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Senate Resolution No. 5352

BY: Senator PARKER

COMMENDING Maria Castaneda upon the occasion of being named a 2018 Hall of Fame Honoree by Making the Impossible Possible, Inc. on May 27, 2018

WHEREAS, It is the sense of this Legislative Body that those who enhance the quality of life in their community and have shown a long and sustained commitment to the maintenance of high standards in their profession, certainly have earned the recognition and applause of all the citizens of this great Empire State; and

WHEREAS, Attendant to such concern, and in full accord with its long-standing traditions, this Legislative Body is justly proud to commend Maria Castaneda upon the occasion of being named a 2018 Hall of Fame Honoree by Making the Impossible Possible, Inc., to be celebrated at its 7th Annual Power of Partnerships, Scholarship and Hall of Fame Gala on Sunday, May 27, 2018, at the BRIC Arts Media, Brooklyn, New York; and

WHEREAS, Founded in 2001, Making the Impossible Possible, Inc. (MIPO) is a non-profit membership organization, promoting the quality of life of Haitian youth in the United States and abroad through education, music, character building, medical care, apprenticeship training, family support and scholarships; and

WHEREAS, Maria Castaneda helped to forge a different model of labor management relationship, the strategic partnership which focuses on quality patient care and worker engagement; and

WHEREAS, Maria Castaneda leads in promoting a culture of health and wellness among members through workplace wellness programs; under her luminous direction, union members and employers are engaged as wellness champions, fostering healthy eating choices, exercise and smoking cessation to combat chronic diseases such as obesity, diabetes and hypertension; and

WHEREAS, It has always been the objective of this Legislative Body to honor and support those individuals who have displayed their commitment to the betterment of their communities, and it is the intent of this Legislative Body to inscribe upon its records, this tribute to Maria Castaneda, that future generations may know and appreciate her admirable character, her many benevolent deeds, and the respect and esteem in which she is held by her peers; and

WHEREAS, This Legislative Body is pleased to have this opportunity to express its highest admiration for Maria Castaneda and to wish her continued success in all of her future endeavors; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, That this Legislative Body pause in its deliberations to commend Maria Castaneda upon the occasion of being named a 2018 Hall of Fame Honoree by Making the Impossible Possible, Inc. on May 27, 2018; and be it further

RESOLVED, That a copy of this Resolution, suitably engrossed, be transmitted to Maria Castaneda.