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Senate Resolution No. 5524

BY: Senator COMRIE

CONGRATULATING Carlita Griffith, LMSW upon the occasion of her retirement after 36 years of dedicated service to the New York State Office of Mental Health at Creedmoor Psychiatric Center

WHEREAS, It is the sense of this Legislative Body to acknowledge the significant milestones in the distinguished careers of esteemed residents of this noble Empire State; and

WHEREAS, Attendant to such concern, and in full accord with its long-standing traditions, this Legislative Body is justly proud to congratulate Carlita Griffith, LMSW upon the occasion of her retirement after 36 years of dedicated service to the New York State Office of Mental Health at Creedmoor Psychiatric Center; and

WHEREAS, Born and raised in Queens, New York, Carlita Griffith graduated from August Martin High School before receiving her Bachelor of Arts degree in Psychology from York College; she went on to earn her Master of Science degree in Social Work from Adelphi University; and

WHEREAS, Carlita Griffith began her career with Creedmoor Psychiatric Center in December of 1988 as an Intensive Care Manager; she tirelessly served in that capacity until 2011, when she was promoted to Coordinator/Supervisor, the esteemed position from which she will

retire; and

WHEREAS, In fulfilling this role, Carlita Griffith provides clinical supervision and direction to 10 Intensive Case Managers/Care Coordinators and 153 chronic and persistent mentally ill adults; she is also responsible for the review and coordination of assigned cases, case planning, and consumer discharges; and

WHEREAS, Furthermore, this extraordinary woman serves as Creedmoor Psychiatric Center's Community Service Trainer; and

WHEREAS, Throughout her illustrious tenure, Carlita Griffith was instrumental in the creation of the Adult Home Rockaway Recreation Project which serves more than 500 individuals who reside in the Far Rockaway Adult Home system; and

WHEREAS, Carlita Griffith also developed the Cultural Diversity Celebration Program for staff and consumers during various holidays to enhance community understanding and respect for all cultural groups; and

WHEREAS, An ordained elder since 2006, Carlita Griffith is an active member of the International Good News Fellowship in Hicksville; and

WHEREAS, For the past 36 years, Carlita Griffith rendered faithful, conscientious and valuable service to Creedmoor Psychiatric Center, earning the admiration, esteem and affection of her colleagues; and

WHEREAS, With her throughout have been her husband of 34 years, Mark, and their two children, Christopher and Imani, who have all shown her love and support and rejoice in her many achievements; and

WHEREAS, Rare indeed is the occurrence of such a compassionate

blending of strength, leadership, intellect, and commitment as that demonstrated by Carlita Griffith over a lifetime of sacrifice and dedication to others; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, That this Legislative Body pause in its deliberations to congratulate Carlita Griffith, LMSW upon the occasion of her retirement after 36 years of dedicated service to the New York State Office of Mental Health at Creedmoor Psychiatric Center; and be it further

RESOLVED, That a copy of this Resolution, suitably engrossed, be transmitted to Carlita Griffith, LMSW.