigious Women's Gala Awards on Saturday, March 17, 2018, at Crest Hollow Country Club in Woodbury, New York; and

WHEREAS, This year's theme is "Destined for Greatness"; Isma Chaudhry truly exemplifies this theme for her demonstrated exemplary work, services, and commitment to the people of her community; and

WHEREAS, A physician by profession, Isma Chaudhry is an interfaith advocate and a champion for the rights of Muslim women; she has been actively involved with the Islamic Center of Long Island for over 20

years, and in 2015 was elected the Center's first female president; and

WHEREAS, During her more than three decades of volunteering, Isma Chaudhry's interests have focused on youth development programs, building bridges, celebrating ethnic diversity, and interfaith initiatives; she is a champion for women's rights and dedicated to empowering women by creating programs that enhance academics and develop practical skills; and

WHEREAS, A resident of Manhasset and mother of two, Isma Chaudhry has been in the forefront supporting interfaith initiatives by frequently presenting lectures and dispelling myths about Islam, Islamophobia and building bridges of mutual respect, understanding and moving beyond just tolerance; and

WHEREAS, In addition to her advocacy, she has extensive public appearances and speaking engagements to her credit, including the United Nations conference on Islam phobia, United States Institute of Peace, United Nations office on Genocide Prevention and the Responsibility to protect, and the Network for Religious and Traditional Peacemakers; and

WHEREAS, She is co-chair of the Board of Trustees for Long Island WINS, an immigration advocacy organization, a member of the Nassau County Anti-Bias Task Force, a member of the Board of Trustees of the Interfaith Alliance of Long Island, and an advisor to the Nassau County Council for Asian Affairs; and

WHEREAS, Isma Chaudhry has been inducted in the North Hempstead 23 Annual Women's Roll of Honor list, 2016, and "Make a Difference Award"

Town of Hempstead 2017; she has been honored by the National Center for Suburban studies, Hofstra University 2017, and by CARECEN for her work

in building bridges of understanding and respect in an ethnically diverse world; and

WHEREAS, Rare indeed is the impressive dedication shown by an individual for the benefit of others which Isma Chaudhry has displayed throughout her life; 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 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 Isma Chaudhry upon the occasion of her designation for special recognition by the National Action Network, West Nassau Chapter on March 17, 2018; and be it further

RESOLVED, That a copy of this Resolution, suitably engrossed, be transmitted to Isma Chaudhry.