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Senate Resolution No. 4925

BY: Senator MONTGOMERY

COMMENDING The Honorable Diana Reyna upon the occasion of her designation as recipient of the Frank C. Spinner, Jr. Award on May 15, 2018

WHEREAS, The quality and character of life in this Nation, and the great State of New York, is reflective of the purposeful lives and good works of those patriotic and civic-minded community members who dedicate their lives and careers to the service of others; and

WHEREAS, Attendant to such concern and in full accord with its long-standing traditions, this Legislative Body is justly proud to commend The Honorable Diana Reyna upon the occasion of her designation as recipient of the Frank C. Spinner, Jr. Award by the Southwest Brooklyn Industrial Development Corporation to be celebrated at its Sunset Swing Event on board the Hornblower Hybrid Yacht at Brooklyn Army Terminal Pier in Sunset Park, Brooklyn, on Tuesday, May 15, 2018; and

WHEREAS, Formed by a group of business owners and community leaders to enhance the business climate in the waterfront neighborhoods of Sunset Park, Red Hook and Gowanus, Southwest Brooklyn Industrial Development Corporation (SBIDC) has helped hundreds of companies throughout the last four decades; and

WHEREAS, For over two decades, The Honorable Diana Reyna has

demonstrated an outstanding commitment to communities across Brooklyn through government service and advocacy; the first Dominican American woman elected to public office in New York State, she served as Deputy Brooklyn Borough President from 2014-2017, and New York City Council Member for the 34th Council District from 2001-2013; and

WHEREAS, Throughout her tenure as Deputy President, The Honorable Diana Reyna diligently worked to improve the lives of the 2.6 million residents who reside, work and play in New York City's most diverse borough; and

WHEREAS, Today, The Honorable Diana Reyna continues to support innovation and high-tech job creation, investing in women- or minority-owned small businesses, as well as business incubators which facilitate the critical work of entrepreneurs in creating start-up companies; she is a strong advocate for preserving an industrial working waterfront and protecting manufacturing zones throughout New York City; and

WHEREAS, This dynamic woman also strives to knock down barriers in the path of men and women who are hoping to make a better life for themselves by focusing on new and bold ways to tackle Brooklyn's inequities; and

WHEREAS, The Honorable Diana Reyna is a tireless champion for expanding educational opportunities and creating new career pathways for children of color through support for innovative programs such as the Harbor School and Harbor Middle School proposal; and

WHEREAS, As a New York City Council Member representing the 34th Council District, The Honorable Diana Reyna gained citywide attention for her valuable efforts in supporting affordable housing, economic

development, improving equity in education, park space and waste, as well as expanding both youth and senior services; and

WHEREAS, The Honorable Diana Reyna was also instrumental in gaining funding for youth programs and family literacy, and making her council district safer by fighting crime and reducing gang violence; and

WHEREAS, In addition, The Honorable Diana Reyna sponsored legislation to change the Administrative Code of the City of New York, in relation to increasing fines for illegal conversions from industrial to residential uses; the bill was later signed into law by former Mayor Michael Bloomberg; and

WHEREAS, It is the sense of this Legislative Body that those individuals 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 The Honorable Diana Reyna upon the occasion of her designation as recipient of the Frank C. Spinner, Jr. Award on May 15, 2018; and be it further

RESOLVED, That a copy of this Resolution, suitably engrossed, be transmitted to The Honorable Diana Reyna.